Dear Padre,

A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1–8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or



turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1–2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

> -Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Funcis

In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.

> —FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Calendar

Monday FEBRUARY 3 *Weekday* 2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13 Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday FEBRUARY 4 *Weekday* 2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30–19:3 Mk 5:21–43

Wednesday FEBRUARY 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 2 Sm 24:2, 9–17 Mk 6:1–6

Thursday FEBRUARY 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12 Mk 6:7–13

> Friday FEBRUARY 7 *Weekday* Sir 47:2–11 Mk 6:14–29

Saturday FEBRUARY 8 *Weekday* 1 Kgs 3:4–13 Mk 6:30–34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7–10 1 Cor 2:1–5 Mt 5:13–16



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 02, 2020



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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule Sun 7:30 am parish family St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions Sat 4 pm Our Parish Family 9:00am Our Parish 6.00pm. Paul Irbey Mon 8:00am Mary Lynn Necaise Tues 8:00 am Family Wed 6:00 pm Dale Donahue Int Thu 8:00 am Dale Donahue. Int Fri 8:00 am Mary Lynn Necaise

From Father David's Desk...

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"We Belong To God".

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; We need to belong. Hôwever, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrêws underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendent of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Isreal, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the familly, tribe, or clan through the male line, with woman participating through the agency of men.. This cultural gender bias nêed not prevent us from understaning the profound meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world. Do we really cherish every child as belongs to God? How have you made your world better? Let's think about it

May God bless all of us!

Fr. David

Lizana Light: : Every Friday from 9am to 11am. if someone is need of food refer them please. Thank you.

<u>Knights of Columbus:</u> Meet this Sunday after the 9am Mass. If you have any question, please contact Garland Moran.

<u>Bible Study:</u> We study **St Peter.** Please join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:30pm**. For more information, please contact **Ruth**

<u>RCIA</u>: Please contact Sherrie Demello .

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: The better way to pray for your deceased as well as for living family and friends is offering Masses for them.so please consider it Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

*THIS*_WÊEK FEBRUARY 2 Sunday is the feast day of presentation of the lord. So we will have procession with blessed candles begins from pavilion. Take one candle each from the Church. Please

The Sacred Heart Boys Youth Retreat will be held March 13-15 at the Dedeaux Hilton. The retreat is open to all boys 9th through 12th grade. For more information, please contact Melvin Ray, retreat director, at 228-861-5546.

MASS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Feb 01 4pm	Mike west	Wanda, Ruth and Derris	Austin S.	Mike, shorty	Julia Lizana,, & Ruth
Sun Feb 02 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Terry Mitchel	Terry Mitchel
Sun Feb 02 9am	Tracy o'Flynn	Beverly, William, and Kim	Kane, page, & Samantha	Pat Ladner	Ron, Tino, Mariah
Sun Feb 02 6pm	Richard Dunlap	John Moran	Blake Smith and Haise Smith	John Moran	Deanna Smith
Sat Feb 08 4am	Lanny Acosta	Dianne may, , Rita Acosta, Doris .	Austin .S	August Schone	Ann & Shortly Shâw
Sun Feb 09 7;30 am	, Sandra Ammons	Douglas Ladner	(OLC)	Terry Mitchel	Terry Mitchel
Sun Feb 09 9 pm	Eđdie Duran	Susan Pelear, Robin Peterson,	Paige Glodôwski	Will Burker	Ruth
Sun Feb 09 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Richard,, John.	Austin S.	John Moran	Deanna Smith

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *

50Identifiable: \$1,033.00; Loose: \$809.00; Total: \$2,451.00; Children: \$.20.45.00; ACH: 55.00; Special Collection 378.00

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<u>Alter society</u>: Meeting next Sunday February 09, after 9:00 Mass. Lenten fish fry's will be discussed. Everyone interested in helping please join us. Have any question call lenell-228 861 0997

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560

Vote of Thanks We thank Fr. Vo for sponsoring monstrance to our Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas. Lee James. Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Nancy (Chicago), Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaise, John Parish, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and Lyndon Rushing, joseph and Megan,s Daughter Colbi Pittman capuano , Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine. Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Brandon Miller, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, Liz John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Weiss, Ladner.and Matt Dubission.