

February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

Feast



The Messiah Has Come In The Everyday World

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is rooted in everyday life. In faithful observance of the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. There they met the righteous Simeon and the prophet Anna, for whom Temple worship was part of everyday life. God rewarded their fidelity by allowing them to see the one who was Savior and to hold him in their arms. Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and declared him “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Bob Olle sponsored by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Alice Haas, Ella Migl

Saturday, February 8

6:30 p.m. Larry Seifert

Sunday, February 9

6:30 a.m. Robert Weitzel

9:30 a.m. The Welfare of Parishioners

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: 112

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Susan Jasek.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Johnnie R. Dierschke.

Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner February 23, 2020

The Annual Altar Society Noodle Soup Dinner is quickly approaching. Donations toward the Dinner are accepted and appreciated. Raffle tickets for prizes to be given away at the Annual Noodle Soup Dinner may be purchased from Altar Society members, at local businesses or at the Parish Office. *Make plans to come out and support the ladies. They do so much for the Parish.*



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



8:30-9:30 a.m. – Doris Foster, Sharon Etlinger

9:30-11:00 a.m. – Anna & Michael Fishbeck

11:00-11:30 a.m. – Barbara Hermes, Donna Sturm

11:30-12:00 p.m. – Gussie Machalec, Nancy Sivyer

12:00-12:30 p.m. – Gussie Machalec, Nancy Sivyer,

Mary Ann Wenske

12:30-1:00 p.m. – Mary Ann, *adorer needed*

1:00-2:00 p.m. – Maria Kloesel, *adorer needed*

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Lisa Rothbauer, *adorer needed*

3:00-3:30 p.m. – Linda Pilat, *adorer needed*

3:30-4:00 p.m. – Linda Pilat, Cleo Nieto

4:00-5:00 p.m. – Mike Janecek, Rose Rothbauer

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Angie Jalufka, James Wenske

Come spend some time in prayer before the Lord.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY

ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Praha Altar Society hosts Praha Pancake Sunday, starting at 9 a.m. in the Praha Parish Hall. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a great breakfast and good fellowship. A free will donation will be appreciated.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY – Gold Star Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

TUESDAY/ THURSDAY – Quilting Group Meets

WEDNESDAY – Champions Club Meets, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

THURSDAY – KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRIDAY- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30 a.m.-

6:00 p.m., Family Room

– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat - March 12-15

Registration forms available at the main entrance to church.

REFLECTION



The Messiah Has Come to Redeem The World

Malachi's prophecy tells of a messenger who is like fire purifying the world, preparing it for the coming of the Lord. This description fits the preaching of John the Baptist, who appears in the gospels calling Israel to repent.

There was little in the prophets or in John's preaching, however, to prepare Israel for the tiny child who made his first appearance in the Temple for the purification rite prescribed by law.

When the two old wise people look at the child, they see the salvation of Israel. The Messiah has come to redeem the world. Simeon confidently describes the child's destiny and the joy and sorrow that Mary will feel. Anna bursts into proclamation about the child to anyone who will listen. Most Jews believed that the Messiah would be a great warrior, bringing God's justice and righteousness to a sinful nation. Even the preaching of John the Baptist pointed to someone greater than he. Could this infant really be the promised one? The epistle to the Hebrews answers the unspoken question. In order to save humankind Jesus had to be human.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb. 2 – Mary Ann Henry
Feb. 3 – Carlos Portales
Feb. 4 – Kevin Bartos, Sandra Fisbeck, Wesley Rothbauer
Feb. 5 – Diana Moeller Kloesel, Patricia Lombardo,
Mary Ann Rother, Georgia Wagner
Feb. 6 – Jamie Anderle
Feb. 7 – Judy Barta, Kamryn Darilek
Feb. 8 – Tom Lawrence, Madison Moeller, Robert Pilat,
Marilyn Strmiska

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Feb. 5 – Deana & Kenneth Bohuslav
– Congratulations Odilia & Everardo Fernandez
on your 20th Wedding Anniversary
Feb. 6 – Tina & Eugene Trejo
Feb. 8 – Rosalyn & Alvin Kocian

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – C.C.D.
Feb. 3 – K-2nd Grade After School Program
Feb. 5 – 3rd-6th Grade After School Program; 9th-11th C.C.D.
Next Sunday – C.C.D.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE – FEB. 2

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Prayer For Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutions. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

– USCCB

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Parishioners are invited to join the Lenten Bible Study Group. If interested in attending, or for more information contact Sharon Etlinger (361-772-2618) or the Parish Office to ensure study materials for all participants.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Today's feast recognizes that the Lord has come before us. We see Jesus entering the Temple as a helpless infant in Mary's arms, protected by Joseph. The Son of God approaches his people in the most vulnerable way. Those in the Temple see a poor couple carrying two turtle doves, obviously people of little or no importance. But Simeon and Anna, inspired by the Holy Spirit, see more. In the infant, they see the salvation of the nations. Likewise, we are called to welcome Jesus in those who are most vulnerable in our society.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Plans are being finalized for the annual Lenten Fish Fry. In the past, some parishioners have expressed the wish to help with the Fish Fry but were unable to do so for various reasons. You could help by making a monetary donation or by baking a cake(s) for dessert. To help, fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail slot.



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Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Yes, I can bake a cake(s) on the following day(s):

___ Feb. 26 ___ Feb. 28 ___ Mar. 6 ___ Mar. 13
___ Mar. 20 ___ Mar. 27 ___ Apr. 3

My Monetary Donation: \$ _____