

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/02 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Collection for the Missions at the door! After the Mass we gather in the Church Hall for the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**. At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2020/2021. **Please, come to this very important Parish meeting!**

02/09 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass intention so far!

02/15 (Saturday) **HEALING PRAYER SERVICE at 3pm**. This is a powerful church service of bringing God's healing power into the lives of those who are suffering from illness, physical disabilities, grief, fear, and mental or spiritual health issues. If you suffer physically or spiritually come to experience the healing power of Jesus! If you are OK come to thank God for all the blessings you've received so far! **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

- We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam.

Church Mice



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PARISH BULLETIN

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Solemnity

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For St. John's Parish family on the day of our Annual Parish meeting.

INTROIT

C: 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.

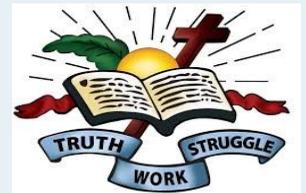
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS
INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord GOD:
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,
And the messenger of the covenant whom you
desire.
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.
But who will endure the day of his coming?
And who can stand when he appears?
For he is like the refiner's fire,
or like the fuller's lye.

MAL 3:1-4

He will sit refining and purifying silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi,
Refining them like gold or like silver
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem
will please the LORD,
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!“

PS 24

READING 2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share in blood and flesh,
Jesus likewise shared in them,
that through death he might destroy the
one
who has the power of death, that is, the
Devil,
and free those who through fear of death
had been subject to slavery all their life.
Surely he did not help angels
but rather the descendants of Abraham;
therefore, he had to become like his

HEB 2:14-18

brothers and sisters
in every way,
that he might be a merciful and faithful high
priest before God
to expiate the sins of the people.
Because he himself was tested through
what he suffered,
he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 2:22-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we once again focus on the Light which has come to shine in the darkness. Even as an Infant, Jesus is recognized as the source of healing and forgiving Light which will have a positive effect on individuals who are open to the Light. He will be the means of separating those of the Light from those of darkness. This will cause pain for Him and for those who love Him, but in the end the Light will shine even brighter, and the darkness will not be able to overcome the Light. As we read today's readings, we may have flashbacks to images we heard during the Christmas season, and rightly so. For today is the fortieth day since Christmas. Today's feast is the close of the infancy narratives for the liturgical year. Once again, we hear that Jesus was taken to the Temple forty days after His birth to be presented to GOD according to the Jewish law. There is much to reflect on in the readings for this feast...