

31 January 2021

IV Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)

Septuagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4 PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 & 11 AM

Confessions: Wed & Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM/Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Mon. 1 Feb. St. Brigid, Abbess  
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Special Intention

**TUE. 2 FEB. PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD/ PURIFICATION  
OF OUR LADY (Candlemas)**

7 PM For: Special Intention  
Req: The Anderson Family

Wed. 3 Feb. ST. BLAISE, Bishop & Martyr  
7 PM For: Robert McCauley+  
Req: Family

Thu. 4 Feb. St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop  
8 AM For: Jack Rotolo+  
Req: Margaret Bovi

Fri. 5 Feb. ST. AGATHA, Virgin, Martyr  
7 PM For: Charles & Luella Rose+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. David Rose, Sr.

Sat. 6 Feb. ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS, Martyrs  
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Sylvia Damassa+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Breckenridge

Sun. 7 Feb. V Sunday of Ordinary Time (New Calendar)  
Sexagesima Sunday (Traditional Calendar)

8 AM For: Sophia Fallon & Dan Zdanowski (L.)  
Req: Dr. & Mrs. Kip Slocum

9:30 AM For: Fallen Away Catholics  
Req: Cheryl Pilger

11 AM For: Parishioners of OLGCC

ALTAR SERVERS: Thank you, thank you, thank you to those of you who have been willing to volunteer to serve during this time of uncertainty.

NEXT WEEKEND: Group I comes to Holy Mass.

TUE. 2 FEB. FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD,  
PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY. HOLY MASS AT 7 PM

This is the beautiful Feast that commemorates the offering of the Child Jesus in the Temple, 40 days after His birth, in accordance with the law of Moses. At that time, the Mother of God was ritually purified, although she needed no such rite. On this Feast, Holy Mother Church blesses the candles that will be used throughout the year on the altar, and in our homes. These candles represent Christ, Who is the Light of the world. Holy Mass begins with the Blessing of the Candles and a Procession to the altar. The blessed candles will be available after Mass and on the weekend for you to use at home when you pray, when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the house for the sick, and during the "3 Days of Darkness" foretold by many of our Saints and Mystics. The offering is \$5/candle.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: TUE. 4 MAY 7 PM ST.  
AGATHA'S, CANASTOTA.

Our confirmation class will receive the Sacrament at this Holy Mass along with students from other parishes in our Pastoral Care Area.

In order to prepare for Confirmation, **classes for our 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will resume on Tue. Feb. 16 at 7 PM at the Rectory.**

FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Have you made the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Our Lord promised that those who would receive Holy Communion for nine consecutive first Fridays of the month would not die without the grace of final repentance. They will not die in the state of mortal sin, and without receiving the Sacraments. He promised that His Sacred Heart would be their refuge in that hour. Who can beat those promises? Why not begin this month?

Our Blessed Mother asks us to make a Communion of Reparation to her for five consecutive First Saturdays. Our world is being torn apart by sin, and we wonder what we can do. Make the First Fridays and First Saturdays and atone to God and His all-holy Mother for the sins of mankind. Our Lady promised that if her requests were heeded, "Russia would be converted and there would be peace."

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## THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

The liturgy celebrates primarily, the entrance for the first time of the Infant Jesus into the Temple: "Behold the Lord, the Ruler comes into His holy Temple: rejoice and be glad O Sion, and hasten to meet your God." Let us go, too, to meet Him, emulating the holy sentiments of the old Simeon who "came by the Spirit into the Temple" (Lk. 2:22-23), and filled with joy, received the Divine Child into his arms.

In order to celebrate this event more fittingly, the Church today blesses candles and gives them to us; with burning tapers, we enter the Temple in procession. The lighted candle is a symbol of the Christian life, of the faith and grace which should shine in our Soul. It is also the image of Christ, the Light of the world, "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles", according to Simeon's canticle. The lighted candle reminds us that we must always bear Christ in us, the source of our life, the author of faith and grace. By His grace, Jesus Himself disposes us to to meet Him with livelier faith and greater love. May our meeting with Him today be particularly Intimate and sanctifying!

Jesus is taken to the Temple to be offered to the Father, although, being God, He was not subject to the prescriptions of the Jewish law as were the other firstborns of the Hebrews. He is the Victim Who will be immolated for the salvation of the world. His presentation in the Temple is, so to speak, the offertory of His life; the sacrifice will be consummated on Calvary. Let us offer ourselves with Jesus.

Jesus was presented in the Temple by His Mother. Let us contemplate Mary in her office of Co-Redemptrix. Mary knew that Jesus was the Savior of the world, and through the veil of prophecy, she sensed that His mission would be accomplished in a mystery of sorrow in which she would participate, in her role as Mother. Simeon's prophecy, "And your own soul a sword shall pierce," confirmed her intuition. Deep in her heart, Mary must Have repeated her *fiat*: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word," (Lk. 1:38). At the same time that she offered her Son, she offered herself, being always closely united to His destiny.

(From "Divine Intimacy" by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene OCD).

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