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February 2nd, 2025

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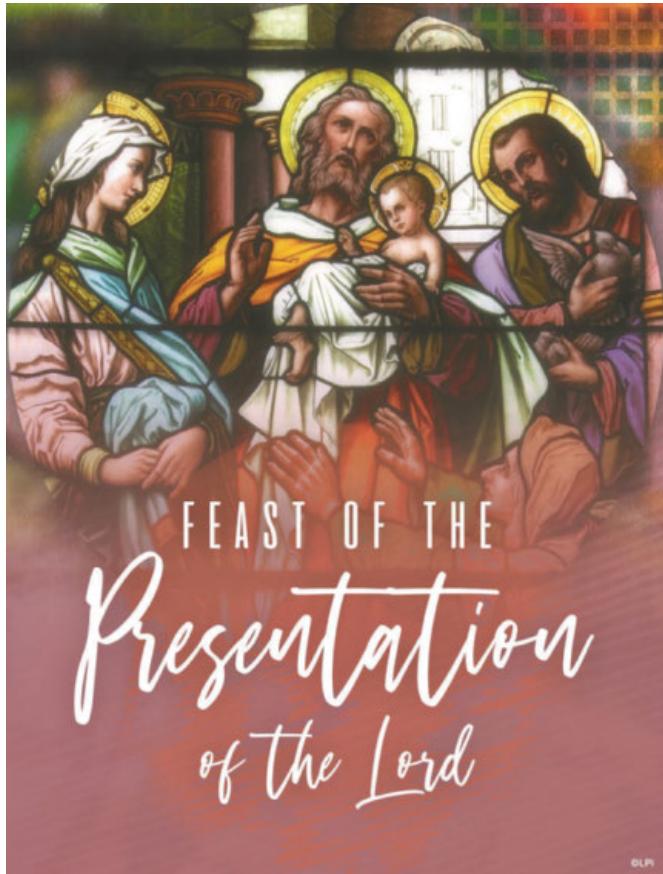
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. (English)
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. (English) 11:15 a.m. (Polish)

Weekdays:

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

(First Fri only) 6:00 p.m.

Confession at 5:00 p.m.

Holy Hour at 5:00 p.m.



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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00–3:40 p.m. or by appointment

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Sundays at 12:15 p.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to contact the office at least six months before marriage is to take place.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please stop at the Rectory during business hours and introduce yourself. We would like to get to know you.

CARE OF THE SICK: Inform staff when relatives are confined to home so that we can arrange to have Holy Communion brought to them. Please notify us of family members living in nursing homes or institutions.



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 1

8:00 a.m. — Thomas Zak—James Zak

Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord

4:00 p.m. — Margaret Hayes—John & Dorothy Hayes

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

World Day of Consecrated Life

8:45 a.m. — Blessings for the Sisters of Mercy & Sisters of St. Joseph

11:15 a.m. — Ks. Tadeusz Rudnik w pierwszą rocznicę śmierci — Larry & Sandy Chaput

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 3

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. — Parishioners of St. Stanislaus

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 4

5:30 p.m. — Ewa Kajosz — Friends

WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m. — Deceased members of Cetner Family—Family

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. — Connie & Ellie Kawka — Friends

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m. — Kathy Gustyn — Friends

6:00 p.m.—In Thanksgiving for blessings received & continued healing for Dr. Hanna Mieszczańska—Friends

SATURDAY — FEBRUARY 8

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00 a.m. — Hurysz & Hartwig Families — Szablowski Family

Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. — Sophie Wacht — Son with Family

SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 9

8:45 a.m. — Heavenly birthday blessings for Eugene Chmiel Sr.—wife Frances & family

11:15 a.m. — Wiesław Czerw w 4 rocznicę śmierci — żona Agnieszka



PRAYER list

Please pray for all those in hospitals, who are ill or recovering from surgery, and all those ailing at home, in hospice or in nursing homes.

Please keep in your prayers:

Diane Bidzerkowny, Victor Buczkowski, Veronica Czerniak, Lucy Hoholuk, Małgorzata Jedynak, Danuta Kaszana, Anna Lazurenko, Egbert & Evelyn Linton, Marcin Łukowiak, Mr. & Mrs. John Mroszczak, Edward McCafferty, dr. Hanna Mieszczańska, Krystyna Mysliwiec, Janeczka Osimowicz, Tessie Pospula, Irena Potocki, Zofia Robaczyńska, Jim Stenclik, Leontyna Tański, Matthew Wilson.

To add a loved one's name to this prayer list or to take someone off the prayer list, please call the parish office at 467-3068.

