

February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Holy Day: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Sundays during the school year at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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The Presentation of The Lord

It is now forty days since Christmas. Often called "Candlemas", it commemorates the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple at the end of the 40-day period of purification after the birth of a child. In bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the dictates of the Law of Moses regarding a firstborn male. Liturgically, we commemorate the Light of Christ entering the Temple with the blessing of the candles which will be used in the liturgies for the coming year. Sometimes families will also bring candles used for prayer at home. If you missed the blessing, feel free to bring your prayer candles by during the week or even next weekend to have them blessed.

It may seem like a small gesture to bring Jesus to the Temple, but just think about what is going on at that moment. For the Jews, the Temple was the dwelling place of God, the sign that God was with them ("Emmanuel"). With this first entrance of the infant Christ into the Temple, the meaning of this belief is no longer just symbolic. God is truly and substantially present. The words of the prophet Malachi (and many others) are fulfilled.

As happened so often in the life of Christ, the enormity of this event goes largely unnoticed, except by Simeon and Anna the Prophetess. These two are worth contemplating. Like all of Israel, Simeon was awaiting the emergence of the Anointed One of God. Personally, this was his vocation. Perhaps his were the only eyes that could see the full impact of how God's plan was unfolding before him. Truly, he was "awaiting the blessed hope, and the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ."

Anna is a most intriguing figure. While it was Simeon's vocation to wait, her's was to be in the Temple. Yet because of her relationship with God, she is able to recognize Christ as the savior. She even takes it a step further. While it was Simeon's role to give the private revelation to Mary and Joseph, Anna goes and speaks about the child to "all who were awaiting the redemption of Israel." She spreads the Good News.

I think we need a little of both Simeon and Anna in our spiritual lives. We need to contemplate the mysteries of salvation and then make them known to the world around us. Having come to know Christ, let us make him known. - Fr. Leo



New to the Parish?

Welcome! Please take a moment to stop by the office! We would love to meet you and show you around.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND AROUND TOWN

Catholic Daughters Camperships

It's that time of the year again when our local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3) Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2020 summer session, for students currently in 4th, 5th or 6th grade only. A 250-300 word essay written or typed on "How would my time at camp help me to build Holy Friendships". Applications and more information are available at your Parish or Catholic School office or can be emailed to you by contacting kewhitney14@gmail.com. You can also call Kerry at 907-230-4726. Application and essay must be entirely completed and postmarked no later than March 1, 2020 and sent to the CDA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 243953, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3953. Please encourage your youth to participate!

St. Theresa's Camp Raisin' of the Green

Join the fun and help in the final push to payoff the camp and secure it for generations of campers! When: April 18, 2020, 6-10PM; Where: Bridge Restaurant, 221 W Ship Creek Ave, Anchorage; Cost: \$50 per ticket. To purchase tickets: online only at www.stthereseak.com More information: Contact Yvette Tousignant at yctous@gmail.com

See you at the Bridge April 18!

Brother Francis Needs Donations

The Brother Francis Shelter needs socks (new or gently used), clothing and hand warmers. Please drop off donations at Brother Francis Shelter, 1021 E 3rd Avenue. Thank you!

Catholic Schools Collection

Thank you for supporting last week's Archdiocesan Catholic Schools collection. Your donation to Archdiocesan Catholic Schools secures the future of our local Church's mission to young people and their families. May you be blessed for your generosity!

St. Therese's Camp 2020

St. Therese's Camp summer 2020 registration is open! Sign up soon at www.stthereseak.com! Camp begins June 14. Contact Rudy at 907-232-2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com See you at camp!

Holy Rosary Academy Open House

All are invited to HOLY ROSARY ACADEMY'S OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, February 19th from 6 to 8pm. The Open House will feature Student-led tours, an opportunity to meet the faculty and the principal. For more information please call 276-5822 or visit our website: www.hraak.com

CSS Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services

Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) has new arrivals planned for the month of February: Family of 5 from South Sudan, Family of 5 from Russia, Family of 4 from Russia, and two Single females from Russia .RAIS in need of: kitchen tables and chairs, sofas, and dressers to help set up the new arrivals' home. Call 907-222-7341 if you can help. Thank you!

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Men's Morning of Reflection (Ora-et-Labora)

All men of the Parish are invited to the Men's Morning of Reflection next Saturday, February 8th at 9am in the Chapel. Work project to be announced. Doors open at 8:30am for coffee and donuts.

World Marriage Week

February 7th to 14th is National Marriage Week, and on Sunday, February 9th, we will be celebrating World Marriage Sunday. This year's theme is "Stories from the Domestic Church". For information and resources visit foryourmarriage.org

St. Pat's Seniors

Our St. Pat's Seniors will gather for their Lunch and Meeting this Thursday, February 6th, at noon in the Deacons Hall. Please join us on Thursday for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Please call the parish office for more information.

[Additional Documents online at
www:st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org)

February Parish Calendar
Climate Change Information Sheet
Music Ministry News Calendar

Sunday Collections

January Goal \$56,500.00

Sunday, Jan. 5 \$13,972.44

Sunday, Jan. 12 \$11,179.34

Sunday, Jan. 19 \$11,600.41

Sunday, Jan. 26 \$11,921.14

Total Collected \$48,673.33

Short of Goal \$7,826.67

Web Minister Needed!

