

February 2, 2020

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord

How was your Christmas? Did you get what you wanted? Was everybody happy with the gifts you gave them? Have you returned all of the presents you received that you did not want or that do not fit? Did you spend some time Jesus? Do you spend some time to reflect on and appreciate His role and importance in our lives? Do we understand that a constantly growing intimate relationship with Jesus is a tremendous gift? St. Luke tells us about Simeon, a righteous and devout man who awaited the consolation of Israel. Eight days after the first Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary brought Him to the Temple to perform the custom of the law. Simeon realizes that the Lord had fulfilled His promise to let Simeon see Christ the Lord. When Simeon saw the child Jesus he knew he had received a tremendous gift. We have received the gift of awareness of who and what Jesus is in our lives. A constantly growing intimate relationship with Jesus is the real gift of Christmas. It is a gift we should cherish and share with others every day of the year.



Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557 We visit families. Visit Amos las familias.

** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED
** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or classrooms after CCD Classes.

- First Friday Adoration and Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be Friday February 7, 2020.
- Silver Angels will meet at Casa Blanca in Clarksville at 1 PM on Feb 7th at 1PM.
- Father Gerald Calhoun Assembly will meet Feb 9th at 5:00 PM in Madisonville KY.
- Fellowship Bingo is Saturday Feb 15th at 10 AM. Martha's Ministry will follow at 12:30—2:30 PM.
- Valentine Dinner & Dance tickets are now available. Dave Tilley has tickets/details. Prices are \$30.00 for a couple and \$15.00 for a single.
- There are no Faith Formation classes on Feb 16th in honor of Presidents Day.
- Knights of Columbus Father Emil Kapaun Council will meet Feb 17th at 6:45 PM.
- Youth 2000 will be the 2nd week of March The youth ministers will be preparing our youth for this event.
- There is a signup sheet on the table in the church foyer. Please sign up and print legibly if you want a copy of 2019 charitable contributions for income taxes or any other purposes. Please sign up ONLY if you want a statement.
- February's second collections are: Feb 2 Parish Maintenance, Feb 26 Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica.
- The clothing ministry will stop accepting winter clothes at the end of march. They will then be collecting summer clothing.
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Diocesan Announcements

- Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky | February 15, 2020
The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky is hosting their 9th annual conference on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the River Park Center in Owensboro. Men from all around the diocese are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Guest speakers this year are Patrick Madrid, Bruce Sullivan and Brian Greenfield. Mass with Bishop Medley will follow the conference at St. Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, at 5 PM. Read the speakers' biographies, find more information and purchase online tickets by visiting kycatholic.com.
- Joy Camp | April 18, 2020
The Diocese is pleased to announce a one-day camp experience for 5-12th graders with intellectual or mild physical disabilities at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 10:00 AM till 4:00. The event is co-sponsored by the Gasper River Retreat Center and the Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee The cost of the camp is \$30, however scholarships are available. Every child needs to be accompanied for the whole day by a responsible adult, 18 years or older, preferably a parent, guardian or dedicated caregiver for the child. Because it is a first time experience for the sponsors, they have set a limit on registrations at 20. Registration deadline is March 31, 2020. Online registration will be available soon at gasperriverretreatcenter.org.

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Weekend Mass Schedule :

Sat 5:00PM

Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM

Wed. 6:00 PM

Tues. No Mass

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell

Satan and all the evil

spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date.

Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian.

Communal services during Advent and Lent.

First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.

First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.

Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup:
1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING WITH US TODAY.

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday**
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com

WEBSITE

St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaelokgrove.church Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come by and check us out.

Readings for this week 02/03-02/09

Mon	2 SM	15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13
	PS	3:2-7
	MK	5:1-20
Tue	2 SM	18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A30-19:3
	PS	86:1-6
	MK	5:21-43
Wed	2 SM	24:2, 9-17
	PS	32:1-2, 5-7
	MK	6:1-6
Thu	1 KGS	2:1-4, 10-12
	(PS) 1 CHR	29:10-12
	MK	6:7-13
Fri	SIR	47:2-11
	PS	18:31, 47, 50-51
	MK	6:14-29
Sat	1 KGS	3:4-13
	PS	119:9-14
	MK	6:30-34
Sun	IS	58:7-10
	PS	112:4-9
	1 COR	2:1-5

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YRA

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a feast that seems to bring us back to Christmas time. This feast used to be called the Purification of Mary, remembering an ancient rite when women went to the temple to be prayed over after childbirth. This same custom by the way continued in the church up to now in some places like African countries as a blessing that is called churching.



A number of years ago the church changed this feast from a Feast of Mary, the Purification, to a Feast of the Lord. Because Simeon called Christ the Light of the Nations, this feast is also the day that candles are blessed. It is sometimes called Candlemas, but these days we refer to it as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Reflection Theme: The Importance Of The Feast Of The Presentation Of The Lord

This Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a festival of light which is why we bless candles today. Christmas and Epiphany are also festivals of light. Christmas, celebrated at the darkest time of the year, marks the arrival of the Light of the World, the one who is to rescue mankind from darkness and bring him into God's wonderful light.

