





## 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**

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**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*.



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**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!*

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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;

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## 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.



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**JAN.26 ✉ 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NEH.8:2-4-6,8-10 ✓ PS.19 ✓ 1 COR.12:12-30 ✓ LK.1:1-4; 4:14-21**

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## ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER, FEBRUARY 1, 2025, 6 PM

ST. MARY MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER IS BACK! PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RELAXING EVENING OF DELICIOUS ETHNIC FOOD, FOLLOWED BY MUSIC AND DANCING ON **FEBRUARY 1 ABOUT 6:00 PM** (AFTER SATURDAY HOLY MASS) IN THE LEARNING CENTER. FREE BABYSITTING WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE HALL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE BRING A DISH OR DESSERT OF ETHNIC HERITAGE, AND ANY BEVERAGE OF YOUR CHOICE.

CHILDREN AND TEENS MAY SHARE IN THE FOOD BUT, AFTER DINNER IS SERVED, THE PARTY IN THE LEARNING CENTER WILL BE FOR ADULTS ONLY. THERE IS NO CHARGE; WE JUST WANT EVERYONE TO SHARE A NICE EVENING OUT.



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**RESPECT FOR LIFE \$ 820.00**



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**RAISED SO FAR \$ 621,847.00**

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JAN 26	SUNDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	†. FR. ROLAND JULIEN
JAN 27	MON. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. DAMON FERNANDEZ
JAN 28	TUE. ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MEMORIAL	E	†. CIARA NICOLE & KRISTEN & SAGE
JAN 29	WED. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	†. MAGGIE SANDERS
JAN 30	THU. OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. JOSEPH & LAWRENCE
JAN 31	FRI. ST. JOHN BOSCO, MEMORIAL	I	†. TOM & NANCY STANLEY

“THE STUDY OF TRUTH REQUIRES A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT — WHICH IS WHY FEW ARE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE IT OUT OF LOVE OF KNOWLEDGE — DESPITE THE FACT THAT GOD HAS IMPLANTED A NATURAL APPETITE FOR SUCH KNOWLEDGE IN THE MINDS OF MEN.”

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, SUMMA CONTRA GENTILES: VOLUMES 1–4 IN FIVE BOOKS.

LECTORS	May GOD bless us all everyone!	ALTAR SERVERS
P. DECURTINS, J. PALLESCHI & B. PALLESCHI	SAT. JAN 25	C. HODGES & B. LANCHO
J. MACKEY, S. HUDSON & T. HUDSON	SUN. JAN 26	L. CHICK, J. SMITH & D. CHICK
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## THOMAS AQUINAS (1225 AD -7 MARCH 1274 AD)

✠ "THREE THINGS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SALVATION OF MAN: TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO BELIEVE; TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO DESIRE; AND TO KNOW WHAT HE OUGHT TO DO."

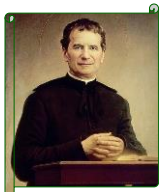
✠ "MERCY WITHOUT JUSTICE IS THE MOTHER OF DISSOLUTION; JUSTICE WITHOUT MERCY IS CRUELTY."

✠ "RARELY AFFIRM, SELDOM DENY, ALWAYS DISTINGUISH."

✠ "HOW IS IT THEY LIVE IN SUCH HARMONY, THE BILLIONS OF STARS, WHEN MOST MEN CAN BARELY GO A MINUTE WITHOUT DECLARING WAR IN THEIR MINDS?"

✠ "WONDER IS THE DESIRE OF KNOWLEDGE."

✠ "LOVE FOLLOWS KNOWLEDGE."



## SAINT JOHN BOSCO (16 AUGUST 1815 - 31 JANUARY 1888 AD)

✠ "MY LIFE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THAT ONLY THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION CAN ASSURE CONCORD IN FAMILIES AND THE HAPPINESS OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN THIS VALLEY OF TEARS."

✠ "ALL PAST PERSECUTORS OF THE CHURCH ARE NOW NO MORE, BUT THE CHURCH STILL LIVES ON. THE SAME FATE AWAITS MODERN PERSECUTORS; THEY, TOO, WILL PASS ON, BUT THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST WILL ALWAYS REMAIN, FOR GOD HAS PLEDGED HIS WORD TO PROTECT HER AND BE WITH HER FOREVER, UNTIL THE END OF TIME."

