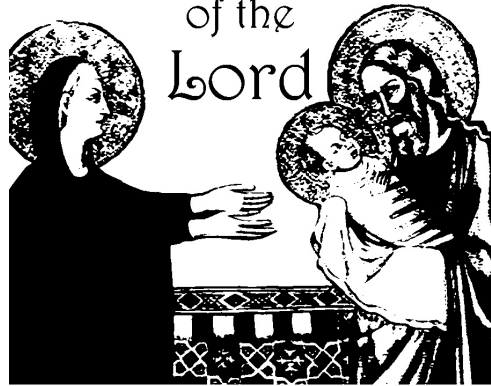


# Presentation of the Lord



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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

— Hebrews 2:17a

### A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

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."

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. "I went to church, and some little baby became my brother." That's far more accurate than the adult's remark, "There was a baptism at Mass today." When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### Help Feed the Kids

The PRE students would like the whole parish to join them in bringing non-perishable food and placing it in the basket in the Narthex. It will then be distributed to our local schools to feed those kids who need a meal on the weekend. This is an ongoing project during the school year.

### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR A

**First Reading** — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

**Psalm** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Joyce Franckowiak, Ethel Huffman, Jean Stevens, Bob Storms

#### Relatives

Michael Amrhein, Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Andrew Grower, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

#### Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

### THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues.

—Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day  
Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar  
Wednesday: St. Agatha  
Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking; Blessed Virgin Mary

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

### Mass Schedule



**Monday:** 11:30 am  
**Wednesday:** 11:30 am  
**Thursday:** 9:00 am  
**First Friday:** Adoration 9:00-11:30 and Mass at 11:30 am  
**Vigil on Saturday:** 4:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### Coming Events

There will be no Sunday Scripture study group on Friday, February 7th.

The Parish Council will meet on Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 am.

The office will be closed on Monday, February 10th.

### WEEKLY OFFERING

January 26th	
Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$1055
Bldg.	\$0
Short	\$1045

### Church Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Anthony Onyekwe

**Administrative/Financial Secretary:**

Mary Alyce Fiechtl

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### Mass Intentions

Feb 2nd: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Feb 9th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

### Liturgical Ministers

**February 9, 2020**

**Lectors** — Heather McKee

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs Jerry Kirkpatrick

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Don Carlson,

Christine Carlson, Heather McKee

**Servers** — Jacquelin Mize, Ella Grace Muetze

**Sacristans** — Don & Christine Carlson

**Altar Linens** — Sheri Parkinson, Susan Booth

**Ushers** — Men of the Parish