

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

— *Hebrews 2:17a*

A CHRISTMAS REPRISÉ

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,682.00	\$1,901.00
Number of Families contributing	120	88
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (4 Weeks)	\$14,048.00	\$13,640.00
Received to Date	\$8,569.00	\$6,104.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$5,479.00	\$7,536.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$308.00	\$945.00

Thirty-four ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$1,180.00	\$14,065.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$6.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$32.00.

30 CHILDREN contributed \$91.00.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA totaled \$470.00.

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 80; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 150 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An aspiring young writer went to an old master for advice and wisdom. After giving the technical help sought the old writer said, "So, remember your life is well spent if you can find only five real friends." The youth laughed and thought the old man senile. After all, he had many friends. However, years later, after many successes and failures the writer realized that the old master had been correct—except that five real friends were too many to expect. He had found only one.

We have many acquaintances but few friends. David had lost his best friend, Jonathon, years before, but here we glimpse another real friend God gave him. Ittai risked all, even death, to be with David. His words, recorded in this chapter, are too sincere to suspect political advantage on Ittai's part. At this time defeat was sure, yet he said, "In death or life, I want to be with you."

This is a lonely world and when we, who know the friend that sticketh closer than a brother, befriend mankind, we indeed fulfill one of the greatest missions of man. Let us be friends and brothers to lonely people.

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

— *Prov. 17:17*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Jack's Cathy in loving memory of her on the 1st Anniversary of her death;
2. the Wife and family of Thomas "Paco" Sherlock on the 5th Anniversary of his death;
3. the Family of Beasley in loving memory of him on the 2nd Anniversary of his death;
4. The Family of Nancy Gorman in loving memory of her on the 7th Anniversary of her death;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

CONGRATULATIONS

to John Daley Carroll, Ireland Carroll, Scotland Costello, Gryphen Gorman, Polaris Mack, Elegance Riley and Embassy Sherlock for achieving the A+ Honor Roll.

Creed Carroll, Jim Richmon Carroll, Starlet Carroll, Thomas Scotson Carroll, Montela Gorman, Magesty Riley, McQueen Riley, Heidi Sherlock, Kody Sherlock, Sutton Sherlock and Hagee Smith for achieving the All-A Honor Roll.

Beckham Carroll, Carlisle Carroll, Elite Carroll, Faro Thomas Carroll, Gianna Carroll, Honor Carroll, Isabella Carroll, Kade Carroll, Malibu Carroll, Micah Carroll, Alden Gorman, Bryan Hollister Gorman, Aiden O'Hara, Gemslynn O'Hara, Mike Thomas O'Hara, Bella Riley, Jim Murphy Riley, Gwen Riley, Juliet Riley, Magastey Riley, Radiance Riley, Royal Riley, Sadie Riley, Acea Sherlock, Brittian Sherlock, Delancy Sherlock, Easton Sherlock, Edge Sherlock, Graclynn Sherlock, Hyness Sherlock, John Elvis Sherlock, Johnny Dempsey Sherlock, Lenox Sherlock, Sybella Sherlock, Rylie Sherlock and Royce Sherlock for achieving the A-B Honor Roll.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

St. Blaise is the patron saint of those with throat maladies. We shall celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise this Tuesday, February 4th at 10:00 A.M. with Solemn Mass and Blessing of Throats.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jim Edward Carroll and Loriel Riley.

NO NEED TO RUSH
There's no need to rush.
What's meant for you always arrives on time.

2019 TAX STATEMENTS 2019 Tax statements for donations made during the year were mailed to those who contributed \$250 or more during the year. If you have donated less than \$250 but still require a tax statement, please contact the Church Office at 803-279-1837.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The second collection this weekend will be for *Disaster Relief for Australia, Philippines and Puerto Rico*. Please be generous in this collection.

MASTER'S TABLE The Society of Mary Immaculate is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to their guests at the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, February 6th. If you would like to participate in this God rewarding opportunity, please contact Ned's Priscilla.

JOKE OF THE WEEK One woman was bragging to her next-door neighbor about her son, a college student at the University of Illinois. "Why our son is so brilliant, every time we get a letter from him, we have to go to the dictionary."

"You're lucky," the neighbor said. "Every time we get a letter from our son in college, we have to go to the bank."

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to the Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Infant of Prague; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
Monday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday: St. Agatha
Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: International Day of Prayer; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Jude "Underdog" on the 10th Anniversary of his death.
Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Pete Jason Carroll on the 12th Anniversary of his death.
Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Jack's Cathy on the 1st Anniversary of her death.
Thursday: For the repose of the soul of Paco on the 5th Anniversary of his death.
Friday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.

LESSON

*Truly, love will go with you,
Throughout the seasons of life,
Down every road and pathway,
Sunny days and stormy nights.
The journey of a lifetime
Begins with a single step.
Love is with you from the start,
And it shall never forget.
Nor leave you, nor forsake you
Because God is love, you know.
And love is the only thing
You can take with you when you go.*

READERS

Sat. Feb. 1st, 4:00 P.M. Cathy Lisa & Karen	Sat. Feb. 1st, 7:00 P.M. Bridgette Anna & Carolyn
Sun. Feb. 2nd, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
Sat. Feb. 8th, 4:00 P.M. Grace & Rita Riley	Sat. Feb. 8th, 7:00 P.M. Christina & Natalie
Sun. Feb. 9th, 10:00 A.M.	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Cheryl
Tuesday	- Rose Marie
Wednesday	- Cathy Lisa
Thursday	- Annette
Friday	- Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	Feb. 1st
Front	Bridget Ann
Left Cup	Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

Feb. 2nd	Feb. 9th
Pete Man's Nora	Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie	Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	Pete Man's Nora
Wednesday	Margaret Butts
Thursday	Betty Jo
Friday	Mary Cat

REASONS

The one who loves you will never leave you
Because if there are
100 REASONS
To give up he/she will find
ONE REASON
To hold on.

VERY HEART TOUCHING

(A BITTER TRUTH)

An old man took his phone to a repair shop.
Technician: *Nothing is wrong with this phone.*
Old man with tears in his eyes said: *Then why don't my children ever call me?*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR HEALTH

Lord, I thank You for the blessings of good health that I and those dear to me have enjoyed. May we continue to experience health in every aspect of our lives. Restore physical health to those of us weakened with illness, peace to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems.

Help us find in the days of our strength a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide us through any health challenges we may face now or in the future. Amen.