The Epiphany too in a sense is also a feast of light since Christ is made known to the Gentiles in the shape of the Magi and we understand that through this Christ has come to bring light to foreigners as well as to the people of Israel. It is no mistake that the Magi are guided by a star which leads them to the stable in Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In the Feast of Presentation, Simeon reminds us that Christ has come as a light to the pagans and to give glory to the people of Israel. Often in the church this feast has involved processions of the people and it always includes the blessing of the candles which will be used in the church in the coming year. Essentially, this lovely feast marks the true end of the Christmas season and on Monday all Christmas decorations are taken down.

An interesting element of the story is that neither Simeon or Anna have any specific status or role in the temple. They are not part of the priesthood and they have no special function. They are simply devout people, who through a lifetime of prayer and devotion have come close to God. It is because of their devoutness that they have been favored to recognize the true identity of Jesus. The priests and officials do not see what these devout people see. This is something we observe in the life of Jesus over and over again. The simple people accept Jesus for who He is while the elders and high priests explicitly reject Him.

Another interesting aspect of the Gospel reading today is that both Simeon and Anna mentioned in the Gospel were elderly. We are told Anna's age, eighty-four (84 years), but we are not told Simeon's age. But, since he was nearing death we can assume he was quite old. They had both spent years longing for the coming of the Messiah and praying that this would come about sooner than later.

Longing is part of human beings but its more important to and is often a feature of old age. Older people often have longing in their heart, frequently for the welfare of their children or simply for the fulfillment of God's plan for the world. Our prayer life changes as we go through the different stages of life. The prayer of a child is not the same as the prayer of a teenager or of a young adult. And the prayer of an elderly person is not the same as those who have young families. It is important to recognize these differences and for us to adapt as we reach each stage of our lives.

My brothers and sisters, Simeon and Anna longed for the coming of the Messiah and their prayer was fulfilled. May we too obtain the good things we are longing for and may the good Lord answer our prayers. In Jesus name. Amen!

Fr. Julian Ibemere
Pastor
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

****We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



- Please Pray for our Sick:**
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| Jean Banasiak | Isabel Gonzalez | George & IL O'Connor |
| Hans Braun | Nay Hutcheson | Peter Robbins |
| Judy Brown | Pat Jurisin | Edward Robbins |
| Shirley Brown | Steve Kiser | Debbie Robbins |
| Ann & Ken Carroll | Walter Klinecwich | Isaac Philips |
| Nia Crisostomo | Jessica Locklear | Al Stein |
| Marriah Day | Sue Long | Linda Stagdale |
| Margret Eck | Alex B. Lucas Jr. | Frances Thomas |
| Mark & Mike Frasca | Frank J Luciani | John & Mae Raymond |
| Ron & Janis Gill | Ruby Macias | Andrew Reyes |
| Jeff Gorski | David McCuiston | Rudy Sheriff |
| Billy Hancock | Mac & Sue McElroy | Kim Weimer |
| John Jackson | Sue Montoya | Marie Welter |
| | | Jesse Villagomez |

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$
Mass Intentions	\$65.00
Votive Candles	\$24.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$
Can Recycle	\$
Ministry Help The Poor	\$
Blessed Mother Gift Shop	\$
Special Offering:	\$
Opportunity for Life	\$
Solemnity Of Mary	\$
Donation: Mr. Tom Peeler	\$
Total	\$

Attendance Jan 25-26, 2020 - 354
Second Collection
Feb 2—Parish Maintenance

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

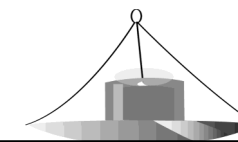
3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon

Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
12:30PM until 2:30pm

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Sanctuary Candle Intention
February 2, 2020
Holy Souls In Purgatory†



Intentions this Week:

Sat 2/1
Confessions 4:30PM
Mass 5:00PM
Mass Intention: Shirley Caccia†

Sun 2/2
MASS 8:30AM
Mass Intention: Lisa O'Halloran†

Faith Form (Sep-May) 10:00-11:00 AM
MASS 11:30AM
Mass Intention: Holy souls in purgatory

Mon 2/3
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Holy souls in purgatory

Tues 2/4 NO MASS

Wed 2/5
MASS 6:00PM
Mass Intention: Maria Garcia†

RCIA (Sep-May) 7:00PM
Choir Practice 7:00PM

Thurs. 2/6
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Parishioners of St Michaels

Fri 2/7
MASS 9:00AM
Mass Intention: Nieves Cruz†

Sat 2/8
Confessions 4:30PM
Mass 5:00PM
Mass Intention: Melendez Brothers†

Sun 2/9
MASS 8:30AM
Mass Intention: Parishioners of St Michaels

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FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

FEB 02 - CLASS 10AM TO 11AM
FEB 09 - CLASS 10AM TO 11AM
FEB 16 - NO CLASSES
FEB 23 - CLASS 10AM TO 11AM

***Students must be picked up by 11:00 AM by a parent or guardian**

We are in need of volunteers, Please see Ms. Bernadette for forms.

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel!

It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass.

If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.