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Presentation of the Lord

FAITH SHARING

Today's feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

BIBLE READINGS

MAL 3:1-4

The prophet speaks of the Lord suddenly coming to Jerusalem to purify the lax, lazy and indifferent priests of His Temple as silver is purified by fire.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

HEB 2:14-18

The second reading proclaims Jesus as our Eternal High Priest of the New Covenant, who offered himself on the altar of Calvary, the only pure priestly sacrifice that could please God. He replaces the former priesthood.

LK 2:22-40

The Gospel describes how Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth, presented Mary and the baby Jesus in the Temple of God for the mother's purification and the Child's "redemption." It also describes the Holy Family's encounter with the old prophet Simeon and the holy old widow Anna.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11)

V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 2:22-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce-- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit
#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn
#225 Abide with Me

Communion Hymn
#229 Just as I am, Without One Plea

Recessional Hymn
#228 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 2
Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, February 9
Septuagesima Sunday
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, February 16
Sexagesima Sunday
12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Cherneski, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away, especially Beverly Wunderlich.

Our Father...

Ruth Mechowski – new address: Brookdale Rehab, 380 Forsgate Dr. , Monroe Twp, NJ 08831.

OUR SAVIOUR ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Everyone is invited today after the Holy Mass for Our Saviour Annual Meeting.

ST. VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

ST. Valentine's Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 16, at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets will be: ADULTS \$10.00 CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

We hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends for the good food and Christian Fellowship that we always enjoy at these events.

CANDLE BLESSING

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

In accordance with the Old Law, Mother Mary presented her first-born Son in the temple and was ritually purified. Receiving the Child Jesus, Simeon prophesied that he would be "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles". Because of this, light and candles play an important role in the Mass on this feast day.

THROATS BLESSING

Tomorrow, February 3, we celebrate the feast of Saint Blase, who was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, Saint Blase has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blase is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The individual throats blessing will take place at the end of the Mass, right after the final blessing.