

The Presentation of the Lord

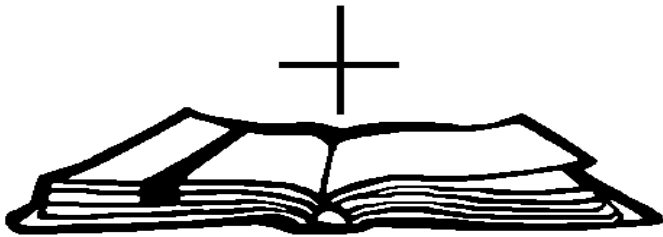
February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way. — Hebrews 2:17a

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany." The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth. In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Feb. 01, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Connie Tyler, Nick Sita, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Special Intention, Clayton Hotard, Maude Dietrich, Margaret Ann Mule' (L), Tom and Louise Cashmere (L), Paige Brown (L), J.J. Brown (L)

Sun., Feb. 02, 7:30 a.m. Millard and Regina Falcon

Sun., Feb. 02, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri, Harrison Brooks III, Edward John Anderson, Randy Cooper, Parishioners, Yvonne Serpas (L), David LeBlanc (L), Priscilla Stahel (L)

Sun., Feb. 02, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Feb. 03, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Tues., Feb. 04 NO MASS

Wed., Feb. 05, 8:00 a.m., Sr. Claire Mule' D.C.

Thurs., Feb. 06, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Fri., Feb. 07, 8:00 a.m. Eve Vavrck (L)

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Leland Rodriguez	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	Joseph Hadad
Nita Addotto	Caminita Family
David R. LeBlanc	Wilma Ferran
Margaret Jones	

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$2,097.00
Loose	\$ 1,426.70
Building and Preservation Fund	\$40.00
2 nd Coll. For Catholic Schools	\$874.00

The second collection at all Masses February 8th and 9th will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your parish's support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Olivia Brown (L)
Blessed Mother	Tom and Louise Cashmere (L)
St. Joseph	Gary Joseph Treuil
St. Ann	Louis Barbazon II

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

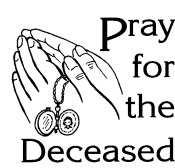
The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

Earline Mauthe

And

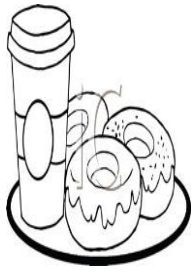
The flowers on the Altar are in honor of

Josh and Amie Thibodeaux



Pray
for
the
Deceased

Please pray for **Randy Cooper**, brother of David Cooper and **Aida Saacks**, wife of Merlin Saacks who entered peacefully into eternal rest. **Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.** [John 11:26]



Come and join the Knights of Columbus and your fellow parishioners in Odilo Hall for free fresh coffee, donuts, and Fellowship this Sunday after the 7:30 or 9:15 Mass.

REMINDER: Ladies Altar Society

There is a quarterly meeting on Thursday, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. in the office meeting room.

Magnificat Breakfast

Speaker: Michelle Seghers
 Date: Friday, February 7, 2020
 Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon
 Place: Benedict’s Plantation, 1144 N. Causeway, Mandeville, LA 70471
 Tickets: \$16.00 available in St. John’s Office.

LIMITED SEATING NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

THEOLOGY ON TAP-NORTHSORE

Please join us at The Chimes, 19130 Rogers Lane, Covington, LA, 6:30 p.m., talks begin at 7:15 p.m. on:
 Feb. 6th - Finding God in the Arts, Brent Goodrich
 February 13th - Trivia Night. For more information, please contact Terry at St. Anselm, 985-845-7342.

50TH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place Sunday, June 7th, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. The celebration will be a Prayer Service. All married couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage this year are invited to participate. *All participants must register at nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary or call the parish office at 796-3806. The deadline to register is Monday, March 23, 2020.*

CLARION HERALD

In 2018 St. John’s spent \$2,205.12 for the Clarion Herald. Through the use of envelopes donations were \$506.00. Please consider making your donation to help defray the cost toward the Clarion Herald Subscription. Every little bit helps.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
 Monday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
 Wednesday: St. Agatha
 Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 Friday: First Friday
 Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

REMINDERS!

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.
 First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month
 Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library
 Men’s group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.
 PSR classes grades K – 8th, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in J H.
 9th and 10th grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library
 James Adult Bible Study, Thursdays or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall
100th Anniversary Committee Meeting, February 10th, 3:00 p.m. in office

SAINT AGATHA (died 251) February 5

“Of noble birth and great beauty,” so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman’s offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means “good,” goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.