Are you a techy? Your parish needs YOU to help us maintain and regularly update the parish website. Call Fr. Leo for details, 337-1538

Music Ministry News

Want to keep up with what's happening in the Music Ministry? Send an email with your information to Margaret Simmons, Music Director, at queenowrits@arctic.net. Always check with your choir director to reconfirm your rehearsals.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS FROM Margaret Simmons, Music Director at St. Pat's - Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the musicians, helpers, and families that allow our music to flourish. Without all your help we could not sing the praises of God.

C.H.A.O.S. St. Patrick's Day Shows

Hold these dates – March 13 and March 20! Calling all actors, musicians, technical wizards, seamstresses, painters, crafters, beauticians, and make-up artists!

The **Family Show** is Friday, March 13; the **Really Big Shoe** with dinner is Friday, March 20.

Rehearsals — Sundays - 5pm-7:30pm; Thursdays - 7-9pm in the Deacons Hall. For more information, contact our director Brenda Bergsrud at akberg2010@gmail.com or call the parish office. **Everyone is welcome!**

St. Patrick's Parish Nurses

Please check out the Parish Nurses' Table in the gathering area for the latest information on presentations coming up in February. The topics include "Eat Right - Bite by Bite", "Mindfulness for your Heart's Sake", and a Free Health Fair. Stop at the Nurses' Table for more information.

St. Francis House Food Pantry

We all can act mercifully to our needy brother and sisters by bringing cans of vegetables, soup, chili, tuna, and/or fruit to St. Pat's on Sundays. Volunteers take them on Mondays to St. Francis Food Pantry for sharing. Sometimes 100+ people come there daily, Monday through Thursday, to get food. Bring cans and place them in the St. Francis bins in the gathering area near the front doors of the church. Thank you!

February Special Collections

February 1 & 2: St. Patrick's Building fund

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2, 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord

Blessings of Throats at all Masses
 CGS Morning Session 10:00am - CGS Atrium
 Faith Formation 10:00am - All Rooms
 Traditional Choir Rehearsal 10:45am - Church
 CGS Afternoon Session 1:00pm - CGS Atrium
 Praise Choir Rehearsal 3:00pm - Church

Monday, February 3, 2020 - St. Blaise Feast Day

Parish Office Closed
 Mass with Blessings of Throats 5:30pm - Chapel
 CSSI Adult Faith Study Group 6:00pm - Tara
 Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm - Chapel
 SPRED Catechist Prep 6:15pm - Hosp Rm
 Young Adult Gathering 7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
 Legion of Mary 6:15pm - Cenacle
 R.C.I.A. 6:30pm - Tara
 CGS Catechist Prep 7:00pm - CGS Atrium
 Lector Training 7:00pm - Church

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

CSSI Adult Faith Study Group 10:00am - Hosp Rm
 Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
 Folk Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - Church
 Homebound EEM Training 6:30pm - Tara
 Knights of Columbus 7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Adult Faith Study Group 10:00am - Hosp Rm
 Senior's Group Lunch & Meeting Noon - Dcns Hall
 Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
 Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm - Chapel
 Traditional Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
 YM Core Team Meeting 6:30pm - Hosp Rm
 CHAOS Rehearsal 7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mass 5:30pm - Chapel
 Eucharistic Adoration 6:00pm - Chapel
 Samoan Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - Church

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Men's Morning of Reflection (Men's Ora-et-Lobora) 9:00am - Church
 SoulCore Exercise Group 9:30am - Cenacle
 Homebound EEM Training 10:00am - Tara
 Lector Training 1:00pm - Church
 Contemporary Choir Rehearsal 3:45pm - Church
 Confessions 4:00pm - Recon Rm
 KofC Rosary 4:30pm - Chapel
 Samoan Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm - Church
 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00pm - Tara

READINGS

February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

MAL 3:1-4; Psalm 24:7,8, 9,10; HEB 2:14-18; LK 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

February 3 - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop

2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; MK 5:1-20

February 4 - Tuesday

2 SM 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; MK 5:21-43

February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 SM 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; MK 6:1-6

February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

1KGS 2:1-4, 10-12; Psalm: 1 Chronicles 29:10, 1AB, 11D-12A, 12bBCD; MK 6:7-13

February 7 - Friday

SIR 47:2-11; Psalm 18:31 47 & 50, 51; MK 6:14-29

February 8 - Saturday

1 KGS 3:4-13; Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Gospel: MK 6:30-34

February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS 58:7-10; Psalm 112:4-9; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

February 2, THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sat.	5:00pm	Drew Koop, R.O.S.
Sun.	8:30am	People of the Parish, R.O.S.
	11:30am	Martha Trinidad, R.O.S.
	5:00pm	
Mon.	5:30pm	
Tues.	5:30pm	
Wed.	5:30 pm	Jim Nicholson, Birthday Blessings
Thurs.	5:30pm	
Fri.	5:30pm	Boelter, Tett, Croeley Families: Living & Deceased



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