

Rev. Msgr. John Leykam, Pastor

Deacon Thomas J. Gottlieb

Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Friday 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.
Saturday 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Eve 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) *
Holy Days 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. *
Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. *
* Times subject to change

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Last Sunday of the month after all Masses
or anytime by calling one of your priests.

Holy Communion Homebound Parishioners
Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Church is open from 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel (located on the west
side of our Church's lower level) is open on Monday
from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday from
1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Only registered, active members of our parish and
their children may celebrate their weddings at An-
nunziata, with a six-month preparation period.

Church of the Annunziata

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OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name _____

Cell/Phone Number _____

Address/Zip _____

Email _____

Please make the above changes to my parish record.

I would like our Church Family to pray for:

I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon

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FROM OUR PASTOR.....



BEFORE MASS STARTS

The Second Vatican Council encouraged all of us to embrace a “fully conscious and active participation” in the Mass. This was primarily aimed at a spiritual participation in the Mass, where all of us are fully present to what is happening and offering up our lives to God .

It is tempting for some to attend Mass and only warm the pew and not our hearts. We simply go through the motions, and are not “consciously” participating in the Mass.

One way to light a fire in our soul is to ask the Holy Spirit to inflame our heart with a deep love of God and understanding of the Mass. We need the guidance of the Holy Spirit if we are to offer ourselves to God at Mass, preparing our hearts to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. Here is a prayer that perfectly summarizes this desire and is a great way to get in the right spiritual mood before Mass begins:

“Holy Spirit, fill my cold heart with love, that I may participate in this Mass with much reverence and devotion. Mary, my Mother, pray for me. My Guardian-angel, shield me from all vain and wandering thoughts.”

WHAT IS CANDLEMAS DAY?

Candlemas Day is another name for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after Christ’s birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. St. Luke tells us that “the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem, so that He could be presented to the Lord.” So the focus is on Jesus’ consecration to God. This verb “to present” also means to “offer”, which evokes Jesus being presented as the priest who will offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice to free us from the slavery of sin, seal the new and eternal covenant with His blood, and open the gates to the true promised land of heaven.”

The Presentation is a proclamation of Christ—Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. Jesus is the Light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, candles have been blessed at Mass this day that will be used throughout the year, coining the term “Candlemas.”

Today, on this Feast of the Presentation, we remember, with gratitude, that our parents presented us at Church for our Baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name “Christian.” We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest/deacon said, “You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.” As a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord. We must be the beacon that guides others to Christ.

With the Feast of St. Blaise on February 3rd, we recall that St. Blaise was a physician who cured, and by the Grace of God performed miraculous cures. In time, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually, the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two blessed candles and touched peoples’ throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the Saint and imparted God’s Blessing.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Daniel J. Ferry, Jr.
the husband of Eleanor Ferry
and for
Patricia Jeanne "Patti" Kelley
the wife of Joe Kelley.*

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.

ANNUNZIATA'S PARISH HELPERS... HERE FOR YOU

We want to remind all of our parishioners that we are here for you.
Just some of the things we can do:

- † drive you to doctor appointments
- † drive you to hospital visits
- † visit the lonely, sick, or elderly
- † House sit for funerals, etc.
- † retired nurses to act as patient advocates
- † volunteers to make meals
- † No job is too small & There is no request that we won't try to fulfill.

**For confidential assistance,
please call the Rectory at 314-993-4422.**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today's readings reflect on something close to the heart of every human person: the fulfillment of our deepest desires. Without exception, each of us feels unfulfilled in some way. Despite advances in law, technology, and medicine, every person experiences the frustration of "not yet" or "not enough." Our hearts always want more.

God plants this desire in our hearts. God knows how we ache. What most of us fail to believe, deep down, is that God alone satisfies all our longing. We know, theoretically, that the Creator of the universe provides everything we need, but we could all use more quality time with God to consider the question, "What exactly do I need to be happy, Lord?" Perhaps we can spend more time in prayer and service, asking the Lord to show us what is truly important in life.

ALWAYS READY FOR JESUS

We often think, "Once I get *this*, or once *that* happens, *then I will be happy.*" But the Gospel shows a better way. All four adults in today's Gospel long deeply for the Messiah and

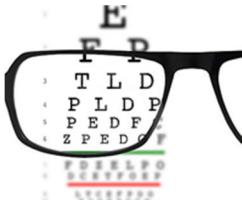
"the consolation of Israel" he will bring. Human temptation might obsess over the promise of future peace and prosperity, leaving only anxiety and resentment for present suffering. But Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna leave the saving of the world to God; for their part, they focus on Jesus. Each of them keeps busy with daily details of the various lifestyles they have chosen. Mary and Joseph concern themselves with raising a family, while Simeon and Anna dedicate their lives to prayer in the temple. They find peace enough in fulfilling the obligations of their stations in life, maintaining a lively prayer life to be attentive to God's action in the world. In today's Gospel, their focus is literally and spiritually on Jesus. They model for us how to be happy and holy: performing their daily duties peacefully, always ready to recognize Jesus as he reveals himself.

