



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



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – February 1

8:00am-† Anna Maiorani
5:00pm-† Patricia May
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – February 2

8:30am- † Joseph Bertolini
10:00am-† Marcos S. Castillo
11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – February 3

8:00am-† Thelma Dixon
12:05pm-† Carl Cangialosi

Tuesday – February 4

8:00am-† Andres Soler
12:05pm-† Ciro “Jerry” Mezzcappa

Wednesday– February 5

8:00am-† Domingo E. Guzman
12:05pm-† James T. Parsons

Thursday – February 6

8:00am-† George W. Brown, Jr.
12:05pm~ In Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary of Aida & Virigilio Talaid

Friday – February 7

8:00am-† Robert J. Carbone
12:05pm~Special Intentions Aida & Virigilio Talaid

Saturday – February 8

8:00am- † Anne E. Marano
5:00pm† John, Jim & Gene Obermayer

Sunday – February 9

8:30am- † Louis Mammolito
10:00am-† Mary Ann Fair



Mass Intentions

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By: Nancy & Marcella Mikos
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Offered by: Angelina Varrassi

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Offered by: Peter & Pat Schwimer

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candle



~ † **Libby Guardiani**
~ † Sister Marianne Robertson
Offered by: Nancy & Marcella Mikos

However, Anna is the woman who, like the three women at the foot of the cross, despite not being valued; they do not lose faith. Anna and the other women become witnesses of faith and hope beyond the negative circumstances: a Child who is presented in the Temple or of the Man who is killed on the Cross. May the example of these simple women encourage us to speak the truth to all people. Let us be attentive to the voices and faces of our brothers and sisters who proclaim the salvation that comes from God into our lives.

Fr. Hernan, S.J.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD **“Joseph and Mary took the Child to present Him in the Temple”** *(Lucas 2:22)*

Forty days after Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary took the Child to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. They did this to fulfill the Torah's commandment. What they not expect was that two pious believers, Anna and Simeon, recognize in this little child the Savior of the world. Encouraged with the same spirit of this feast, let us ask our God that we may recognize Jesus in the faces of all the people who pass by us.

The words of the prophet Malachi "In the blink of an eye the Lord will come to his temple before those who seek him," could be written in the middle of today's Gospel when Anna and Simeon recognized the Child Jesus as the Messiah, the expected one of all times, the one that they had longed for all their lives. Reinforcing this same idea of closeness with the God of salvation, the author of Hebrews tells us that "Jesus has become like us to bring us salvation." Let us ask for the grace to recognize the One who was incarnated for our salvation. Let us repeat with St. Augustine: "You made us, Lord, for you, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

The **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** reminds us that Christ is the light that illuminates the path to holiness. The readings help us to see the light of Christ and may it not be extinguished. The author of Hebrews makes great efforts to explain to us the way Jesus was able to bring salvation to this world. The sacred author contemplates how the almighty God conquered even the power of death by suffering in his own flesh and dying to achieve our salvation.

On his last trip to Jerusalem, we remember how Jesus was greeted by the crowd before he celebrated the Last Supper, was arrested, sentenced and died. Today, on the contrary, we see how on his first visit to Jerusalem, Jesus is presented in the great Temple carried as a baby in the arms of Mary and everything to fulfilled - "the Law and the prophets." It is on this first visit that two elders full of wisdom of the years and filled with the Spirit of God are able to recognize in Jesus the one expected of all times. With Simeon we can exclaim: "Now, Lord, you can let your servant go in peace."

Anna, a simple woman, yesterday as well as today could serve as a witness to all those who await God's salvation.

Perhaps because of her status as a woman, she only served as "second witness" and perhaps even her words

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

February 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2:14-18

February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah: 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5



BLESSING OF THROATS – This **Monday, February 3, 2020** is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. The traditional blessing of throats for St. Blaise's Day will be offered immediately following the 8:00am and 12:05pm masses. If you know of someone with a throat ailment, please invite them to this traditional blessing of being prayed over for health and protection with the intercession of St. Blaise.

BIBLE STUDY - Join us for our Parish Bible Study, meeting Sundays: **February 9** & 23, March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 31, June 14 & 28. All dates we will start at 1:00pm and run until 3:00pm. If you do not have a bible, one can be provided for you. Come one, come all.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY MEETING - Our BI-MONTHLY Pastor's Advisory Meeting will be held on **Monday, February 10, 2020** at 5:00pm in the Fr. Miguel Meeting Room. All parishioners are welcome to attend, help propose suggestions and advise on parish related topics. We continue to work on enhancing communication and transparency.

ASH WEDNESDAY – This year Ash Wednesday falls on **February 26, 2020**. The Mass schedule is as follows: 8:00am & 12:05pm (English Masses) OLMC School Students will attend the 12:05pm Mass; 6:00pm & 8:00pm (Spanish Masses). Ashes will be distributed ONLY during these masses. Who may receive Ashes? All Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Penance. Ashes are not intended for babies and young children who are not capable of personal sin.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays During Lent after the 12:05pm mass. Beginning **Friday, February 28** join us for this very special Lenten devotion.

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL - *TEACH + SERVE + SANCTIFY*. The success of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal – helping those less fortunate, spiritually nurturing our youth, caring for our retired priests and religious, growing the many ministry programs that serve our communities – depends on us. Please join your fellow parishioners in stewardship and make your gift to the Cardinal's Appeal today. Thank you to all who have already made your commitment – your generosity is truly appreciated!

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER – Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner for the month of December: Angel & Maricelia Vazquez who received \$280. If you wish to participate and be our next month's winner, feel free to fill out and return your 50/50 envelope/chance which can be found in the envelope packet you receive at home or they also available on the table in the church lobby for your convenience. We hope everyone participates and wins!

TREE OF LIFE – In the back of the church, by the choir area, we have placed **The Tree of Life** memorial for anyone who would like to remember one of their loved ones with a memorial plaque. The suggested donation for a leaf on the tree if \$250. Please call the rectory if you would like to place a name on the tree.

ATTENTION - All parents that attend Sunday Mass with their children are asked to please not to send them alone to the bathroom or leave them unattended in the vicinity of the Parish. They are your responsibility and it is your duty to protect.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous as your resources allows. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

STATEN ISLAND THEOLOGY ON TAP - Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. The Liberty Tavern, 382 Forest Avenue. Join us at our NEW LOCATION and NEW DAY! Do you have unanswered questions about the Church's teachings? Well you're in luck! Join for Catholic Staten Island's Theology on Tap to find out the "WHY" behind the "WHAT." Bring friends and coworkers, and come excited for a great talk while sipping on a fantastic brew! The Archdiocese will be paying for some appetizers. The venue opens at 7, but the talk will start closer to 7:30. For information; "Staten Island Theology on Tap" on Facebook or email Kaitlyn.Colgan@archny.org.

COLLECTIONS: January 26: \$4,235; Second Collection: \$1,292. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of OUR Parish!

A CHRISTMAS REPRISÉ - 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." Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.