

# To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin

In the Gospel of Luke, Simeon, an aged and devout Jew, stands in the Temple of Jerusalem at the time when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to be presented in the temple 40 days after his birth, in accord with Jewish custom and law. Simeon is “looking for the consolation of Israel” after being promised “he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus...he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord...because my eyes have seen thy salvation...”

Those are the beginning words of what we call the “Gospel Canticle of Simeon,” which is called the Nunc dimittis, and is said in the Office of Compline. T.S. Eliot wrote this poem after his conversion to Christianity, and there are allusions to Calvary, Lamentations, Leviticus, Isaiah, the Psalms, and the Gospels. There are themes of alienation in a changing world fused with thoughts of his new found faith.

## A Song for Simeon by T.S. Eliot

Lord, the Roman hyacinths are blooming in bowls and  
The winter sun creeps by the snow hills;  
The stubborn season has made stand.  
My life is light, waiting for the death wind,  
Like a feather on the back of my hand.  
Dust in sunlight and memory in corners  
Wait for the wind that chills towards the dead land.

Grant us thy peace.  
I have walked many years in this city,

Kept faith and fast, provided for the poor,  
Have taken and given honour and ease.  
There went never any rejected from my door.  
Who shall remember my house, where shall live my children’s children  
When the time of sorrow is come?  
They will take to the goat’s path, and the fox’s home,  
Fleeing from the foreign faces and the foreign swords.

Before the time of cords and scourges and lamentation  
Grant us thy peace.  
Before the stations of the mountain of desolation,  
Before the certain hour of maternal sorrow,  
Now at this birth season of decease,  
Let the Infant, the still unspoken and unspoken Word,  
Grant Israel’s consolation  
To one who has eighty years and no tomorrow.

According to thy word,  
They shall praise Thee and suffer in every generation  
With glory and derision,  
Light upon light, mounting the saints’ stair.  
Not for me the martyrdom, the ecstasy of thought and prayer,  
Not for me the ultimate vision.  
Grant me thy peace.  
(And a sword shall pierce thy heart, Thine also).  
I am tired with my own life and the lives of those after me,  
I am dying in my own death and the deaths of those after me.  
Let thy servant depart,  
Having seen thy salvation.

## Prayer for Vocations

**Priest:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

**All:** O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinariate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

**Priest:** Bless our families. / Bless our children.

**All:** Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

**Priest:** Mary Queen of the Clergy!

**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

## Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

(For the Greater Glory)

**Flowers:** The Bellinger family in celebration of Meilun’s birthday.

**Sanctuary Light:** Paul & Carol Denning in honor of Aaron Denning’s birthday.

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** Christina Essang for God’s favor on immigration case.

**Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph:** Christina Essang for God’s favor on immigration case.

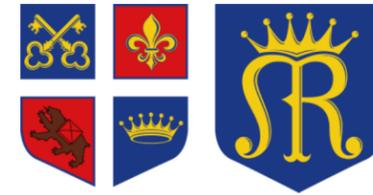
**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese:** Christina Essang for God’s unmerited favor.

**Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I:** SMV for the people of the parish.

**Lamp at St. Thomas Moore:** The Harmjanz family for a special intention.

**Lamp at St. John Fischer:** SMV for the people of the parish.

**Lamp at the Altar of Relics:** Christina Essang for God’s favor.



# The Catholic Church of ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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Welcome to The Catholic Church of St. Mary the Virgin. We are a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter authorized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012 for Anglicans seeking to become Catholic. Ordinariate parishes are fully Catholic, while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and embracing the roots of the Catholic faith’s rich tradition through reverent liturgy and historical music. All Catholics are invited to participate in our Divine Worship liturgy and receive communion by kneeling (if able) at the altar rail and receiving our Lord on the tongue.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish for details regarding the preparation program. Under Ordinariate policy, couples should contact a member of the parish clergy at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date.

## Liturgical Ministers

February 2, 2020

**8:00 a.m.** Altar Server.....Jon Carr  
Ushers .....Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro

**10:30 a.m.** Master of Ceremonies.....John Williams  
Thurifer .....Martin Morris  
Crucifer .....Joseph Morris  
Torchbearers.....Nate Brinkley/John Paul Morris  
Boat Boy.....Matt Garland  
First Reading .....Joe Morris  
Intercessory Prayers .....Carole Morris  
Ushers.....Stephen Schmitt / Mike Pratt

**6:00 p.m.** Altar Server.....Paul Denning  
Ushers.....Charlene Schwartz / Maria Zichichi  
Office Help.....Nance FitzGibbon/Ben Oliver

## Divine Worship Order of Holy Mass

The Feast of the  
Presentation of the Lord  
February 2, 2020

## Music of the Mass

Music is in the red or blue hymnal or in the tabs of the Divine Worship notebooks indicated in bold.

