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**Gospel Meditation**

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissension. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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**Prayer Support for Our Pastor and Parish**

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00 pm. God's grace always remains with us.

**Jan 26 – Feb 1, 2020  
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 2** 9:00am-Mass  
 Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/  
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Monday, February 3** 4:30pm-Communion Service  
 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/  
 Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday, February 4** 10:00am-Communion Service  
 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 5** 4:30pm-Communion Service  
 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 6** 4:30pm-Communion Service  
 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/  
 Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 7** 9:30am-Communion Service  
 Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 8** 4:30pm-Mass  
 6:30pm-Spanish Mass  
 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34  
*Mass Intention for John Dumesnil*

**Sunday, February 2** 9:00am-Mass  
 Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or  
 2:22-3  
*Mass intention for the People of the Parish*

**Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)**



February 22, 2020 11:00am-5:00pm  
 Infant Jesus Parish Lumberton, TX

*All who have attended an ACTS Retreat are invited to  
 A Day Celebration in preparation for Lent,  
 building on fellowship and community.  
 Music by the ACTS Community  
 Lunch provided*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for:* Selina Chadwick, Mark Gore, Mishelle Jou, Doddie Rohl; Bill Young, Tricia Young, Rosalind Bonbat, Rebecca Duckworth, Lucy Martin, Irene Johnson, Evelyn Schima, Merle Kucera, James Parson; Cameron Watson, Steve Tompkins, Don Watt, Henry Rossi, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney, Audrey Douzant

*Repose of the soul:* Yadi Jou, Shelly Horton Smily; Bill Lawrence, Jr.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.*

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| Sun. Feb 2<br><i>The Presentation of the Lord</i><br>9:00am - Mass<br>Adult Faith Formation following Mass  | Mon. Feb 3<br>4:30pm-Communion Service                              | Tues. Feb 4<br>10:00am-Communion Service<br>10:30am-Senior Social<br>12:00pm-Lunch<br>1:00pm-Altar Society<br>3:30pm-Choir Practice<br>6:30pm-RCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith | Wed. Feb 5<br>2:00pm-Bible Study<br>4:00pm-Rosary<br>4:30pm-Communion Service<br>6:00pm-CCE  | Thurs. Feb 6<br>4:30pm-Communion Service<br>5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet   | Fri. Feb 7<br>9:30am-Communion Service  | Sat. Feb 8<br>3:45-4:15pm-Confessions<br>4:30pm-Mass<br>6:30pm-Spanish Mass  |
| Sun. Feb 9<br><i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>9:00am - Mass<br>Adult Faith Formation following Mass | Mon. Feb 10<br>4:30pm-Communion Service<br>6:30pm-Finance Committee | Tues. Feb 11<br>10:00am-Mass<br>3:30pm-Choir Practice<br>6:30pm-RCIA: Exploring the Catholic Faith   | Wed. Feb 12<br>2:00pm-Bible Study<br>4:00pm-Rosary<br>4:30pm-Communion Service<br>6:00pm-CCE | Thurs. Feb 13<br>10:00am-Stewardship<br>4:30pm-Communion Service<br>5:00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet<br>6:00pm-Ecumenical Dinner & Faith Sharing | Fri. Feb 14<br>9:30am-Communion Service | Sat. Feb 15<br>3:45-4:15pm-Confessions<br>4:30pm-Mass<br>6:30pm-Spanish Mass |

**Charismatic Renewal**

All are welcome!

Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:00am-12:00pm

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Cafeteria  
 2006 Nall St.  
 Port Neches, TX

Speaker: Rev. Shiju Augustine, C.M.I., Pastor  
 Topic: Forgiveness

Music by Ted Nelson

For more information call 409-724-0650

**9th Annual Lenten Walking Pilgrimage to Shrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

February 29, 2020 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Come walk, pray and immerse yourself in traditions of centuries of the faithful during Lent.**

Bring your rosary and flowers for Mary.

8:00am: Park at Queen of Peace Shrine  
 800 9th Avenue, Port Arthur  
 8:10 am: Shuttle to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
 9:00am: Latin Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 5 mile walk with intermediate stops

For more information call 409-724-1456

*Weekly Stewardship*

Jan 18 & Jan 19 Weekly Offering \$ 2,479.91  
 Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00  
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*Thank you for your generosity.*

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
 EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 6:30 pm  
 Family Center**

**The Grace of the Sacraments  
 Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders & Matrimony**

**ECUMENICAL DINNER  
 & FAITH SHARING**

Thursday, February 13th  
 6 pm in the Family Center

Speaker: Hon. Jacques Blanchette  
 of the First Baptist Church

Complimentary BBQ Dinner

RSVP with your name and the number attending by **Monday, February 10**, to the church secretary at (409) 283-5367 or to [olopcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olopcc@sbcglobal.net)

**Upcoming Events**

Feb 13: Ecumenical Dinner & Faith Sharing, OLOP Family Center, 6pm  
 Feb 22: Charismatic Renewal, St. Elizabeth, Port Neches, 10am  
 Feb 22: ACTS, A Day Celebration, Infant Jesus, Lumberton, 11am  
 Feb 23: King Cake Breakfast, OLOP Family Center, 10am  
 Feb 26: Ash Wednesday  
 Feb 29: Lenten Pilgrimage Walk, Port Arthur, 9am