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THE PRESENTATION *of the* LORD

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2 celebrates the 40th day since the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. The presentation is described in the Gospel of St. Luke, and according to the gospel, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph took the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth to perform the redemption of the firstborn son, in obedience to the Jewish Law or Torah.

The feast is also known as Candlemas because the Mass of the

feast includes the blessing of candles to be burned through the year. It is a reminder that at His birth Christ was the light that came into the world, to illumine our hearts and minds with the light of truth, and the light by which we are led to the eternal light. The blessing echoes the words of the prophet Simeon who, on meeting the child in the Temple proclaims: "Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace... because my eyes have seen the salvation... a light to enlighten the pagans" (Lk. 2:29-32).

And with this feast the crib built for Christmas is put away for another year as we move through the season of Ordinary Time and towards the season of Lent.

Today the Church also prays in a special way for those in consecrated life, men and women in religious life as Monks, Nuns, Brothers, and Sisters whom Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called the "watchmen among the People of God who perceive and proclaim the new life already present in our history."

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Holy Rosary

Rosters

Altar Society

Readers

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Counters

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Traditional Latin Mass

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy

Rosters

Church Cleaning

Readers

Vigil

10:00 a.m.

Children's Liturgy

Counters

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**Prayer Of Pope Francis to Our Lady of Divine Love
to Protect the World
During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

N O T I C E S

First Collection and Second Collection Contributions

With the current public health restrictions we are unable to take up our usual collections during Mass. Because of this, we have placed two boxes by the doors of the church for the first collection and the second collection. Your support of these collections is greatly appreciated.

The money raised in the first collection supports some of the works of the diocese. The money raised in the second collection directly supports the works of the parish and helps us to meet our expenses and to continue to meet the costs and expenses of operating the parish.

Thank you, especially, to those who are a part of the planned giving programme and use their envelopes to contribute each week to the parish. Your regular contributions are a great support.

You can also financially support the parish by arranging a direct debit. If you would like to set up a regular contribution, or even a one-off contribution, let us know and we will be happy to assist you with this. Or, if you would like to be part of the planned giving programme, we will be pleased to arrange a set of envelopes for you for regular contributions which greatly assist the parish in planning the work we carry out.

The Reception of Holy Communion Whilst Using Face Masks

The compulsory use of face masks in church makes the reception of Holy Communion difficult. We want to ensure that all are safe but we also need to ensure that Holy Communion is received with the utmost respect and reverence.

To assist with the worthy reception of Holy Communion, the following suggestions are made: (i) just before receiving Holy Communion and when standing in front of the Priest, lower your mask by using one of the ear-loops or straps, then receive the Host and consume the Host whilst standing in front of the Priest, and then replace your mask; or (ii) leave your face mask on, receive the Host appropriately in your hand and then step to one side and, whilst facing the altar, use one hand to remove your mask and then consume the Host, and then replace your mask.

The diocese requests that those who prefer to receive on the hand come forward first and then those who prefer to receive on the tongue follow on.

Please do not walk away from the altar without consuming the Host.

If you step to one side, please face the altar and consume the Host before returning to your pew.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

On Tuesday, February 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemas, which marks the fortieth day of the solemnity of the nativity of Our Lord. Traditionally at this Mass candles are blessed as a symbol of the light which is Christ that entered a darkened world to illuminate it by His grace.

If you have candles that you would like to be blessed on this day, please bring them with you to Mass at Holy Family Church at 8:15 a.m. or to Holy Trinity Church at 6:30 p.m.

N.S.W. Government Restrictions on Places of Worship

The N.S.W. Government has issued revised public health orders concerning places of worship. The revised restrictions mean that there is a limit based on the capacity allowed under the 4 square metre rule and that face masks must be worn inside the church by all those over 12 years old (unless exempted). Additionally, all those attending Mass are asked to maintain 1.5 metre distance between themselves and those not of their household, both inside and outside the church. The pews have been marked to assist with maintaining physical distancing.



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TEMPORARY SUNDAY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY
VIGILS

Holy Family Church 4:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Church 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church 7:30 a.m.

Holy Family Church 8:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church 3:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays, Holy Family Church 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, Holy Trinity Church 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

In order to allow as many people as possible to attend Mass
and to comply with N.S.W. Government legislation
regarding church occupancy limits and physical distancing,
additional temporary times for Mass have been arranged.

Please consider attending one of these additional times
so that we can ensure compliance with the restrictions that have been placed on us.

These times are temporary and will only remain in place
until physical distancing restrictions are removed.

*Please be aware that the N.S.W. Government will impose fines on the parish
and individually on those attending Mass if these limits are exceeded.*

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THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*You are invited to bring your own candles to Holy Mass
for them to be blessed for use in your home*

TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH at 9:15 a.m. | **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** at 6:30 p.m.



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Saints & STUFF CANDLEMAS



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, on February 2 each year also marks in some parts of the world, like Eastern Europe, the close of the Christmas season. This is why Pope St. John Paul II, who was from Poland, would have the nativity scene remain in St. Peter's Square until this day.

Historically, Candlemas Day was important in the lives of farmers. An old English song went: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Go, Winter, and come not again." So if the bright sun "overshadows" the brightness of Candlemas Day, there will be more winter. However, if the light of Candlemas Day radiates through the gloom and darkness of the day, the end of winter is near. In the United States Protestants replaced Catholic Candlemas Day with Groundhog Day to continue this custom.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother in the Order of Grace*

967 By her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work, and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity.

968 Her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further. "In a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope, and burning charity in the Saviour's work of restoring supernatural life to souls. For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace."

969 "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterrupted from the consent which she loyally gave at the Annunciation and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross, until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect. Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix."

CATHOLIC Trivia

Candlemas Around the World

France and Belgium

Crepes are cooked and eaten today as a symbol of the returning sun after the winter months

Luxembourg

Children carrying lighted candles wander the streets singing, hoping to receive a reward in the form of sweets or loose change

Puerto Rico

A statue of the Virgin of Candlemas is carried in procession through the streets to the church followed by people carrying lit candles

Peru

A festival of culture, music and dancing is held each year and forms one of the three largest festivals in South America alongside the Carnival in Rio de Janeiro and the Carnaval de Oruro in Bolivia



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The Readings

Introit (Ps 105:47)

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

The Book of Deuteronomy (18:15-20)

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9)

R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me,
though they saw my work.' R.

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (7:32-35)

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Mk 1:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel of Mark (1:21-28)

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Communio (Cf. Ps 30:17-18)

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

“When it comes to life
the critical thing is whether you take things for granted
or take them with gratitude.”

—G.K. Chesterton