Kyrie.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 1  
Gloria.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 3  
Sanctus.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 6  
Agnus Dei.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 7  
Offertory Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 259  
Mysterium Fidei.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 14  
Amen.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 15d  
The Lord’s Prayer.....**Mass Settings Tab** page 16  
Communion Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 324  
Anthems.....*The Purification* by Rachel Aarons  
Recessional Hymn.....**Hymnal** page 258  
Postlude.....*Exultation* by G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

Adult Choir Rehearsal is on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir Rehearsal is  
today following the 10:30 a.m. Mass until 1:15 p.m.

## Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that, as thine Only Begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

# Scripture of the Mass

## First Reading

*Malachi 3:1-4*

Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?"

"For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years."

*8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.*

## Gradual

We have waited, O God, for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end.  
V. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of our God: even upon his holy hill.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help.

*8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Masses chanted by priest and people. Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.*

## Alleluia

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The old man carried the Child:  
but the Child governed the old man.  
Alleluia.

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was with him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercession (Form 3 on Page 25)*

### For Those in Special Need

Tommie; Don; Alex; Grace; Dominic; Isabella; Ronald; Carol; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

### For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Pierson; Lucas; Patrick; Richard; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

### For Those Expecting Children

Riyanna & Joe; Mary Pat & Sam; Helen & Brian; Joan & John Paul; Rebecca & Brinton; Lisa & Chris; Alice & Joseph; Lisa & Adam; Colleen & Rafael.

### For the Faithful Departed

#### On the Anniversary of Their Deaths

*Sunday:* Doris Kennemore; Ruth Ward; Helen Dhooghe; *Monday:* Ray Lee; Nancy Morris; Dorothy Coe; *Tuesday:* Tommie Jo Brockman Richards; Jane Riggs; *Wednesday:* Myrtle Smith; Sheila Stevens; *Thursday:* Eugenia Turner; *Friday:* Arthur Allen; Nora Parker; *Saturday:* Catherine Ringley; Freda Spencer.

### For those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Sunday:* Ben Oliver (B); Nathaniel Zipper (B); *Monday:* Harry Lacey (B); Meilun Xu (B); *Tuesday:* Brigid Irlbeck (B); *Wednesday:* John Husted (B); K-Lee Takawo (B); *Thursday:* Celina Glicksman (B); Mary Reiter (B).

## This Week at St. Mary the Virgin

### Sunday, February 2

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
Religious Ed at 9:15 a.m.  
ENDOW class at 9:15 a.m. in the parish office

### Monday, February 3

Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intention: John Lamb, RIP*)

### Tuesday, February 4

Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intention: Robert Gahl, RIP*)

### Wednesday, February 5

Confessions at 11:00 a.m.  
Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intentions: Robert Gahl, RIP*)

### Thursday, February 6

Men's Examen Group at 10:30 a.m.  
Mass at 12:00 p.m.  
(*Mass Intention: Claudine Lamb, RIP*)

### Friday, February 7

Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
(*Mass Intention: Thom Bell, RIP*)  
Adoration 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, February 8

Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 a.m.  
Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
(*Mass Intention: Monica Stacke, RIP*)  
Confessions at 10:00 a.m.

## News and Notes

### Saturday Night Dinner Deadline

Today is the deadline to purchase a seat for the February 15th dinner. The dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and executed by Jacqui Payne. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and is in the parish hall.

Come and enjoy uninterrupted dinner and conversation with your spouse, and/or your friends and fellow parishioners.

Sign-up envelopes are in the Narthex and includes the option to request a table for 2, 4 or a large table to sit with friends. Please contact Jacqui Payne at (817) 821-4162 with any questions you may have.

### Columbarium Reminder

Based on current firm commitments, there are now nine spaces remaining in the present configuration. Spaces in the columbarium may only be re-

served by setting up a payment plan or paying for your space in full. Verbal reservations are not accepted without some sort of payment.

If there is sufficient interest, more spaces can be added in the future. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact the parish office.

### A Big Thank You

The final results of the 2019 Bishop's Appeal are in and the people of St. Mary the Virgin surpassed our goal! Thank you to all who were so generous in their support.

### The Parish Offering

Weekly Offering Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory .....	\$4,673.00
Variance.....	—\$1,327.00

*Thank you for your generosity*