Today's Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

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PSR NEWS

Zoom Out



I resisted wearing readers for years, but it's come to the point where no amount of squinting or positioning can bring enough clarity for me to get by. I manage on my phone by increasing the size, but it's not ideal. Have you ever tried to read a document on your phone and zoomed in on so far that you could only see half of the page? Trying to read like this is like playing yourself in ping pong. That game goes nowhere! The same with satellite maps, have you ever zoomed in so far that you get lost in place?

This week I can't see straight. A lot of little things, and a few big things, have conglomerated into a heap that has left me overwhelmed, frustrated, and emotional. It's at these times I need Jesus the most. For me that means time at Adoration. Here's the kicker, when I'm feeling this way, I fight going. So here's what I say to myself, "You better just go straight to work because x, y, z, and there's all this stuff to be done, and it's already 10:30 and, and, and..." I've learned, though, that I *have* to make that left turn onto Clayton, go to the Carmelite Monastery, and sit with our Lord before I do anything else. I *know* that, and so I do it. Jesus knows that I seriously don't feel like it, but he also knows that I'm on my way. That's the Holy Spirit working in me. I am thankful for that.

I make it a point to go to Adoration at least once a week, but I've noticed that in times of trouble I visit more, I more readily pour my heart out to Jesus, and I'm a better listener. It seems when I'm wrung out and at my lowest, I'm better at being still in his real presence.

It's at Adoration each week that I figure out what I'm going to write about in the bulletin. I don't necessarily ask for inspiration, it just kind of comes during my visit with Jesus. Not today. Today I went into the Monastery all wound up in my heap of concerns. I talked to Jesus, and I listened. He spoke to my heart, but not about the bulletin. Finally, I had to ask directly, "So, what about the bulletin?" I had nothing. Then I said, "Lord, there is just so much in front of me I can't make it out! I can't see straight!" What came to my heart was a gentle message of, "Back up. Zoom out. I'll help you see it all."

So that's it. I don't know if this message was for you, the reader, but having written it, I'm beginning to see things more clearly. Thank you, gracious and loving God.

God Bless You,
Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal



Second Grade Families

Saturday, February 15th, First Holy Communion Retreat, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Faris Hall
Sunday, February, 16th, Second Grade Family Mass



Parents Please Take Note! PSR classes start at 10:00 a.m. Beginning this Sunday, the school will remain locked until 9:50 a.m., as we do not have supervision inside the school prior to that time. *Please* stay with your children until school opens. Thank you for your cooperation in this important safety matter.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army
Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
Captain Kate Lunsford, U.S. Army
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
SSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy

(Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.)

From Death to New Life

Patricia Allen Dean	February 3, 2002
Katherine H. Connaughton	February 4, 2012
June Corley Jessee	February 4, 2016
John Krey Stephens	February 4, 2009
Donald E. Lasater	February 5, 2016
Edmund J. Pung	February 5, 2001
Margaret Loretta Vollmer	February 5, 2002
J. John Brouk	February 8, 2004

REMINDER

St. Patrick's Center Casseroles
should be dropped off at the Rectory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
no later than 10:00 a.m.



Casseroles should be FROZEN when dropped off!

Thank you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13;
Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51;
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14;
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Clarence Sweets

9:00 a.m. Zoe Buckley

5:00 p.m. Mary Geekis

Sunday, February 2

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. William Francis, III & Family

11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Monday, February 3

7:00 a.m. John Simon, Sr. Family,
Living & Deceased

7:45 a.m. Loretta Warner

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Lee Savage

7:45 a.m. Elizabeth Remmert

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 a.m. The Hebron Family

7:45 a.m. Cornelius Carroll

Thursday, February 6

7:00 a.m. Dr. Maurice Lonsway, Jr.

7:45 a.m. Henry Luepke, Jr.

Friday, February 7

7:00 a.m. Kelly Holton, birthday

7:45 a.m. Thomas G. Simon

Saturday, February 8

7:00 a.m. Bett O'Neill

9:00 a.m. Dan Ferry

5:00 p.m. Greg Gerritzen

Sunday, February 9

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Joseph Woltering Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

February 1st & 2nd

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.

Chrissy Nardini
John Roberts

7:00 a.m.

Dan Berglund

9:00 a.m.

Ray Steitz
Seminarian

11:00 a.m.

John Cronin
Seminarian

February 8th & 9th

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.

Kathy Driscoll
Carol Donelan

7:00 a.m.

David Holton

9:00 a.m.

Chris Griesedieck
Seminarian

11:00 a.m.

Gene Cunningham
Seminarian

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m.

Mike Nardini
Suzanne Collins

9:00 a.m.

Geoff Morrison
Rick Holton, Jr.

11:00 a.m.

Stella Alexander
Jane Garvin

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 p.m.

Carol Donelan
Anne Woods

9:00 a.m.

Meg Griesedieck
Chris Griesedieck

11:00 a.m.

Cindy Cunningham
Sally O'Halloran

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.

Lucia Berglund
Piper Summers
Harry Nardini

9:00 a.m.

Lotsie Holton
Peter Grace
William Grace

11:00 a.m.

Regina Copeland
Elizabeth Kahle
John Hawkins

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.

Carter Reynolds
Elizabeth Saleeby
Chloe Shamsham

9:00 a.m.

Audrey Taves
Sam Stapleton
Tess Cacciabondo

11:00 a.m.

Catherine Farley
Owen Farley
Peter Farley

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