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February 2nd, 2025

A LIGHT FOR REVELATION.

— LUKE 2:32 —

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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Calvin Duncan, Deacon

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil
(Sunday Liturgy) 5 pm**

7:30 am (tiếng Việt)

9 am

Sunday

11 am

1 pm (Español)

Monday

6:30 pm

Tues - Fri

7:30 am

Thursday

6:30 pm (Español)

Friday School Mass (when in session)

8:15 am

Saturday

9 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday (Español): 5:30 - 6:20 pm

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Also available upon request.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of faith, we the members of St. Anthony Parish are committed to follow Jesus Christ through prayer and the sacraments, the study of His Word, the teachings of His Church, Evangelization, and through reaching out in service to our fellow human beings, parishioners and non-parishioners, with love, respect, and support.

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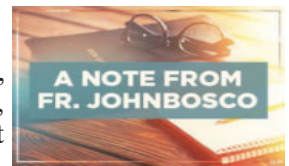
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Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, also known as Candlemas, commemorating the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple, fulfilling the law and offering Him to God. This feast invites us to reflect on the light of Christ shining in the world and to renew our dedication to walking in His light.



We also extend our heartfelt **congratulations to Deacon Calvin Duncan**, who was recently ordained to the diaconate. His "yes" to God is a profound witness of service to Christ and His Church. May we keep him in our prayers as he begins this new journey of ministry. I hope you will enjoy his preaching this Sunday during the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Anthony's Church and join us afterward to share in his joy at the reception in the Family Center.

Today is also the **World Day for Consecrated Life**, established to recognize and celebrate the gift of consecrated life in the Church. Religious men and women dedicate their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, becoming radiant signs of Christ's love for all. This day is an opportunity to thank them for their service and pray for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

As we honor the Presentation of the Lord, let us also pray for an increase in vocations. Our Church needs courageous individuals who, like Simeon and Anna in today's Gospel, dedicate their lives to proclaiming the Good News and serving the people of God.

May we, as a community, actively promote and support vocations, encouraging young men and women to consider how God might be calling them to serve in a unique way. Together, let us cultivate a culture of openness to God's will and be steadfast in accompanying those discerning His call.

Let us rejoice in the light of Christ and continue to shine His love through our lives and vocations.

May God bless you,

Fr. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor



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LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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Deborah Altman, Regina Arde, Hsin Yi Armstrong, Pete Balotti, Gregorio Binuya, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Leah Carbonell, Harriet Dawkins, Bunnie Dezinno, Yvette Emerson, Jason Grantham, Marge Henry, Maverick Jones, Robert Killian, Pat Kull, Kathy Lewis, Judy Lin, Kristina MacPherson, Mary Lou Martinez, Michael Meggs, Silvia Mitchell, Ann S. Nichols, Ann O'Donnell, Betty Parks, Marcello Pereira, Angie Roop, Elizabeth Sun, Linda Tarte, Marilyn Tilton, Ruth Todd, Elizabeth White, Deacon Mike Woodall

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The Sanctuary Candle is lit for the special intentions of Michael Rials, Grayson Jackson and Samantha Crocker by Kathleen Smith.

If you would like the Adoration Chapel, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle candles lit for your intentions for one week, please visit or call the Church Office.

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST FOR A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

Call the church office during normal business hours, M-F 8 am to 4 pm at 843-662-5674. After regular office hours, dial the same number and your call will be answered by our answering service. Emergency calls will be answered as soon as possible. If you are admitted into the hospital, please don't forget to declare yourself as Catholic, or have a family member do so.



Mass Intentions

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Sat. Feb 1 5:00 pm	Stephen Naso III+	Dr. & Mrs. Culleton
Sun. Feb 2 7:30 am	Giu Se	Huong T Nguyen
Sun. Feb 2 9:00 am	Shawn Peters+	Chuck and Sherri Bender
Sun. Feb 2 11:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Feb 2 1:00 pm	Juan Valencia+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Campos+	Hermilia Ornelas Onate
Mon. Feb 3 6:30 pm	Special Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Spivey	Doris Fader
Tues. Feb 4 7:30 am	Special intentions of Betsy Rauch	Sam Smith
Wed. Feb 5 7:30 am	Robert Reynolds+	Dr. & Mrs. Glinski
Thurs. Feb 6 7:30 am	Bruce Lima Nascimento+	Elisa Horst
Thurs. Feb 6 6:30 pm	Juan Valencia+ Aaron Morales+ Candido Campos+	Hermila Ornelas Onate
Fri. Feb 7 7:30 am	Ann Young+	Laura Cruz
Fri. Feb 7 8:15 am	Johnny Guerriero+	Dcn. & Mrs. Armstrong
Sat. Feb 8 9:00 am	Vincent Reed+	Doris Fader
Sat. Feb 8 5:00 pm	Stephen Naso III+	Andrea Foyle
Sun. Feb 9 7:30 am	Biñ An Năm Moí	Gia Đinh Cô Kiêu
Sun. Feb 9 9:00 am	Shawn Peters+	Donna Heishuttle
Sun. Feb 9 11:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Feb 9 1:00 pm	Clanudio Gabriel Maldonado+ and Antonio de Jesus Martinez	Blanca Martinez

