



## Blessings of Many Shapes

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce" (Luke 2:34–35).

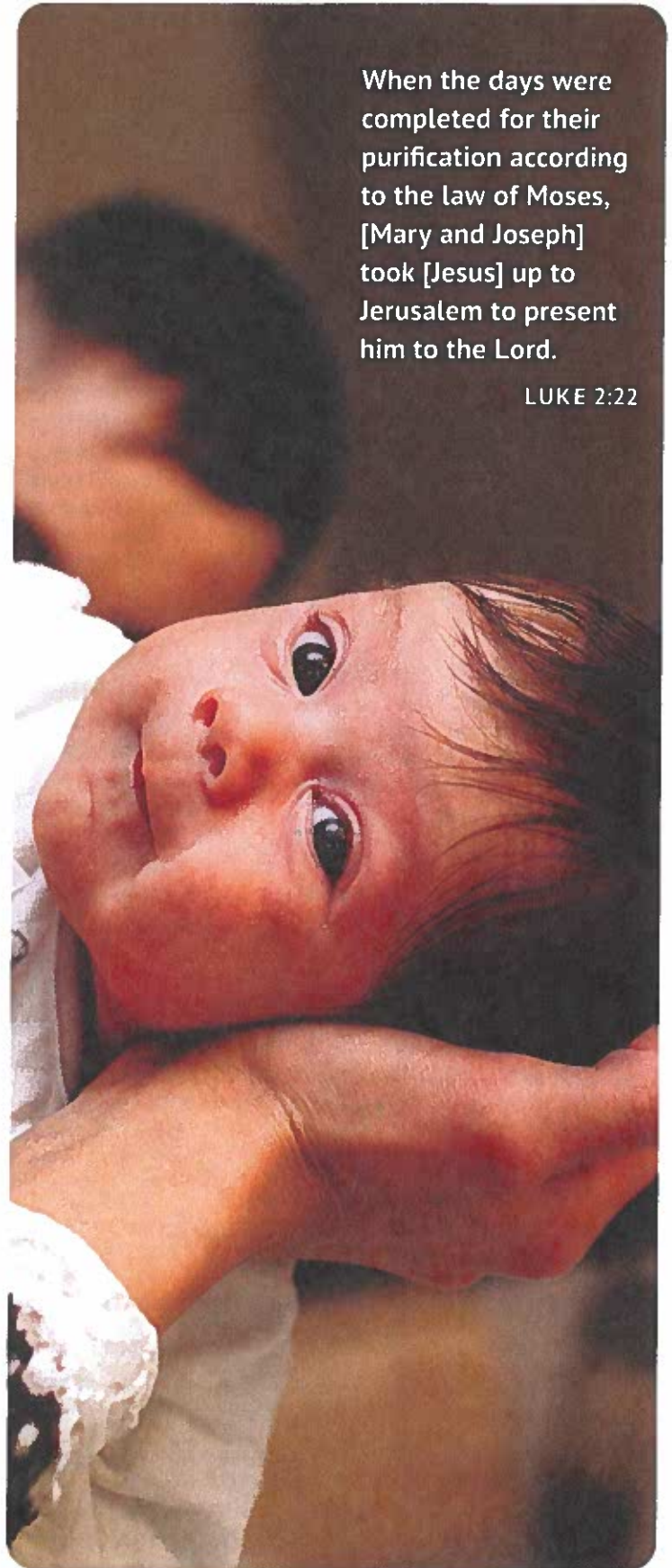
Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

### Reflect

***Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.***

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22



## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MARY AND GOOD SHEPHERD

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### St. Mary

**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:30pm

**Confessions:** 4:00pm- 4:45pm on Saturdays

**Weekday Mass:** Tuesday: (English) 5:30pm

Wednesday & Friday: (English) 12:00pm

Thursday: (Spanish) 5:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hour:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after mass

**Adoration:** Daily in the Chapel except during mass times.

**Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:**

Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am

**SVdP Food Pantry:** call 737-767-7368.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 5:00 – 7:00

**SVdP Thrift Store:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 9:00 -12:00

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00

### Good Shepherd

**Altar:** Heather Oliver

**Flowers:** Rebecca Britton

**Lector:** Steve Burke

**Counters:** Mary Anna Beard, Teresa Hays

**Confessions:** Sundays @ 7:30 am

**Weekday mass:** No service

**Attendance:** 54

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 26**

**Main Collection:** \$284.00

**Children's:** \$12.00

**Online Giving:** \$111.50

### **Youth Group Fundraiser:**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The youth Group is having a spaghetti dinner Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>.