If you would like Fr. Roman to visit or anoint a loved one who is in the hospital, nursing home etc. you should call or preferably text him at **585 705-7142.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION**February 2, 2025****Presentation of the Lord****Luke 2:22-40**

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

Tylko do owej wdowy — Dariusz Madejczyk

Wiadomości z pierwszych stron gazet i czołówki informacji telewizyjnych nauczyły nas zwracać uwagę na VIP-ów, tzw. wielkich tego świata, wpływowych, którzy mają władzę lub pieniądze (albo mają władzę, bo mają pieniądze). Biblia też ma swoje VIP-y: ubogą wdowę z Sarepty Sydońskiej i trędowatego Naamana. Historia najbardziej znanych sanktuariów maryjnych to, w bardzo wielkim uproszczeniu, historia człowieka prostego, ubogiego, często dziecka, które, ku zdziwieniu wszystkich, staje się głosem Bożym i znakiem nadziei. Tak było w przypadku bł. Juana Diego z Guadelupe, św. Bernadety, bł. Franciszka i Hiacynty z Fatimy czy dzieci z La Salette.

Te przesłania, które miały poruszyć serce, rozpalić wiarę, przypomnieć wezwanie do nawrócenia, przychodziły w sposób zaskakujący i w miejscach zupełnie nic nieznaczących.

Tekst Ewangelii Łukasza nawiązuje dziś do wydarzeń starotestamentalnych, które pokazują, że Bóg wybiera ludzi w sposób sobie tylko wiadomy. Można by wręcz powiedzieć: wybiera jakby na przekór ludzkim oczekiwaniom. Czasami nawet - jak w przypadku dzieci z La Salette, które pochodzą z rodzin religijnie zaniedbanych - w duchu Pawiowych słów: „gdzie jednak wzniósł się grzech, tam jeszcze oficjalnie rozlała się łaska" (Rz 5,20). Gdy wszyscy zwracają się ku określonym osobom, są zapatrzeni w spektakularne wydarzenia, Bóg przychodzi swoimi drogami i daje się poznać ludziom, na których nikt nie zwraca uwagi; przychodzi w sposób zupełnie nieoczekiwany, a nawet budzący wiele wątpliwości. Dla Niego bowiem każdy człowiek jest „bardzo ważną osobą" - VIP-em (very important person). Chociaż zalewa nas fala czasopism, które chcą przyciągnąć uwagę czytelników scenkami z życia aktorów, muzyków czy polityków, a telewizja promuje pożałowania godnych idoli, starajmy się ugruntowywać w sobie Dobrą Nowinę o Bogu, który kocha każdego człowieka i który pierwszych czyni ostatnimi, a ostatnich pierwszymi. Logika kolorowych czasopism, czarujących scenkami z prywatnego życia znanych ludzi, nie jest logiką Ewangelii, w której „Bóg wybrał właśnie to, co głupie w oczach świata, aby zawstydzić mądrych, wybrał to, co niemocne, aby mocnych poniżyć" (1 Kor 1,27).

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way “the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?



Blessing of the Throats & Candles

this weekend after all
weekend Holy Masses



Have you been looking for a new way to serve the Lord in the Jubilee Year?

A friendly face can make all the difference. The liturgy Committee is hoping to bring back the Sunday Greeters Ministry at both the 8:45 am. and the 11:15 am. masses.

Greeting worshippers with a smile, handing out bulletins, and helping folks off the elevator are a few of the duties that reinforce our sense of community, particularly for parishioners who struggle to enter the Church.

Please contact Joyce Nagle at 585-467-3068 or at Joyce.Nagle@dor.org to volunteer. Thank you.



Attendance

For the weekend of January 25-26, 2025

Attendance:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.	50		
Sunday	8:45 a.m.	119		
Sunday	11:15 a.m.	94		
Collection	Online	Total	Budget	Variance
\$ 3,624	\$ 935	\$ 4,559	\$ 5,000	(\$ 441)



2024-2025 CMA

Our goal is **\$44,000**
We have raised **\$35,352**



Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 – 1/26/2025 :

Collection FY	Online	Total	Budget	Variance
\$118,605	\$ 37,551	\$ 156,156	\$150,000	\$6,156

Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner

**Saturday March 1st from 3-7 pm
in the church auditorium.**



Sponsored by **St. Maximilian Kolbe Council #9326**

Dinner includes pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.
Adult \$12, Students 6 – 17 \$6, Child 5 and under free.
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Upcoming events:

March 1st @ 3 -7 pm — Spaghetti Dinner
March 5th — Ash Wednesday - Lent starts

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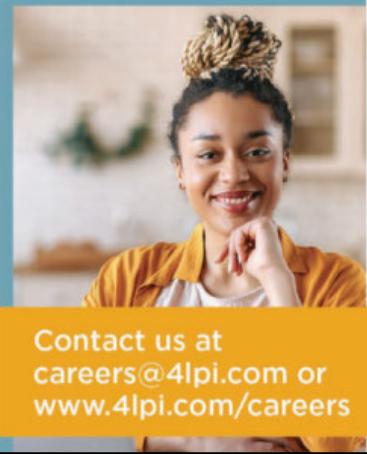
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