✠ "GUARD YOUR EYES. THEY ARE THE WINDOWS THROUGH WHICH SIN ENTERS THE SOUL."

✓ **DAY OF FORMATION AND RENEWAL FOR ALTAR SERVERS** ✠ **FEBRUARY 8 & FEBRUARY 15:** The Diocesan Liturgical Commission invites all Altar Servers in the diocese to join them for a **DAY OF FORMATION AND RENEWAL** with Bishop Erik Pohlmeier and Father Michael Kieler. The Day of Renewal, entitled **TO PRAY, TO LEARN, TO SERVE**, is in two locations: Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Holy Faith Catholic Church, Gainesville **and** Saturday, Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jacksonville. To register for this free event go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/a700c187-8d32-449b-b71d-b06e525fa38f> and for more details, please email Letty Valentin at [lv.holyfaith@gmail.com](mailto:lv.holyfaith@gmail.com).



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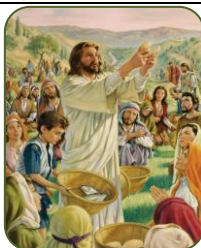
**JANUARY 19 ✨ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: IS.62:1-5 ✓ PS.96 ✓ 1 COR.12:4-11 ✓ JN.2:1-11**

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*Promoting the dignity of all life  
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### Respect Life Collection

January 18—19, 2025

Your generosity supports  
pregnancy resource centers,  
college outreach,  
parish-based respect life activities  
and advocacy initiatives  
that support the work of the  
Diocese of St. Augustine  
Office of Human Life & Dignity.



**"WE MUST ADVANCE PROTECTIONS FOR**

**UNBORN CHILDREN AND THEIR**

**MOTHERS BY COMMUNICATING WITH**

**COMPASSION THE TRUTH ABOUT**

**ABORTION, RESPECTING THE RIGHTS**

**AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN, AND**

**CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO THE**

**FAMILY (F.C.C.B)."**

**JANUARY 22 IS A DAY OF [FASTING AND] PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**



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TOTAL \$ 1,883.00



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JAN 20	MON.	MARTYR ST. SEBASTIAN, ST. FABIAN, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	T	†. FR. RICHARD , FR. FRED, DEACON KEN
JAN 21	TUE.	VIRGIN MARTYR ST. AGNES, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	E	†. DAVID GLASS
JAN 22	WED.	OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	N	†. LISA & JASON PALLESCHI
JAN 23	THU.	OF THE SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. BECKY & KEITH TIMMONS
JAN 24	FRI.	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, <i>MEMORIAL</i>	I	†. FR. ROLAND JULIEN

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**FROM SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES (21 AUGUST 1567 - 28 DECEMBER 1622)**

✠ YOU LEARN TO SPEAK BY SPEAKING, TO STUDY BY STUDYING, TO RUN BY RUNNING, TO WORK BY WORKING; AND JUST SO, YOU LEARN TO LOVE BY LOVING. ALL THOSE WHO THINK TO LEARN IN ANY OTHER WAY DECEIVE THEMSELVES.

✠ EXAMINE YOUR HEART OFTEN TO SEE IF IT IS SUCH TOWARD YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU WOULD LIKE HIS TO BE TOWARD YOU WERE YOU IN HIS PLACE. THIS IS THE TOUCHSTONE OF TRUE REASON.

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✓ **ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER ✠ FEBRUARY 1:** St. Mary's International Dinner is back! Please join us for a relaxing evening of delicious ethnic food, followed by music and dancing on February 1, 2025 after Saturday Mass (about 6:00 PM) in the Learning Center. Free babysitting will be provided in the Hall. Just bring a dish or dessert (of your ethnic heritage if desired) and any beverage of your choice. Children and teens may share in the food but, after dinner is served, the party in the Learning Center will be for adults only. There is no charge; we just want everyone to share a nice evening out.