All proceeds will help fund the trip to Rome.

**Thanks to all who came and supported our last fundraiser for the youth group.**

### **CCE & Sacramental Preparational Classes:**

Religious Educations classes are Sundays after mass and Sacramental Prep classes are Mondays at 2:00pm

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Wednesday/Miércoles, February 5**

**12:00pm:** Communion Service

**Friday/Viernes, February 7**

**12:00pm:** Communion Service

**Saturday/Sábado, February 8**

**5:30pm:** †Ventura & Carmen Moreno

**Sunday/Domingo, February 9**

**8:00am: (GS)** Bryan Glover

**10:00am:** †Margaret Baillaregeon

**12:15pm:** †Francisco Zaragosa

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 26**

**Main Collection:** \$4,152.00

**Children's:** \$33.00

**Online Giving:** \$581.16

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Mass Attendance:** 390

**Counters: February 3**

Vickie Franco

Diane Morua

DeeAnn Smith

### Those Who Serve Our Country

William Smith, Frankie Medina, John Paul Saucedo, John Taylor Saucedo, Michael Rodriguez, Matthew Coonrod, Aiden Aldaco, Avery Aldaco, Qdrick Moreno, Mark Argo, Anthony Morua, Paul Lego, Joshua Bunting, Aaron Ripley Kiser, Colton Currier, Jesús García, Lawrence Olivarez, Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self, Graham Hibbert

### February 1/2

**Sat. 5:30pm EMHC:** Reed's/Martinez's

**LECTOR:** Emily Martinez

**Head Usher:** Matt Reed

**Sun 10:00am EMHC:** Victor Olivarez

Rena Cronk, Charlie Ybarra

**LECTOR:** Simon Valles

**Head Usher:** Victor Olivarez

**Sun 12:15pm EMHC:** Eduardo Arevalo

Maria Rafel, Stella Morua

**LECTOR:** Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

**Head Usher:** Pablo Mendez

### February 8/9

**Sat. 5:30pm EMHC:** Charlie Ybarra

Carmen Coonrod, Cecilia Salazar

**LECTOR:** John Wendele

**Head Usher:** Carlos Franco

**Sun 10:0am EMHC:** Yolanda and

Isidore Salazar, Shane Guthrie

**LECTOR:** DeeAnn Smith

**Head Usher:** Shane Guthrie

**Sun 12:15pm EMHC:** Stella Morua

Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

**LECTOR:** Ofelia Gonzalez

**Head Usher:** Pablo Mendez

### For Those Who Have Died

Michael Maldonado, Terry Hall, Ramon Villegas, Tony Gamez Sr., Dr. Pablo Leonardo, Clarence Benton, Carol Nuñez, Ignacio Acosta Jr., Rebecca Felan, Justo Gill, Steve Dimas, Ruth Ann Wittenburg, Frank Maldonado, Emmanuel & Veronica Onjefu, Stephanie Gill, Corina Menendez, Sally Dimas, Lupe Dimas, Iris Dye

### For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Cindi Sierra, Ray Zamaniego, Annie Moreno, Barbara Galleger, Charlie Peña, Theodore Martin, Stella Rodriguez, Andrés Moreno, Reyes Olivas, Mike Simmons, Jacob Rivera, Michael Wendele, Remi Wissinger, Edwin Rivas Miranda, Benjamin Caughron



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## St. Mary

### A Message from the Diocese of Austin

Pope Francis has named Bishop Joe Vásquez as the archbishop of Galveston-Houston. He will be installed on March 25 in Houston. Please hold Bishop Vásquez in your daily prayers as he prepares for this new mission and as he continues to lead the Diocese of Austin until his installation. Stay tuned to [austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org) for the latest information about farewell Masses and other events celebrating Bishop Vásquez.

