



Sacred Heart Cathedral

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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon

We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10 pm — 12:40 pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm
Tuesday at 7:30 am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon
Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:30 pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This column is more or less a reprint from two years ago at this time, but for good reason!

Every February 2nd on the Church's liturgical calendar is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (known also as the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or even sometimes colloquially as the feast of "Candlemas").

The feast takes place forty days after Christmas, in commemoration of the fact that according to Old Testament law, if a woman gave birth to a male child, the child was to be circumcised on the 8th day of his birth (which corresponds to the January 1st Hold Day on our calendar), after which the mother was to wait another 33 days until a sacrifice could be offered in the temple for her "ritual purification," thus adding up to 40 days after childbirth (see Leviticus 12 for the Scriptural description).

Therefore, acting in obedience to Old Testament law, St. Joseph and Our Blessed Mother go to Jerusalem on the fortieth day to offer this sacrifice of purification, which would have also been the first time that the infant Jesus is brought to the temple. This is why we read in Luke 2:22: "And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

While in the temple, St. Luke recounts the beautiful scene of the elderly man Simeon, who had been told by God that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah. Upon finally seeing the infant Christ, he takes the child in his arms and makes the famous declaration:

*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, **light for revelation to the Gentiles**, and glory for your people Israel.*

On account of Simeon's calling Christ the "**light**" for revelation to the Gentiles, **we have a tradition, dating back centuries, of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation**. So much so, that the blessing is actually built into the beginning of the Mass on February 2nd, almost like how the blessing of palms takes place on Palm Sunday at the start of the Mass. The Mass is also special because it begins with all the people holding congregational candles (which we will provide), sort of like at the Easter Vigil.

I will be using the occasion to bless the altar candles and sanctuary lamps that we will use throughout the year. But **if any parishioners have personal/home devotional candles that you would like blessed, now is your chance!**

Feel free to bring your own candles to Mass:

Friday, February 2nd – 12:10pm Mass preceded by simple blessing of candles or in the evening

Friday, February 2nd – 7:00pm solemn chanted Mass preceded by blessing of candles and a short procession.

The blessing will take place before each one of the two Masses, **but I highly recommend coming in the evening** (if you can make it) to experience the full ceremony, listen to our wonderful youth schola, and see the church decorated for an evening candlelight Mass!

The following day (Feb. 3rd) is the Feast of St. Blaise, which, following upon the blessing of candles on the previous day, uses candles for the traditional "Blessing of Throats."

I will plan on blessing throats immediately following all Masses on (Feb. 3rd and 4th), and I will also bless religious articles in the Narthex as well.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout



Prayer Community of Sacred Heart

*"I hold you in my heart." St. Paul
The letter to the Philippians 1:7*

Our Social Ministry Committee has been working to establish a prayer community at our Cathedral. By learning of each other's needs and praying for one another we strengthen our community bonds and grow together as the body of Christ. We invite parish members of all ages to join us in praying daily for intentions that will be submitted to the Parish office or written in a book of prayers that will be placed before Our Lady's statue in the narthex on Ash Wednesday. Parishioners who volunteer to pray are asked to remember all submitted intentions in their prayers daily for one month.

We are most grateful to those parishioners who have already called to become members of our prayer community, and we continue to invite and encourage all parishioners to volunteer to pray, including our young people, individuals, families, homebound parishioners, persons in nursing home facilities and members of all our parish organizations. If you can make a faithful commitment to pray daily for intentions submitted to our parish and would like to become a part of our Prayer Community of Sacred Heart, please call Michele at the parish office at 254-3221, leaving your name and contact information — phone number and email. When our prayer volunteers are in place, we will invite prayers to be submitted from all our parish family, and our prayer community will be complete.

*"Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable
of containing the gift of God himself"*
St. Teresa of Calcutta



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Blessing of Religious Items

Will take place the weekend of February 3 & 4;
a table will be located in the narthex.

**Please do not place any item(s) on the table
until after mass and when Fr. Van Lieshout
is at the table for the blessing. Thank You!**

Family Rosary and Potluck

Our next Family Rosary and Potluck will take place immediately following the 11:15 am Mass on Sunday, February 4, in the Cathedral Hall. We will pray the rosary and share a potluck lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to gather and get to know each other better within our growing Cathedral Community.





Joseph Michael Heredia

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Scott Bradley & Kristie Holler

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Rachel Abbott, Heather Beisheim, Deborah De Leon Campbell, Dawn DeManincor, Robert DiFulio, Dcn. John Giugno, Dan Gentile, Mavis Groves, Sharon Herring, Sr. Joan Hilbert, Nina Lombardo, Louise Lorette, Law Meh, Irene Morgan, Janice Moroz, Shirley Shannon, Dan Stella, Patti Stets, Michael Scozzafava, Donald Stiner, Paul Tuttle



Saturday, January 27, 2024

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Shawn McKechney—Joanna Sanguedolce
Randy Principe—Friend
Living & Deceased members of the DeMartino Family—Richard, Muriel & Isaac DeMartino

Sunday, January 28, 2024—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20, 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

7:00 am Mary Jo Whalen—Margaret Whalen
9:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
11:15 am Rosalba Pisaturo—Giorgi Family
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, January 29, 2024

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Thomas E. Elliott—Friend

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 25-25a, 10:19-3; Mt 5:21-43

7:30 am Stephen Schminko—Mike & Patty Fredericks

Wednesday, January 31, 2024—Saint James Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17, Mk 6:1-6

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Mary Ellen O'Connor—Frank & Stephanie Lauricella

Thursday, February 1, 2024

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Mary Ellen O'Connor—Boland Family

Friday, February 2, 2024—First Friday—The Presentation Of The Lord

Mal 3:1-4, Heb, 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Intentions of Kurt Griffen—Alecia Neuroth
12:45 pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 pm Benediction
4:45—5:30 pm Confession
7:00 pm Solemn Mass for the Presentation Of The Lord w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Saturday, February 3, 2024—St. Blaise Day

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Kathleen Ripton—McGibbon & Ripton Families

Sunday, February 4, 2024—Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

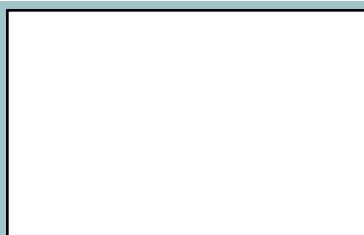
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

7:00 am Scott Alberti—MCDSA Jail
9:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
Jerry Desiato—Family
In Thanksgiving—Mary Ann Gilman
Robert Bak—Friend
11:00 am Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout
8:00 pm

Parish Offertory January 20 & 21, 2024

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$7,864	\$7,825	+\$39

YTD Actual	YTD Goal	Variance
\$248,339	\$244,175	+\$4,164



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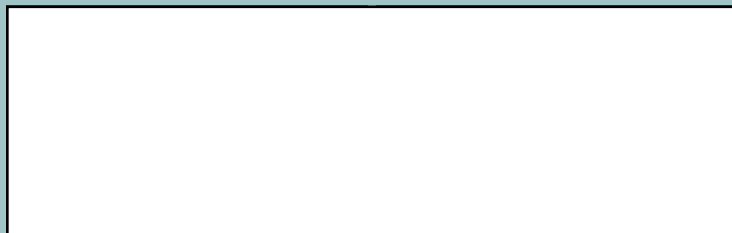
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