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30,
31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,
9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
(1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/
Lk 5:1-11

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Weekend Ministry Schedule

Feb 1

5:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Julie Manley
Don Manley
Gary Kooper
Pat Kull
AJ Bloom
Lector: Joe Balotti

Feb 2

7:30 am Mass

Lectors: Tam Nguyen
Qui Huynh

11:00 am Mass

EMHC: Louise Balotti
Joe Balotti
Sherri Bender
Silvia Jeanton
Mike R.
Lector: Robin Tange

9:00 am Mass

EMHC: Ann Squires
Patrick Peters
Madison Smith
Kathleen Smith
Barbara Davis

Lector: Mike Woodall, III

1:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Teofilo Juarez
Olivia M
Rae Anne M
Moraima R

Lector: Alejandra Sierra

Feb 8

5:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Julie Ball
Lector: Gary Kooper

Feb 9

7:30 am Mass

Lectors: Suong Dang
My Vo

9:00 am Mass

EMHC: Robert Tilton
Lector: Katie Tilton

11:00 am Mass

EMHC: Darlene Stowe
Lector: Mark Buyck II

1:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Francisco R.
Marisol V.
Lector: Lizett Garcia

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." — Lk 2:34-35



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MISSION

I will ask my parents if our family can read the Bible together tonight.

Welcome Visitors!

Interested in becoming a New Parishioner?

Please take a moment and fill out this form. You can either drop it into the collection basket, bring it to our parish office, or mail it to us. If you are a current parishioner at St. Anthony but have had any changes to your residence, please call the office at 843-662-5674.

Would you like your new home to be blessed?

_____ yes _____ no

Please print:

Name _____

Address _____

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Phone number _____

Email address _____



First Friday/First Saturday

February is the month of the Holy Family. Join us as we adore Him and honor His most holy mother for the First Friday-First Saturday Vigil taking place at St. Anthony's on February 7th and 8th, beginning after the 8:15 am school Mass; continuing with the First Saturday 9 am Mass. Due to First Reconciliation, Benediction will be at 4pm on Friday. Come at any hour and stay for as long as your time will allow or see Doris Fader after the 8:15 am Mass to sign up for a particular hour .

A Note from the DRE

To all of the second grade parents in both the school and the CCD program, we will be having First Reconciliation rehearsal on Wednesday, February 5th. Please be sure your student arrives promptly at 5:45 pm.

First Reconciliation will be on Friday, February 7th at 6pm. Please be sure to have your child here at the church no later than 5:45pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday February 11th, 1 pm - 6 pm

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Presentation of the Lord

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

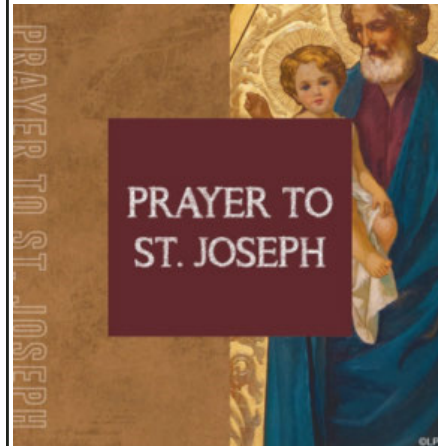
The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

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Devotions, Explained!

Prayer to St. Joseph, Explained!



For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God

in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph." It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle. For a full text of this prayer, visit www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

St. Ann's Legion of Mary will offer in prayer the Nine Day Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, February 2-10th, with Rosary and Novena Prayers 7:30 a.m. Sunday, daily Rosary and novena prayers at 11:30 M-F, and 4:30 p.m. Saturday. On Tuesday, February 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day, they will have a 12 noon Mass followed by a Luncheon in the St. Ann Parish Life Center.



