



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 2, 2025

## Solemnity of the Presentation Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego

February 2, 2025

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm: Ps 24:7-10

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

Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour / SOCL
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: R190, Angels From The Realms Of Glory.
- Gloria: Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: R630, There Is Sunshine In My Soul.
- Offertory: We Are The Light Of The World (handout).
- Communion: Blest Are They (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R48, There Is A Balm In Gilead.
- Recessional: R377, Joyful, Joyful (3 verses).

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we continue through Winter into Spring (let's think Spring). Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
  - **Operation SouperBowl:** The soup pot is out. Please share what loose change you may have to help feed the poor.
  - **Official Notice:** Our annual meeting will be held today following 10am Holy Mass.
- Please continue to pray for our seminarians: Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- Annual YMSofR Dues of \$12 are due. Please see Paul.
- **Basket Social:** Sign-up sheets are out.
- **Scout Sunday.** Today we pray for and recognize all in Scouting.
- **Presentation.** On today's Solemnity we bless candles and hold the Blessing of Throats. Feel free to take home some candles.
- **Epiphany Home Visitations:** Home blessings have begun. See Fr. Jim to make an appointment. Visitations end on March 4th.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." ---

Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

Today, we complete the forty days of our Christmas observance.

For those not well versed in Mosaic Law there is a bit to unpack here.

The first item is the idea of purification. As our Gospel tells us: *When the days were completed for their purification* Joseph took Mary and Jesus to Jerusalem. A mother had to spend forty days in the process of purification from having given birth to a son. She was considered unclean or impure during those days and could not be seen in public, and most particularly not in the synagogue or Temple, nor around anything holy.

To complete the purification a sacrifice, a purification offering, was to be made. The Law required the offering of one-year-old lamb and a young pigeon or turtledove. Because Joseph and

Mary were poor, they were allowed to offer a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. By the way, if a mother had given birth to a girl, under the Law she is considered unclean for eighty days. If you want to go into all the details read Leviticus 12.

As we all know, the old Law has passed away in Jesus' sacrifice and our purification by confession and faith. So why do we pay very special attention to this day?

What is most telling for us is what happened on that day in the Temple and its parallels thirty-three years later.

Three plus decades later a purification offering was to be made. Jesus goes up to Jerusalem again to present Himself to the Father and to carry out the Father's will. He would be that purification offering for us.

Consider as Jesus goes to Jerusalem, He drives out the

money changers and sellers who were plying their trade to people who could not afford items for sacrifice – they were taking advantage of people just like Mary and Joseph.

Consider too the cost. Could we afford Jesus? Could we afford the cost of the sacrifice necessary for our salvation? Absolutely not! Even the richest person in the world is too poor to pay for salvation, for their sin, thus why Jesus had to pay our cost.

These parallels are underlined in Simeon's words to Mary. Jesus would be the reason for the rise and fall of many, and a sign that would be contradicted.

Jesus' coming has led to our being raised up. Because of Him we are a contradiction to the worldly. As He is our light so are we a light to all who would come to Him.

## Memory Verse

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Titus 3:5

MONDAY Acts 4:12

TUESDAY: Romans 10:9

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 37:39

THURSDAY: Mark 16:16

FRIDAY: 1 Peter 1:8-9

SATURDAY: Galatians 2:21

## Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, Your Holy Spirit has called me to faith through the confession of my sin and trust in You. Continue to raise me up and keep me in Your light so I may be a light to others. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Denver, CO.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

## Upcoming

- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY with Blessing of Candles and Blessing of Throats. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Annual Parish Meeting follows.**
- **February 3: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **February 4: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 7: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 9: 4th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **February 10: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **February 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 12: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 13: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 14: Commemoration – St. Valentine, Martyr.**