THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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Today's readings reflect on something close to the heart of every human person: the fulfillment of our deepest desires. Without exception, each of us feels unfulfilled in some way. Despite advances in law, technology, and medicine, every person experiences the frustration of "not yet" or "not enough." Our hearts always want more.

God plants this desire in our hearts. God knows how we ache. What most of us fail to believe, deep down, is that God alone satisfies all our longing. We know, theoretically, that the Creator of the universe provides everything we need, but we could all use more quality time with God to consider the question, "What exactly do I need to be happy, Lord?" Perhaps we can spend more time in prayer and service, asking the Lord to show us what is truly important in life.

ALWAYS READY FOR JESUS

We often think, "Once I get *this*, or once *that* happens, *then* I will be happy." But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and "the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering. But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world. In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:1–4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14–18; Lk 2:22–40 [22–32]

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil and Feast: As scheduled in the bulletin

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.
Confessions: Saturday, 3:00 PM
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New Parishioners: To register with the Church, call the Parish Office.

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"He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way."— Hebrews 2:17a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 1	4:00 PM

Diane Brinkhaus; Rene Duhon; Julian Savoy; Edia & Oda Duhon; Louise & John LeBlanc; Jane & Gilbert Savoy; Aldon Duhon; Adam & Martha Sonnier

Sunday	February 2	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:00 AM—Roy & Lydia Fontane; Jessie & Laura Breaux; Gertie Hebert; Hillary Pellerin; M/M Alfred Pellerin; Darrell Pellerin; Verna Dronet; Donald Ray Simon, Sr.; Linda Sue Hulin; M/M Armand Richard; Wade Credeur (Anniv) & Joseph Credeur; M/M Thomas Thibodeaux & Fly. ; Harold Savoie; Chad Abshire

10:00 AM—Joseph Fortier; Aurelia & Joe Simon

Monday	February 3	NO MASS
Tuesday	February 4	6:30 AM

Eve Guidry; M/M Mozar Guidry; M/M Magnus Nunez; Melina, Ned, T. J., Mildred & Earl Guidry; Jimmy McCartney; Albert & Edith Richard

Wednesday	February 5	6:30 AM

Bradley Hanks

Thursday	February 6	6:30 AM

Adam & Martha Sonnier

Friday	February 7	6:30 AM

Claude LeBlanc, Jr.; Special Intentions; Souls in Purgatory
Bobby J. Breaux; J. M. Villien; C. D. Miller; Souls in Purgatory
For Illness: Doug LeBlanc

Saturday	February 8	4:00 PM

Special Intentions; Charles N. Wooten, Sr.

The Rosary Group meets every Tuesday morning in Church at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Judice Volunteer Firemen Needed
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Please come to the Judice Volunteer Fire Department on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. for more information. The Fire Department is located at 401 Ranch Road.

General Meeting—February 10, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	February 9	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

8:00 AM—Roy & Lydia Fontane; Jessie & Laura Breaux; Ira Tate, Sr.; M/M Alfred Hebert; M/M Whitney Vincent; Jack Ambrose; Mary Alice Barker; Clerphe J. Broussard; George N. Hebert; John Hebert; Jessie Lachaussee; Wade & Joseph Credeur M/M Thomas Thibodeaux & Fly.; Harold Savoie; Chad Abshire; Savy Duhon; Donald LeBlanc (Anniv)

10:00 AM—Joseph Fortier; M/M Rene Simon & Fly.; M/M Leodis Trahan; Men & Women in Armed Services; All Souls away from Church to come back; Holy Father, Priests & Bishop; The Rosary Group & Fly.; Darleen Benoit (For Illness); All Souls in Purgatory; Chad Guidry; Calvin Babineaux; Steve Thibodaux; M/M Clayous Royer; M/M Ronnie Decuire; M/M Glenn Vidrine; Lydia Dugas; Whitney Babineaux; Alice Faye Babineaux; Peggy Gautreaux; Camille Trahan; Theodore Lance; Lillian Campbell; Leonard Campbell; Myrna Campbell; Jeremay Martin; Steve Babineaux; Buddy Babineaux

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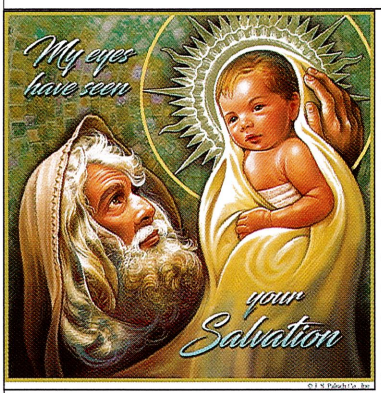

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

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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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

SAINT AGATHA (died 251)
February 5

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.

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Choir Practices

Choir Practices for February will be held on:
Monday—February 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Monday—February 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Please join us!

First Communion will be celebrated during a 9:00 a.m. Mass next Saturday, February 8, 2020. All are welcome!

Hour of Adoration

On Tuesday, February 4, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Church will be the monthly hour of adoration. During the hour, there will be Exposition of the blessed Sacrament and Benediction; Reading of Scripture with a reflection; Rosary; and time for silent prayer.

KC Rosary & Meeting

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2020.
A Rosary will be held at 6:15 p.m., followed by Meeting & Meal at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

ST. BASIL YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meets this Sunday, February 2, 2020, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

BSA Preview

2020 marks the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. The Diocese will kick off several months of activities in his honor, starting with the Bishop's Services Appeal that launches next weekend. Pope Pius IX declared Joseph as "God's greatest treasure". Our BSA theme and use of the image of Joseph, invites us all to pen our hearts to giving of our treasure just as Joseph opened his heart and home to Mary and Jesus.

Prayer Calendar for Priests ✝ February 2020
February 1 - 7, 2020

1/1 — Pope Francis
1/2 — Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
1/3 — Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
1/4 — Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
1/5 — Rev. Nathan Comeaux
1/6 — Rev. Gregory Cormier
1/7 — Rev. Msgr. J. Douglas Courville, JCL

Prayer— *Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the Priests of the world. Sanctify them, Heal and Guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

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