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Sunday, February 1, 2009

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 - **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST** "*Hymn of Faith*"

CONTEMPORARY RITE - Mass Book page 63

READING I - Malaci 3, 1-4

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.

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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.

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READING II - Hebrews 2, 14-18

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.**

GENERAL CONCESSIONS

OFFERTORY HYMN - "*Come Thou Almighty King*"

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COMMUNION HYMNS - "*Hallowed Be Forever*" & "*In Thy Protection*"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "*How Great Thou Art*"



“St. Francis Weekly “Kompositions”

PRESENTATION OF JESUS, February 2

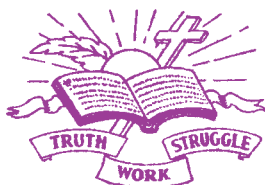
Forty days after his birth, Jesus was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph to fulfill Jewish law. There he was recognized by Simeon and Anna, who were waiting for the coming Messiah, St. Luke reports the event; When the day came to purify them according to the law of Moses, the couple brought Jesus 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.

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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.”

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY ... Henri Nouwen SOLIDARITY IN WEAKNESS

Joy is hidden in compassion. The word compassion literally means “to suffer with.” It seems quite unlikely that suffering with another person would bring joy. Yet being with a person in pain, offering simple presence to someone in despair, sharing with a friend times of confusion and uncertainty,...such experiences can bring us deep joy. Not happiness, not excitement, not great satisfaction, but the quiet joy of being there for someone else and living in deep solidarity with our brothers and sisters in this human family. Often this is a solidarity in weakness, in brokenness, in woundedness, but it leads us to the center of joy, which is sharing our humanity with others.



DEVOTIONS ... Helen Steiner Rice

A SWEET SMILE

When you walk down the street, life will seem twice as sweet if you smile at the people you happen to meet!

“The cheerful heart has a continual feast.”

—Proverbs 15:15

Today let your wardrobe include a bright, pleasant expression. A ready smile makes a fashionable accessory!

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 sick or wounded. 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 Sabaste, Blaise encountered a woman whose little boy was choking to death on a fish bone. 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.

ST. FRANCIS NOTES...

CANDLEMAS 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. They are also lit during times of troubles or when someone is approaching death.

Historically, there are many artworks which portray the Blessed Mother in this’ theme. In legend, surrounding these candles, the Blessed Mother wards off wolves, by using these candles as a torch, during the evenings. May God Bless and Protect Us, Always! Christ is our Light!

GOOD WISHES... We extend our good wishes, prayers and safe journey to Father Andrew, Monika and Adam on their trip to Poland and to Thomas & Lorraine Kompa on their vacation to Florida! Fr. Wes Petruszka will hold Mass next Sunday at 9 a.m..