



## SAINT MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### LEX ORANDI, LEX CREDENDI, LEX VIVENDI

*THE WAY WE (WORSHIP AND) PRAY, IS THE WAY WE BELIEVE, IS THE WAY WE LIVE!*

**FEB.02 ✦ FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: MAL 3:1-4 ✓ PS.24:7-10 ✓ HEB 2:14-18 ✓ LUKE 2:22-40**

#### ADORATION ✦ CHAPLET ✦ ROSARY

4:30 PM SATURDAY & 9:30 AM SUNDAY

4:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY



#### HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST

5:00 PM SATURDAY & 10 AM SUNDAY

5:30 PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM TUESDAY & THURSDAY

**FRIDAYS: ADORATION 9 AM TO 5:25 PM ✦ HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST 5:30 PM**

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ✦ ADORATION & PRAYERS 5:00 TO 5.45 PM & HOLY MASS 6 PM

CONFESSION ✦ 45 MINUTES BEFORE HOLY MASS & BY APPOINTMENT

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION: ANYTIME UPON REQUEST

**FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS THE LORD & MOTHER MARY & ST. JOSEPH!**

### THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEB.2)

At the end of the fourth century (381-384 AD), a woman named Egeria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the procession in honor of His Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. This feast emphasizes the Lord Jesus' first appearance in the Temple.

The observance of this feast spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated the birth of the Lord on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century, the blessing and distribution of candles, which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: *Candlemas*.



**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN DONATED BY JIM AND BONNIE PALLESCHI!**

Donations for altar flowers would be greatly appreciated! Kindly sign up for any specific weekend you want in the pink book in the hallway, and give \$70-75 (CASH) in the envelope provided, to Linda Voeltz shortly before your designated dates.

**MAY GOD BLESS US ALL, EVERYONE!!**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 2,171.00**

*(IN CHURCH 1,776.00 & ONLINE \$395.00)*

**RESPECT FOR LIFE \$ 120.00**



**HALL RENOVATION (REQUIRED) \$ 1,500,000.00**

**RAISED SO FAR \$ 623,257.00**

*LAST WEEK: IN CHURCH \$80.00 & ONLINE \$30.00*

**BALANCE TO BE RAISED \$ 876,633.00**

*The statement of financial report has been placed on the bulletin board if you would like to take a look!*

✚ **HAVE YOU A PRAYER REQUEST?** Contact Ms. Susie Taylor, 9049454327. Your request will be added to the prayer-request-text-line, and our prayer team will pray for your requests!

✚ **PRAY FOR:** Fr. Boddie, Mary Roberts, Debbie Strickland, Rose Johnson, John Payne, Monte Willey, Julie, Jim & Bonnie Palleschi, Mary Baeb, Theresa Taylor, Kathy Johnson, Joanie McCarthy, Victor Crawford, Stacie Adams, Karen & Richard Dolan, Daniel Harrigan, Allan Lahoski, Ann Smith, Bob Rozumek, Christy Long, Cindy Schillig, Carol O'Neil, Dawn Phillips, Diana Rumpt, Don & Sarah Zarrella, Edward Robinson, Gladys Page, Janis Price, Jeannie Hendrix, Joanne Hodges, John Singleton, Judy Gentile, M. Akridge, Marge Keller, Marianne Glass, Mary Ford, Mary Knoche, Michelle Wolfe, Mifuk Huh, Nago Nguyen, Pat Doyle, Paul Boehnke, Sandra Schwarz, Xavier Smith, Joanne & Schaidy Parme.

✚ **JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM:** Contact Ms. Karen Dougherty at [K.DOUGHERTY200@COMAST.NET](mailto:K.DOUGHERTY200@COMAST.NET)

✓ **CCD:** On Sundays before Holy Mass 8:45-9:45 am. For more information, please contact: Judy Altmiller ☞ [JUDY40PLUS@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:JUDY40PLUS@ICLOUD.COM) and Michelle White ☞ [MLWHITE722@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MLWHITE722@GMAIL.COM) ☎ 9045040459

✓ **OCIA & OCIC:** Sunday after Holy Mass in the Learning Center. Classes will be weekly from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm. For more information, please contact: Peg DeCurtins at [PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET](mailto:PEGDECURTINS@NEFCOM.NET)

✓ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Meet on the first Sunday of the month. We encourage all men of the parish to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Mike Dougherty.

