

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).

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, February 8
4:30 p.m. Edith Pavlicek
Sunday, February 9
8:00 a.m. Cecilia Lev

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Fifth Sunday in 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

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Allan Wiedemann.



ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society To Host Valentine's Day Celebration

The Praha Altar Society will host the Valentines Party at the Flatonia Nursing Home on Friday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to help serve cake or ice cream please contact Lori Janecka at 361-772-4307.

Altar Society Membership Drive Update

The Praha Altar Society is accepting members for 2020. All men and women of the parish are invited to join. We recognize the following members who have signed up so far: Josie Kubenka, Frances Kubenka, Cynthia Koncaba, Hilary Grahmann, Leona Herzik, Carol & Randy Barta, Lori Janecka, Johnnye & Jack Jameyson, Pat Masek, Robin & Gary Cerny, Ann & Stan Cerny, Sharon & David Crowe, Liz & Leo Janak, Barbara & Larry Prause, Kathleen & Martin Svatek, Betty Patalik, Elyse & Gene Chaloupka, Ellene Vrazel, Julie Perry, Jackson Perry, Annie Perry and Maggie Perry.

Won't you please consider joining? Dues are \$5.00 per person. You may drop your check in the collection basket or you may mail your dues and information to Lori Janecka, 9070 Rosanky Road, Waelder TX 78959. Please also include your mailing address, email address and birthday.

PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – TODAY



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Come out and join us today, February 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Praha Hall for pancakes scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, juice and coffee. It brings our community together for fellowship. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

Volunteers welcome: If you would like to volunteer to help at the breakfast please contact Lori Janecka. The time commitment is from 7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All of the supplies are provided we just need your helping hands and smiling face!

K.J.Z.T. SOCIETY #4 MEETING NEXT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. Society #4 Quarterly Meeting will be held next Sunday, February 9, in the School Chapel, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All members are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Mark Your Calendar

**St. Joseph's Altar Society
Noodle Soup Dinner February 23, 2020**

Look out for more details.

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!



February 2 – Callan MacDonald
February 3 – Mrs. Dennis Mican
February 6 – Gene Patalik

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



February 5 – Heather & Donald Jasek

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.

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

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For Bryn

For Jaime R.

For Geneus Forte

For My Caregivers

For Mariano Salazar

Happy 16th Anniversary

Prayer For All Families

For Peace For Ill Friend

Prayer For World Peace

For Cruz / Julian Aleman

For Peace, For My Health

Peace For Family Member

Peace To All & For Our Father & Jesus

Pray For My Family & My Heart To Heal

For My Son Matthew Johnson – U.S. Navy

For Justine Velasquez, For Ruben Velasquez

For Lynn Straka – We Want Her Cancer Free

For My Deceased Brother, May He Rest In Peace

For My Marriage, Self Travel, For My Children ...

For All Those Suffering With Anxiety & Depression

Prayers For My Brother Evan Reko To Beat Cancer

My Brother Arcadio – Skin Cancer, My Sister's Health

That I May Shepherd Sandy & Be With Her In Heaven

Prayers For My Grandson, He Is Lost Bring Him Back

Prayers For Our Dearly Departed Family & Ill Mother

For Safety For The Military; Repose of the Soul of Avis Lewis

In Thanksgiving & The Needs of Myself & All Family Members

Pray For My Son Who Will Have To Spend His First Birthday And Every One Thereafter ...

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued