Stewardship Reflection

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord occurs 40 days after the birth of Christ. In Jewish tradition the parents of a baby were to “present” the baby at the temple on the 40th day after birth. This is a celebration that has occurred in the Church from the 300s.

More important to us, as reflected in the three readings today, is embracing the Lord as our Savior, acknowledging that He is both God and man, and striving as good stewards to be like Him in many ways. Notice how Simeon takes the Baby in his arms, holds Him, and declares, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”

One of the difficult things for us is to see that same salvation and to go in peace. Stewardship is seeing the glory of our Savior and striving to live out our lives with total trust in Him. As Catholics we need not only to understand our callings, but also to live them out. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, “Three things are necessary for our salvation: to know what we ought to believe; to know what we ought to desire; and to know what we ought to do.” Sharing our time, talent, and treasure with God and our parish is what we are to do.

This Week:

**MONDAY 2/3**

**TUESDAY 2/4**
6:45pm RCIA Makeup, Lewis Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY 2/5**
10am Amazing Parish Meeting, Msgr. Kerr Room
6:30pm Adult Confirmation Class, Msgr. Kerr Room
8pm Spirit Night, O’Brien Hall

**THURSDAY 2/6**

**FRIDAY 2/7**
11am Staff Prayer, Chapel

**SATURDAY 2/8**
9am Council of Catholic Women, O’Brien Hall
SVdP Collection after Mass

**SUNDAY 2/9**
SVdP Collection after Masses
8:30am Religious Ed, Upstairs/Classrooms
10am Adult Confirmation Class
10am RCIA
11am Fellowship Sunday, O’Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts
Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

SVdP recently paid the rent for a Mother of two teenagers, who lost her job because she was late to work from taking her son for cancer treatment. In addition, her landlord told us SVdP had helped her when she was in need several years ago. Both families were extremely grateful for the assistance.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Candlemas Day & Feast of St. Blaise

Sunday, February 2 is Candlemas Day and Feast of the Presentation. There will be a blessing of the candles at all Masses. The church offers special blessing of all candles used in the home.

Monday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be the Blessing of Throats after the 7am and 5:15pm Masses.

CCW Valentines Bake Sale

February 8-9

The annual Valentine’s bake sale in support of the STM Council of Catholic Women will be next weekend (Feb 8-9). The proceeds from this sale will be used to support our parish. Please, help us help you!
Stewardship of Treasure

January 2020 Dates: 1/21–1/27

Weekly Need: $10,000
Weekly Giving: $11,724
Year-to-Date Need: $70,000
Year-to-Date Giving: $74,273

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the “Giving” page.

Status of 2019 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Last year, 256 parishioners gave a total of $119,534 to the Bishop’s Catholic Sharing Appeal. We reached over 100% of our parish goal. $21,489 has been returned to our parish savings. MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Prayer Requests

The staff of Saint Thomas More prays for you each Friday during designated prayer time. If you have a specific intention that would like us to pray for, please submit your request at our website.

Religious Education

Sunday Feb. 23 at 8:45 am in O’Brien Hall

Annual Stations of the Cross Shadow Play performed by our 3rd grade R.E. students Please join us for this inspirational devotion.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Letter to the Youth by Pope John Paul II

Pope John Paul II’s papacy is marked by the ways he engaged with and was loved by the youth. Scores of young people were drawn to him from around the world by a magnetism that continues even today, in his sainthood. In his letter to the youth of the world, John Paul offers young people his encouragement to respond to Jesus’ call to follow Him during this unique and critically important time of life. To them he writes: “In you there is hope, for you belong to the future, just as the future belongs to you.” Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

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1. Go to: Formed.org
2. Enter code: PXFZ3Q (All Caps, Please!)
3. Create your own account
4. Enjoy!
Trinity Catholic School

Trinity Catholic School will begin accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year on February 18th! To schedule a personal tour, call 850-222-0444 or email Jody Sheppard, Admissions and Public Relations Specialist at sheppardj@trinityknights.org

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year and there are only a few spots left for enrollment! Did you know that we offer financial assistance and accept several scholarships? For more information and to schedule a tour or a shadow day for your child, please call (850) 201-5744 or e-mail Jillyann McGowan, Director of Enrollment at jmcgowan@jpiichs.org

Jubilee Marriage Celebration

Sunday March 1 at 11:45AM - Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Married couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2020 are invited to participate in a special liturgy. Bishop Wack will lead participants in a special commemoration of vows, prayers of blessing, and public recognition of individual couples during this liturgy. A reception will follow the Mass with light refreshments for couples and their guests.

Visit pttdioceze.org to register. Contact Chez Filippini at 850.435.3553 or filippinic@pttdioceze.org for more info.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.
PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A Faith-Filled Weekend Retreat for Single Men 18+ Discerning the Diocesan Priesthood

ST. JOHN NEUMANN RETREAT CENTER
685 Miccosukee Rd Tallahassee, FL 32308

March 6 - 8, 2020
Retreat begins Friday, March 1, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Concludes on Sunday, March 3, 2019

Room and meals provided at no cost
For more information or to register, contact a priest in your area:

PENSACOLA
Fr. Worthen, 850.455.5641, worthenm@ptlittleflower.org
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Fr. Holeda, 850.222.9630, frtim@cocathedral.com

“His calling is a declaration of love. Your response is commitment, friendship and love manifested in the gift of our own life.” - St. John Paul II

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PENSACOLA-TALLAHASSEE
Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 2
8:30am † Harold Taul by Dave Zaidan
10:00am Jane Kynoch & Family by Religious Ed
11:45am Ann Gordon by A. Gordon
6:00pm Sylvia Garcia by the Magnan Family

Monday, February 3
7:00am
5:15pm † Antoinette Wensing by Karen Wensing

Tuesday, February 4
7:00am
5:15pm † Jack Kearns by Mary Gerardi

Wednesday, February 5
7:00am
5:15pm † Don Poole by Mary Gerardi

Thursday, February 6
7:00am
5:15pm † Andrew Anderson by Patricia Blasko

Friday, February 7
7:00am † Manuel Garcia by Cecille Lucero
5:15pm † Emile Baudoin d’Ajoux by Franciose Baudoin d’Ajoux

Saturday, February 8
8:00am
5:15pm Sam Alzheimer by the Perez Family

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Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.