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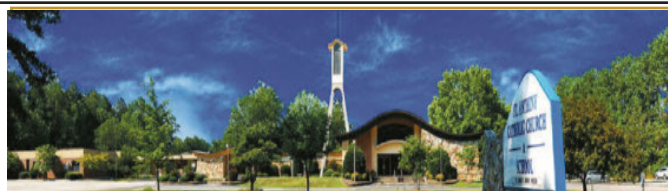
MEDITACION DEL EVANGELIO: LA PRESENTACION DEL SEÑOR



“Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. El Evangelio cuenta que, José y María llevaron al Niño a Jerusalén para consagrarlo a Dios, como prescribe la ley judía. Y, mientras describe un rito previsto

por la tradición, este episodio llama nuestra atención sobre el comportamiento de algunos personajes. Reflejados en el momento en que experimentan el encuentro con el Señor en el lugar donde se hace presente y cercano al hombre. Estos son María y José, Simeón y Ana, que son modelos de acogida y entrega de sus vidas a Dios” (Papa Francisco). ¿Cómo me presento ante Dios cada día de mi vida? Nuestros modelos son Simeón y Ana que tuvieron la lucidez para reconocer a Dios que llegaba en brazos de María y José al templo. Ellos, ya ancianos, nos enseñaron y mostraron el camino de ver, abrazar a Dios hecho niño y a anunciar la esperanza. Abracemos también nosotros la ternura de Dios y llevémosla a los tristes, a los enfermos, y a los que no tienen voz en muchos lugares de la sociedad en que vivimos, tal como son los niños y los ancianos. Abramos nuestro corazón al misterio de Dios que está en tantas personas que nos encontramos a diario, en casa, en el trabajo, y en nuestros vecindarios. Ojalá, que al final de nuestros días, Dios nos de la dicha de poder decir como el anciano Simeón: “Ahora, Señor, ya puedes dejar que tu servidor muera en paz, como le has dicho. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu salvador” (Lucas 2:29-30).

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HORARIO DE LA OFICINA

MIÉRCOLES DE 5:00- A 6:00 PM; LOS DOMINGOS DE 12:00 A 3:30 PM. CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES EL PRIMER SÁBADO DEL MES A LAS 10:00 AM Y LOS BAUTISMOS CADA TERCER SÁBADO DEL MES A LAS 11:00 AM.

REQUISITOS PARA CUALQUIER SERVICIO:
SI TIENE PLANEADO HACER UN BAUTIZO, PRESENTACIÓN DE UN NIÑO O UNA QUINCEAÑERA ACÉRQUESE A LA IGLESIA POR LO MENOS CON 6 MESES DE ANTICIPACIÓN.

Por favor pregunten con anticipación en la oficina Hispana de la Iglesia.



PRESENTACION DEL SEÑOR

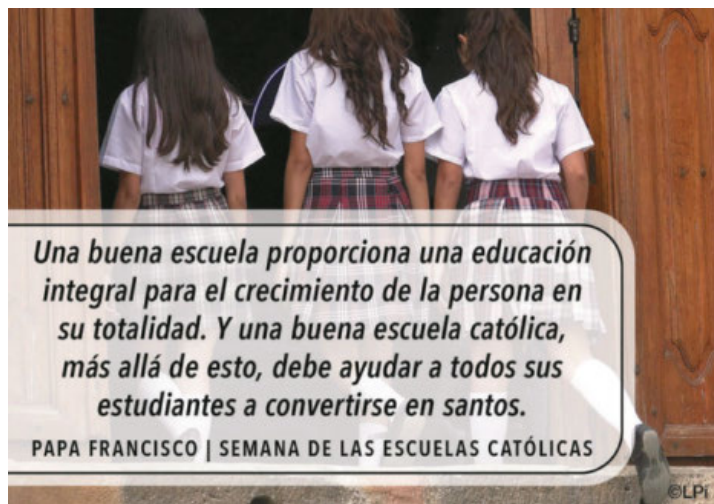
Pregunta: El Evangelio de Lucas es el único que menciona la Presentación del Señor en el Templo. ¿Qué intenta comunicar Lucas aquí y qué conexión tiene con María?

Respuesta: El 2 de febrero es exactamente cuarenta días después del 25 de diciembre, el nacimiento de Jesús. La ley judía (Éxodo 13:2, 12) dictaba que Jesús, como primogénito, debía ser consagrado a Dios. Esto lo hacían los padres cuando presentaban a su Hijo en el Templo.

La ley judía especificaba además (Levítico 12:2-8) que una madre era ritualmente impura después de dar a luz, y que tenía que esperar un período de tiempo determinado (cuarenta días para un niño) antes de ofrecer un sacrificio al Señor para su purificación. La convergencia de estas dos normas judías da lugar al relato de Lucas tanto de la Presentación del Señor como de la Purificación de María. En la actualidad, el énfasis litúrgico se pone más en la Presentación de Jesús. Lucas destaca el papel de Simeón y Ana, dos judíos justos que reconocieron a Jesús como el Mesías largamente esperado y alabaron a Dios por poder ver y experimentar tal maravilla en sus vidas.

La oración de Simeón sobre el papel especial de Jesús afirma que Jesús es “una luz para revelación a los gentiles”. Esta frase eventualmente originó la costumbre de bendecir las velas en este día que se usarían en las ceremonias, rituales y procesiones a lo largo del año eclesiástico. Por eso, el 2 de febrero también se conoce como el Día de la Candelaria. Este día es, sin duda, una rica fiesta para saborear.

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