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FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025 | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

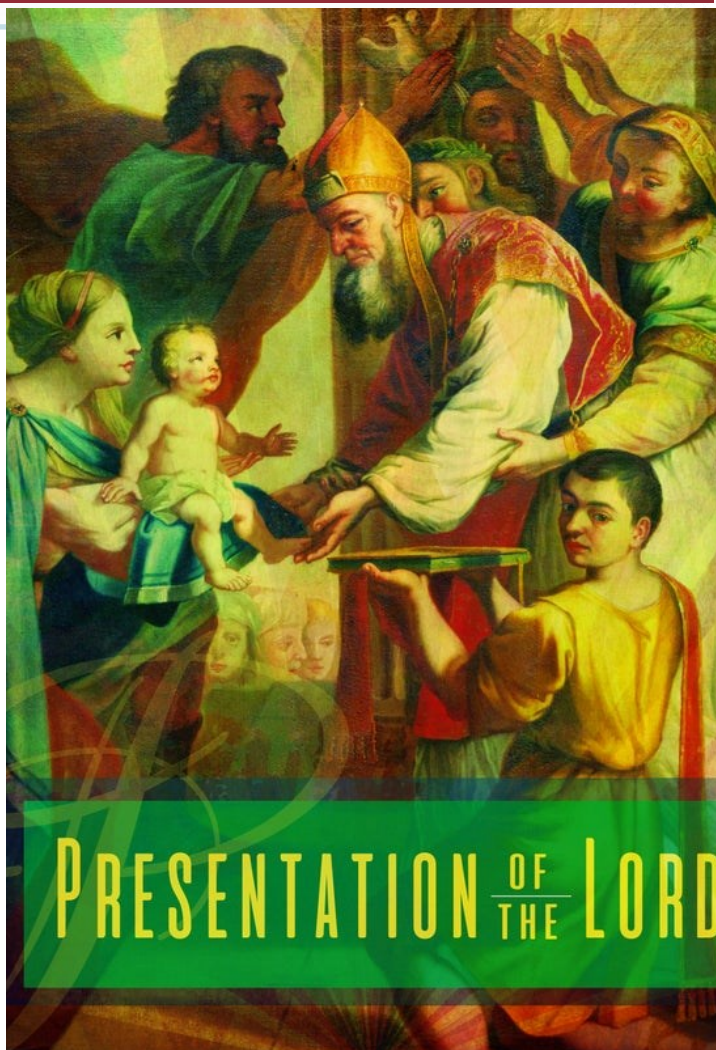
REFLECTIONS

What is the secret to sharing in God’s power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary’s soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **“the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant’s injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary’s pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary’s pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son’s divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— *Father John Muir*



THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday	St. Anthony’s—Lakin
5:00 pm	Rosary & Prayers
5:30 pm	Mass
Tuesday	HPRV
9:30 am	Mass
10:10 am	Communion/Visiting
Wednesday	St. Raphael’s /Syra.
7:30 am (MT)	Rosary
8:00 am (MT)	Mass
Thursday	St. Anthony’s –Lakin
11:00 am	Confessions
11:45 am	Rosary
12:15 pm	Mass

Friday	St. Anthony’s
7:30 am	Rosary & Prayers
8:00 am	Mass
8:30—10 am	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday	Lakin
3:50 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Mass (St. Anthony)
5:20 pm	Confession
6:00 pm	Mass (Christ the King)
Sunday	Lakin & Syracuse
8:00 –8:50 am	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass (St. Anthony)
10:30 am	Mass (St. Raphael)

COLLECTION FOR 1-26-2025

Envelopes: \$ 760.00
Loose: \$559.00
Online Giving: \$406.96
Total: \$1,725.96
Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17
Income over/under: -35.21



OFFICE HOUR

T -F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

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DEAR PADRE,

What happened to Candlemas?

When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles. Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22–38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32). Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing. The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year.

The Redemptorists/DearPadre.org

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. (Mal 3:1)

Psalms: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

Second Reading: Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God. (Heb 2:17)

Gospel: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

Observances for the week of February 2, 2025

- Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Monday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day



BLESSINGS OF MANY SHAPES

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34–35). Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came.



