

From the Pastor: Mary's Purification

by Fr. Joseph Evinger

This Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Throughout the years this feast has been called by three names. The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is its oldest name. During the second millennium it came to be called the Purification of Mary, a title which I will spend time on in this article. Also it has been traditionally called Candlemas Day referring to Simeon's prophecy that Jesus will be a light to the nations.

Under Mosaic Law when a woman gives birth to a son she becomes ritually unclean on account of the flow of blood. During this state she is neither able to touch anything sacred nor enter the sanctuary of the temple for forty days. (Leviticus 12:2-8) On the fortieth day the woman is to bring a lamb and a turtledove as an offering before the Lord for her purification. If she is poor she may bring two turtledoves.

Since Joseph and Mary were poor, they went to the temple bringing with them two turtle doves as an offering to God for Mary's ritual purification. Under Mosaic Law she may need ritual purification, but she has no need of spiritual purification since she is all holy. Most realize this law is ironic in her situation. Although the law says that she can touch nothing sacred, all Christians realize that she is holding the most sacred thing there is on earth, namely Jesus Himself. She cannot enter the temple area for forty days, yet she was the physical temple of God for nine months holding in her womb the God who dwelt in the Jerusalem temple. She is too poor to offer a lamb to God, yet she brings with her the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He is not sacrificed to God that day like the other lambs, nevertheless, Mary will come with Jesus to Jerusalem almost thirty three years later when he will be sacrificed to God as the perfect sacrifice which brings purification to the whole world.

Let us pray for the grace to always allow Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to purify us of sin made possible to us through the great Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation.

The Presentation of the Lord



St. Joseph's Church - Twin Buttes
St. Paul's Church - Halliday



St. Joseph's Church - Killdeer

February 2, 2020



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 3

No Mass

TUESDAY, February 4

No Mass (Killdeer)

Wednesday, February 5

Mass (Killdeer) Jason Johnson by Joe & Darci Schettler Family6:45 PM

THURSDAY, February 6

Mass(Killdeer) Bishop Kagan and Bismarck Diocesan Clergy 7:30 AM

Mass(Hilltop)..... +Lois Wetsch by Wetsch Family10:30 AM

FRIDAY, February 7

Latin Low Mass (Killdeer) +Kathleen Fettig by the Family 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (Killdeer)8:15 AM

SATURDAY, February 8

Confessions (Killdeer) 4:45 – 5:15 PM

Mass (Killdeer) +Martha Kadrmas by Adolph & Dorothy Kostelecky Family 5:30 PM

SUNDAY, February 9

Confessions (Halliday) 7:30 - 7:50 AM

Mass (Halliday) +Frank & Magdalena Schumacher by Anton & Claudia Schumacher 8:00 AM

Confessions (Killdeer) 10:00 - 10:15 AM

Mass (Killdeer) +Modest Ficek by the Family 10:30 AM

Mass (Twin Buttes) Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parishes and St. Paul's..... 2:00 PM Central

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8- Killdeer

Reader: David Leier

EME: None during flu season.

Altar Servers: Andrew, Matthew, Grace Fritel

Sunday, February 9

Halliday

Reader: Annette Rohde

EME: None during flu season.

Killdeer

Readers: Shelley Dennis, Joe Schettler

EME: None during flu season.

Altar Servers: Ian Dukart, Calvin Dobitz,

Jude Dukart

Twin Buttes

Reader: Diana Tomlin

EME: None during flu season.

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COLLECTIONS

Sunday Offering January 26, 2020

St. Joseph's, Killdeer.....	\$1915.00
St. Paul's, Halliday.....	\$578.00

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father's Intention: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Living: Richard Jambor, James Miller, Brenda Zastoupil, Matthew Rambur, Jeff Kilzer, Tim Knopik, Carolyn Neurohr, Alicia Benz, Mike Lee, Gladys Spelevoy, Don Dukart, Pat Hawkinson, Sadie Ridl, Darryl Binstock, Brenda Kralicek, Garrett Houghton, JoAnn Schillo, Lila Kalvoda, Dale Ell, Marvin Schmidt, Javan Wahus, Dona Lowman.

Deceased: Roland Gleich, Irene Ell.

Catholic Classes: Next class will meet Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be the sacrament of marriage.

Black and Indian Mission Collection: February 1st and 2nd is the weekend set aside for the Black and Indian Mission Special Collection. Your support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Envelopes are available at the back of the church through February 9th. Please be generous for this need and keep these people in your prayers.

Halliday Coffee and Donuts: On February 9 after Mass there will be coffee, donuts and snacks in St. Paul's church basement. Everyone is welcome to come.

Change of Schedule: Coffee and treats will be served the second Sunday of February at St. Joseph's, Killdeer. Join fellow parishioners for a hot cup of coffee and fellowship in the church Gathering Space.

Please Note: During the winter flu season we will refrain from the sign of peace and distribution of the Precious Blood at all the Masses. We will resume both during the Easter Triduum.

Parishes Prayer List: Individuals on the living and deceased prayer list will only be listed for a three month time period. Please call the parish office 764-5357 or email stjosephs@ndsupernet.com if you would like names to be placed back on after the three month time period. Thank you.

Marriage Retreat: There will be a marriage retreat at St. Joseph's Church in Williston, February 28th and 29th, 2020. Matt and Mindy Dalton, renowned co-founders of Marriage Missionaries will share their knowledge and passion for God's glorious designs for marriage. Couples are invited to attend this retreat to get the tools you need to live marriage according to God's intention. For more information call 701-572-6731.

Marriage Prep Information - Please Note: All couples desiring marriage are to complete their initial session of marriage preparation **at least nine months** in advance of the scheduled wedding date. Pastors may shorten the time of preparation in cases of convalidation. It is highly recommended that the couple finish all elements of marriage preparation at least six weeks prior to the wedding. *(Paragraph 146, Chapter 3, Second Synod of Bismarck Diocese 2016)*