



ST. FRANCIS POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace! — St. Francis

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Sunday, January 30, 2011 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Malachi 3, 1-4

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 25, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R/Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

R/Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

R/Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

R/Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory.

R/Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord.

READING II - Hebrews 2, 14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not

angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Priest/Lector: ALLELUIA. **R/: ALLELUIA.** This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. **R/: ALLELUIA.**

GOSPEL - Luke 1, 22-32 (short form)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words:

"Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word.

For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see:

A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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OFFERTORY HYMN - "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

COMMUNION HYMNS -

"O Lord I Am Not Worthy" & "Come Unto Jesus"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

PRESENTATION OF JESUS, February 2

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah. St. Luce reports the event; When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus up to Jerusalem so that he could be presented to the Lord, for it is written in the law of the Lord, "every first born male shall be consecrated to the Lord." They came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord. There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord. He came to the temple now, inspired by the Spirit; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual of the law, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words: "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel." This feast celebrated by the Christian Churches of East and West at an early date, has also been called "Candlemas Day" because candles are blessed and lighted this day on which Simeon called Jesus "a light to the Gentiles."

FEAST OF CANDLEMAS - February 2nd

It is perhaps the most ancient festival of Our Lady. It honors the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, and the meeting of the Infant Jesus with the old man Simeon with joy and recognition. Traditionally the blessing and distribution of candles is held, being a

symbolic presentation of the truth proclaimed in the Canticle of Simeon; "Our Lord is the "Light for the Revelation of the Gentiles." "This feast concludes the Christmas Season, after the Epiphany.

CANDLES OF THIS DAY

Candles blessed in church, this day, are taken home as a symbol of the Blessed Mother. They are called thunder candles. The candle is lit during thunderstorms, to protect the home from lightning. It is also lit during times of troubles or when someone is approaching death. The legend surrounding these candles is that the evening the Blessed Mother wards off wolves by using these candles as a torch. Historically, there are many art works which portray the Blessed Mother in this theme. May God bless and keep us, always!



ST. BLAISE (d.316) February 3

There is no accurate historical evidence about St. Blaise's life. He was born into a wealthy family and received a Christian education. He was appointed Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred during the persecution of Licinius by Agricolaus, Governor of Cappadocia and Lower Armenia, in 316. According to tradition, Blaise retreated to a cave and became a hermit during the persecution of Licinius. While there, he befriended wild animals and cared for them when they were wounded or sick. One day, hunters found Blaise in the woods surrounded by wild animals. They captured him with the intention of putting him in prison. On the way to Sebaste, Blaise encountered a woman

whose little boy was choking to death on a fishbone. Blaise healed him and the blessing of throats on this day derives from this story. Blaise was then delivered to Governor Agricolaus and beheaded. His prayer, Through the intercession of St. Blaise may God deliver us from all evils of the throat and from every other evil. Amen.