



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like to see Fr. Joe, please contact Catholic Office of the Deaf at 312-957-4766 vp, 312-534-7899 v, or cathdeafch@archchicago.org.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

- ◆ Last Sunday, I celebrated the 10am Mass at St. Timothy Church, Mesa, AZ. Every Sunday, that Mass is interpreted for the deaf. We had a wonderful gathering of people, many from Chicago who moved out to AZ. The weather was 72, and not a cloud in the sky. FR. JOHN GREB is the pastor at St. Timothy, and always welcomes the deaf to this parish.
- ◆ ASH WEDNESDAY is FEB. 26:
 - * Bring your old palms to church, give them to BRIAN SWATEK. He will burn them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
 - * If you attend an interpreted Mass, ask your interpreter what Masses will be signed on Ash Wednesday.
- ◆ 2020 CENSUS: answering questions for the Census is VERY IMPORTANT. It is our duty as citizens of the USA! If you are not sure how to answer the questions, please see Fr. Joe; go to CHS (Chicago Hearing Society); go to a CIL (Access living, Progress Center, DuPage CIL, etc); see SARITA at Schaumburg Township. The police or the Immigration officers (ICE) cannot use the census information to question or arrest you!
- ◆ FLU/CORONAVIRUS: please read the information sheet re: these diseases.
- ◆ TAX LETTERS: you donated to St. Francis Borgia in 2019, you will receive a tax donation letter this week. You can use this to reduce your income taxes. If the amount is not correct, see JENNIFER SWATEK or FR. JOE immediately.
- ◆ BARBARA KEINER; our dear friend and volunteer is VERY sick. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.
- ◆ ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. See JIMMY SMITH. He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!
- ◆ You DON'T want to miss the Mid-West ICDA Regional Conference, APRIL 24-25, 2020. This will be one of the BEST weekends of the whole year. Great hotel with excellent food. Workshops; socials; Mass, same as Sunday; banquet. www.deafcatholicjoliet.org, midwesticda2020@gmail.com
- ◆ EMERGENCIES: if you are very sick or in great pain, contact 9-1-1. If a loved one is in great pain, has trouble breathing, call 9-1-1. If you cannot use your I-Pad or phone to call 9-1-1, grab the phone on the wall or table, take the receiver off and leave it hang. Do not hang up. Help will come.
- ◆ SATURDAY, Feb 29, "LENT JOURNEY with DEAF MARY MAGDALENE", wonderful retreat day for women. All in ASL. Mass, 4pm. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. INFO: davant0217@gmail.com.

HEALING MASS for people with cancer. Each month, there is a special Mass for people with cancer at 11am. Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, CHGO. (Safe, guarded parking lot.) Please call CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF if you need an interpreter. 2nd Saturday of the month SPANISH; 3rd Saturday ENGLISH.

EVENTS COMING UP

- * DEAF RETREAT, March 6-8, beautiful St. Benedict Abbey, BENET LAKE, WI (an hour north of Chicago). "JESUS: Spouse of My heart". Rev. Sean A. Loomis, priest for the deaf in Philadelphia. He is a wonderful, young priest. \$140 for room, all meals, supplies. Only 33 spaces! INFO: FR. CHRIS KLUSMAN, klusmanc@archmil.org or (414) 501-2022 VP.
- * FRI-SAT, APRIL 24-25: ICDA-US Mid-West Conference. Hyatt Regency Hotel, LISLE. SPECIAL PRESENTER: DEACON PATRICK GRAYBILL. Saturday afternoon Mass, same as SUNDAY Mass! Fabulous hotel! INFO: www.deafcatholicjoliet.org (registration, hotel/conference info)
- * **CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEAF PEOPLE AND THEIR HEARING FRIENDS & FAMILY TO GET TOGETHER. INFO: EVELYN AT EKEOLIAN@CHIPUBLIB.ORG.**
- * Many museums in Chicago have FREE DAYS for Illinois residents each month. https://www.choosechicago.com/articles/museums-art/free-museum-days-in-chicago/

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. **Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities.** To volunteer or request help, go to: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Catholic Office of the Deaf with info! cathdeafch@archchicago.org or (312) 534-7899 v or (312) 957-4766 VP

PRAYING in DOWNTOWN CHICAGO:

Monday-Friday, 11am-3pm; pray to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in a small, quiet chapel. Pauline Books, 172 N. Michigan Ave, Chgo. St. Peter's Catholic Church, open everyday, 110 W. Madison, Chgo.

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:

Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute meetings with immigration lawyers. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter. INFO: <https://www.irishchicago.org/>

2020 US CENSUS

The US government will hire people to work the US Census in 2020. People who are DEAF or DISABLED can apply for jobs. www.census.gov/about/regions/chicago/jobs

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

It was the law among the Jews that after the first child was born in a family, he should be brought to the Temple. God once told the Israelites that the first-born belonged to Him. The parents would offer a sacrifice to God as a sign that they were buying the child back. A rich man would offer a lamb, but a poor man might give a pair of young pigeons for the sacrifice. When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph brought Him to the Temple; and as Joseph the carpenter was not a rich man, they gave for the Child as an offering a pair of young pigeons.

At that time there lived in Jerusalem a man of God named Simeon. The Lord had spoken to him and had said to him that he would not die until the anointed King had come. On a certain day the Spirit of the Lord told Simeon to go to the Temple. There he saw for the first time the promised Christ. He took the little Child of Jesus in his arms and thanked God for letting him see the Redeemer.

When Mary and Joseph heard this, they wondered. Simeon gave them a blessing in the name of the Lord, and he said to Mary, "This little one shall cause many in Israel to fall and rise again. Many shall speak against Him; and sorrow shall pierce your heart like a sword."

All this was to happen later when Mary would see her Son dying on the cross.

So, early in the life of Jesus, God showed to a few that this little Child would become the Savior of His people and of the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Feb 9: Mass, 10:30 am. Refreshments.
4 pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart
Sun, Feb 16: Mass, 10:30am. Deaf children from Holy Trinity at Mass (Welcome them!!!!) HOT DOG Lunch after Mass. CCE Meeting.
4pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments.
Sun, Feb 23: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon.
Wed, Feb 26: ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass, NOON.
Thurs, Feb 27, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ST. JULIE Schedule, 4pm Mass: FEB. 9 & 16; MARCH 8 (St. Patrick Party) & 15; APRIL 19.
ST. MARY OF VERNON Schedule: FEB. 23; MARCH 22; APRIL 26.

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sun Feb 2: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Mon Feb 3: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tues Feb 4: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Weds Feb 4: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thurs Feb 5: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Fri Feb 6: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47-51; Mk 6:14-29
Sat Feb 7: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34



Children of Peace School is the only Catholic elementary school program for children who are deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Illinois. Their academically challenging curriculum is culturally sensitive and emotionally supportive, serving students from pre-school through 8th grade. INFO:
www.childrenofpeacechicago.org

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Genevieve Balsitis	Carol Fleming
Marijo Wimbush	Bill Ortiga
Hedie Iovito	Barbara Keiner
Frank Mancuso	John Hoberg
Robert Lisante	Sr. Corita Ambro
Claudia Glenn	Theresa Stanis
Esther Stolarski	Majka family
Caroline Goraj	James Mulcrone
William Costello	Joan Christian
Danny Rivera	Drucilla Ronchen
Richard Kush	Carmen Reyes
Arlene Redmond	Dolores Amato
Genevieve Uhren	Bill Cusack
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Deacon Casey Fronczek	Mary Permin
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Edward O'Toole (54) who died Jan 28.

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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month
St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

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