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. LUKE 2:22

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I see myself as Simeon or Anna, encountering Christ in my place of worship?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿De qué manera me veo a mí mismo como Simeón o Ana al encontrar a Cristo en mi comunidad iglesia?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.

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Tuesdays with the Diocese

Adult Formation Join adults from the Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina for adult formation to grow deeper in your faith! Attend all three evenings or just one.



Connect via Zoom using your own device.

Tuesdays – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

To sign-up and receive the link, go to dcdioocese.org/af

February 18

The Lord's Day

Presenter – Fr. Ted Skalsky – Reflections on how we keep the Lord's Day holy.

March 4

The Synod is done. Are we done with Synodality? Presenter– Fr. Robert Schremmer & guests

March 25

Second Vatican Council - The Universal Call of Holiness

Presenter—Fr. Frank Coady



BUDGET SHOP

We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, February 15, and Tuesday, February 18. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.



TUESDAYS WITH OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 4, from 5:30-6:30 pm

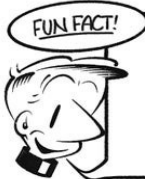
You are invited to the final session of "Jesus and the Eucharist." This session will be on the topic, "Bread for the Journey"

Plan now to attend to learn how to participate more fully in the Holy Eucharist.

"If Moses were alive today, why would he be considered a remarkable man?"



"Because he would be **several thousand years old!**"



Moses was chosen by God to free the Israelites from slavery by the Egyptians, and bring them to the promised land. It was also through Moses that we received the Ten Commandments.

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St. Anthony Knights of Columbus

Monthly Meeting for February— Wednesday Feb 5 at 7:30 pm.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Contact Grand Knight, Tom Bachman 620-640-8259



2 de febrero de 2025 - La Presentación de Jesús

"Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. El Evangelio cuenta que, José y María llevaron al Niño a Jerusalén para consagrarlo a Dios, como prescribe la ley judía. Y, mientras describe un rito previsto por la tradición, este episodio llama nuestra atención sobre el comportamiento de algunos personajes. Reflejados en el momento en que experimentan el encuentro con el Señor en el lugar donde se hace presente y cercano al hombre. Estos son María y José, Simeón y Ana, que son modelos de acogida y entrega de sus vidas a Dios" (Papa Francisco).

¿Cómo me presento ante Dios cada día de mi vida? Nuestros modelos son Simeón y Ana que tuvieron la lucidez para reconocer a Dios que llegaba en brazos de María y José al templo.

Ellos, ya ancianos, nos enseñaron y mostraron el camino de ver, abrazar a Dios hecho niño y a anunciar la esperanza. Abracemos también nosotros la ternura de Dios y llevémosla a los tristes, a los enfermos, y a los que no tienen voz en muchos lugares de la sociedad en que vivimos, tal como son los niños y los ancianos. Abramos nuestro corazón al misterio de Dios que está en tantas personas que nos encontramos a diario, en casa, en el trabajo, y en nuestros vecindarios. Ojalá, que al final de nuestros días, Dios nos de la dicha de poder decir como el anciano Simeón: "Ahora, Señor, ya puedes dejar que tu servidor muera en paz, como le has dicho. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu salvador" (Lucas 2:29-30). ©LPi

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MASS INTENTIONS



Mon, Feb 3	5:30 pm	The Sick of the Parish
Tue, Feb 4	9:30 am	+ Greg Overlease
Wed, Feb 5	8:00 am	Syracuse
Thurs, Feb 6	12:15 pm	+ Carol Mier
Fri, Feb 7	8:00 am	+ Greg Overlease
Sat, Feb 8	4:00 pm	+ Jerry Burden
Sun, Feb 9	9:00 am	+ Harold Smith

MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2/1/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

Reader: Tom Bachman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Cecilia Harris, Karen Burden

2/2/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Kirbe & Kipton Koons, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

Reader: Mike Broeckelman

Extra Ordinary of HC: Del & Julia Kaps

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2/8/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.

Servers: Gus, Jonathan & Nathan Gannett

Reader: Cecilia Harris

Extra Ordinary of HC: Bill & Janet Rooney

2/9/2025–Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

Reader: Hannah Schauf

Extra Ordinary of HC: Toby & Jessica Luhman- Fuller

Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00

Baptism:

Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi