The Presentation of the Lord



O Blessed Mother, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknow the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart.





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 2, For the intentions of Pope Francis.Wed. Feb 5, For the sick.

Pope Francis's Special Intentions for the month of February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. Confessions prior to Mass Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Anointing of the sick: First Wednesday of the month

<u>Altar Servers (John C. 687-2144)</u> Feb. 2, Karmen & Chris Feb. 9, Chris & Kyle

EMOHC (Teresa Stevenson) Feb. 2, Randy McGuire, Teresa S., John Stroope Jr. Feb. 9, Maria Vasquez, John S. Jr., Teresa Stevenson.

Reader (Teresa Stevenson) Feb. 2, Mario Romero Feb. 9, Leo Vasquez

Ushers (John C. 687-2144) Feb. 2, Phil & Mike Feb. 9, John & Mario

Please remember to notify Teresa Stevenson or John Conner if you are unable to serve as scheduled, even if you have arranged for someone to take your place.

Readings for THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading Malachi 3:1–4 The Lord you seek will come to the temple.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24:7,8,9,10 The Lord is the king of glory.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14–18 Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22–40 (Shorter Form: Luke 2:22–32) Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Today's feast is celebrated in our Church forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. Though Mary was pure and free from sin from the moment of her conception, and though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds, but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward and "gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Thus, these ritual acts were also a moment in which Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

Prayer: My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.



Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862. Feast Day February 6



Jennifer Madl, Velia Perea, Ceci Borunda, Susan Walen, Leonor Rubalcava, Phyllis Madin, Manry Family, Brendan Ford, John Philips, Margaret Bevins, Bob Balog, Catalina Balog, Michelle Avery, Mike Testa, Teresa Thompson, Dustin Lee, Tina Wimmer, David MacWilliams.

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS can be requested by phone (575)437-3291, and by email iccalamogordo@gmail.com.

<u>Church Committee</u> <u>Members -</u>

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns as well as spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.



Today's Second Collection goes to Las Cruces Diocese Catholic Schools. Currently the Diocese has four schools located in Roswell, Hobbs, Alamogordo and Las Cruces. Funds from this collection will help support and expand the availability of high quality Catholic education within our diocese. Please be generous toward this collection. Thank you.

Next week's Second Collection goes to United in Ministry.