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✓ **A DAY FOR COUPLES ✠ FEBRUARY 8:** The Marital Voyage - A Day for Couples: Couples are invited to this conference at Resurrection Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Sign-in begins at 2:30 p.m. This enriching pre-marriage and marriage conference includes inspiring talks, quiet time, fellowship, Mass and a catered dinner. Register and learn more at [adayforcouples.com](http://adayforcouples.com).

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✓ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast this Sunday (the third Sunday of the month). The charges are just \$5.00 per plate and just \$20.00 for a family of four or more members. **FELLOWSHIP IS A PLACE OF GRACE!!**



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*SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT (12 JANUARY 251 AD - 17 JANUARY 356 AD)*

“Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent.”

“One should not say that it is impossible to reach a virtuous life; but one should say that it is not easy. Nor do those who have reached it find it easy to maintain. Those who are devout and whose intellect enjoys the love of God participate in the life of virtue; the ordinary intellect, however, is worldly and wavering, producing both good and evil thoughts, because it is changeful by nature and directed towards material things. But the intellect that enjoys the love of God punishes the evil which arises spontaneously because of man’s laziness.”

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JAN 12	SUNDAY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	N	†. DIANE ROCKFORD
JAN 13	MON. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	T	†. PETER MACKEY JR. (BIRTHDAY)
JAN 14	TUE. OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	E	†. RAY & BETTY MILLER
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We will have light breakfast snacks and coffee!

All women of the parish are welcome!

*Promoting the dignity of all life  
from conception to natural death.*

## ***Respect Life Collection***

**January 18–19, 2025**

Your generosity supports  
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college outreach,  
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I draw near to you...

I embrace you with love, mindful of your wounds.

O how I perceive you here naked,

Wounded and stretched out,

Soiled and wrapped up in this scared shroud.

Hail head, blood-stained from the thorns,

Whose dear face has changed its youthful beauty,

Before whom the court of heaven trembles.

Hail side of the Savior,

Hail the gentle wound, redder than the rose,

Health-giving remedy.

Hail to you, O sacred hands, pierced by hard nails:

O Savior,

Do not turn me away from your sacred feet.

### *Glory to God in the highest!*

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PRAYERFULLY WISHES YOU

and

ALL YOUR LOVED ONES

### *A Truly Blessed New Year*

*Nos cum prole pia benedicat  
Virgo Maria. Amen!*

*May the Virgin Mary  
With her loving Offspring  
Bless us. Amen.*



*May the Lord's peace and blessings  
Rest upon you!*

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## BLESSING OF THE HOME ON EPIPHANY

It is a sacred tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The home blessing can be done as follows: Using the blessed chalk, mark the current year and the initials of the Magi above the outside doorways of your home. Place a cross between each of the letters. It should look like this:

**2 0 ✕ C ✕ M ✕ B ✕ 2 5**

After completing the above markings, pray the following prayer:

**MAY ALL WHO COME TO OUR HOME THIS YEAR REJOICE TO FIND CHRIST LIVING AMONG US;  
AND MAY WE SEEK AND SERVE, IN EVERYONE WE MEET,  
THAT SAME JESUS WHO IS LORD OF ALL PEOPLE, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

And then bless your home and lands with Holy Water!

The names of the three Magi are: *Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar*. The initials C ✕ M ✕ B also stand for the Latin phrase, "**CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT**" which means: "May Christ bless this house (dwelling)." The markings over the doors should be left all year round as a sign that yours is a Christian home.

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*SAINT JUSTIN MARTYR (C.AD 100 - C.AD 165)*

**On the Real Presence:** "For not as common bread and drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise we have been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of his word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh." (*Written 148 A.D.*)

"On the day called Sunday, all who live in town or country gather together in one place and the memoirs of the Apostles or the writings of the prophets are read... then we all rise together and pray, and when our prayer has ended bread and wine and water are brought... We call this food Eucharist, and NO ONE ELSE IS PERMITTED TO PARTAKE OF IT, EXCEPT ONE WHO BELIEVES OUR TEACHING TO BE TRUE and who has received the washing for the remission of sins and for regeneration (baptism)."

(*Written 148 A.D.*)