✓ **INTERESTED IN PRISON MINISTRY?** Please contact John Chick AT [JCHICK@DOSAFL.COM](mailto:JCHICK@DOSAFL.COM)

✓ **BINGO: 6PM ☞ IN THE PARISH HALL ☞ FRIDAYS!**

## DIVINE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FEB 01 <i>Vigil:</i> THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	I	✠. DAMON FERNANDEZ
	N	✠. BETH ALEXANDER (HEALING)
FEB 02 SUN. THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	T	✠. KEVIN FITZGERALD
FEB 03 MON. FEAST OF BISHOP ST. BLAISE, MARTYR, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	E	✠. BETH ALEXANDER (HEALING)
FEB 04 TUE. OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	✠. DAMON FERNANDEZ
FEB 05 WED. ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN MARTYR, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	T	✠. JOSEPH & LAWRENCE
FEB 06 THU. ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	I	✠. MARY CARMICHAEL
FEB 07 FRI. OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	O	✠. DOROTHY DILLMAN
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“Why is Christ called [the new] Adam by the Apostle [Paul]? Even reason defends this conclusion; that God recovered His image and likeness by the same procedure which the devil had taken it. It was while Eve was still a virgin that the word of the devil crept in to erect an edifice of death. Likewise through a virgin [Mary] the Word of God was introduced to set up a structure of life. Thus what had been laid waste in ruin by this [female] gender was by the same [female] gender reestablished in salvation. Eve had believed the serpent; Mary believed Gabriel. That which the one destroyed by believing, the other, by believing, set straight.” *TERTULLIAN (155-220 AD)*.

### LECTORS

*May GOD bless us all everyone!*

### ALTAR SERVERS

C. HODGES, C. CRAWFORD & L. NELSON	SAT. FEB 01	C. HODGES & B. LANCHO
M. WILLEY, J. JOHNSON & R. NICKLES	SUN. FEB 02	J. CHICK, H. NICKLES & A. MCKENDREE
B. LANCHO, M. STECK & J. MACKEY	SAT. FEB 08	C. HODGES & B. LANCHO
M. ALLEN, S. HUDSON & T. HUDSON	SUN. FEB 09	L. CHICK, D. CHICK & M. MCKENDREE

### POPE FRANCIS ASKS US TO PRAY IN FEBRUARY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

*GLÓRIA IN EXCÉLSIS DEO  
ET IN TERRA PAX HOMÍNIBUS BONÆ VOLUNTÁTIS*

#### ORATORY SCHOLARS OF SAINT MARY

#### ON FRIDAYS IN OUR LEARNING CENTER

WE BEGIN WITH ADORATION & ROSARY AT 8.45 AM  
CLASSES 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFO: MRS. MICHELLE WHITE  
MLWHITE722@GMAIL.COM ☎ 9045040459

*A JESUM PER MARIAM ✦ TO JESUS THROUGH MARY*

#### ORATORY: CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**ON WEDNESDAYS 5:15 PM - 8 PM**

HOLY MASS 5.30 PM; CONSCIENCE-CHARACTER 6.15 PM;  
FUN ACTIVITY 6.45—7:30 PM;  
DINNER/REFRESHMENTS 7:35 PM

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: MRS. CATHERINE CHICK  
☎ (904) 293-3827 ✉ CHICKCA@GMAIL.COM

## THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (FEB.2) KNOWN ALSO AS CANDLEMAS!

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorates the day when – exactly 40 days after his birth – the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph brought the Child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present and consecrate Him to the Lord God (*Exodus 13*). The ritual involved making a



sacrificial offering in the temple. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph were poor. Hence, they took the option provided for those who could not afford a lamb, sacrificing “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (*Luke 2:22-24*). They submitted themselves in perfect obedience to God and to the Law of Moses.

Today’s feast also commemorates the encounter in the temple between the Holy Family and St. Simeon the prophet and St. Anna the prophetess. This is the third and final Infancy Epiphany or Revelation of the Lord Jesus. The first was to the Hebrew shepherds. The second was to the Gentile kings. This third one was to the elders of the Israelites.

This feast is known by the title *Candlemas* because of the words of St. Simeon the prophet when he met the Child Jesus in the Temple: “For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **A LIGHT FOR REVELATION TO THE GENTILES**, and for glory to your people Israel” (*Luke 2:30-32*). St. Simeon “...came in the Spirit into the temple,” moved by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and “recognizes” the Lord Jesus as the Awaited One, the **LIGHT** of the Gentiles. He is the **LIGHT** before whom one needs to take a stand: “The true **LIGHT**, which enlightens everyone...” (*Jn. 1:9*).

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the **LIGHT** of the World, the Messiah who has come not just for the Israelites but also for the Gentile; not just for the righteous, but also for the sinner.

On this feast day, the Church blesses candles for use throughout the year. This has been a Church tradition at least since the seventh century. Traditionally, families also bring their own candles to church to be blessed on this feast. The candles represent the fact that the light of the world is here; the light is coming into a dark world as the Church calendar progresses towards the brightness of Easter.