*El Papa Francisco ha nombrado al Obispo Joe Vásquez como arzobispo de Galveston-Houston. Será instalado el 25 de marzo en Houston. Mantengan al Obispo Vásquez en sus oraciones diarias mientras se prepara para esta nueva misión y mientras continúa liderando la Diócesis de Austin hasta su instalación. Manténgase al tanto en [austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org) para obtener la información más reciente sobre las Misas de despedida y otros eventos celebrando al Obispo Vásquez.*

#### The Presentation of the Lord

Considering the decadence of this contemporary age in secular society, there is a critical need to stand up for what is right and just. We are reminded by Jeremiah that taking the hard right, as opposed to the easy wrong, is the correct moral and ethical choice. As long as we stand on the promises of Christ, God will provide us the fortitude and strength to speak the truth.

#### Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor

Considerando la Fdecadencia de esta época contemporánea en la sociedad secular, existe una necesidad crítica de pronunciarnos por lo que es justo y correcto. Jeremías nos recuerda que optar por lo correcto y difícil, en lugar de optar por lo fácil y equivocado es la decisión correcta moral y ética. Mientras nos apoyemos en las promesas de Cristo, Dios nos dará fortaleza y fuerza para decir la verdad.

#### ATTENTION MEN!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Austin at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at San Jose Catholic Church in Austin. The theme of this year's conference is "Practicing Heroic Virtue: Prudence and Fortitude." The day runs from 8:00am to 4:00pm and will feature a Rosary, Holy Mass, Dr. Ansel Augustine (Emcee/Speaker); Curtis Martin (keynote) and Kevin Wells. There will also be music, Catholic Exhibitors/vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their walk with Jesus and dynamically live out their Catholic faith. Breakfast after mass, and lunch will be provided at no charge to all those who buy a ticket and have your attendee badge on. For more information and/or to register online for the in-person or live stream tickets go to [www.centexcatholic.com](http://www.centexcatholic.com) or [info@centexcatholic.com](mailto:info@centexcatholic.com).

**Our deepest sympathy to family of:**

**Michael Maldonado**



*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



### Coffee & Donuts

Every Sunday after each mass in the parish hall  
Please join us!

#### Café y Donas

*Todos los domingos después de cada misa en el salón parroquial*  
*Por Favore, únase a nosotros!*



Receive a plenary indulgence by adhering to the four foundation conditions and performing one of the following:

Participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church;

- Or, visit the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people;
- Or, abstain, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions, from superfluous consumption, (such as watching TV or playing video games) and donating to the poor or voluntary activities that are of service to the community

#### Diocesan World Marriage Day Enrichments (Feb 8 or 9)

The Diocese of Austin, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Cedarbrake retreat center and several parishes are partnering to offer couples the chance to deepen their marriage sacrament.

On World Marriage Day weekend, February 8-9, marriage enrichments entitled *Decisions to Love/Decisiones de Amar* will be offered around the diocese. Catholic couples will share their stories of growth, challenge and love—inspiring you to grow closer by making daily decisions to love.

For more information on the program, see the article in the online Catholic Spirit at <https://austindiocese.news/marriage-and-making-daily-decisions-love>.

Each enrichment is a half-day, with options available on either Saturday (2/8) or Sunday (2/9), in English or Spanish. Select the enrichment that best fits your needs. Enrichments close with either Saturday anticipatory mass or Sunday mass at the host parish or Cedarbrake retreat center. Cost is \$25/couple.

Please pre-register as space is limited. Babysitting is offered at two of the scheduled enrichments with pre-registration. Details, registration and info on babysitting can be found at <https://www.austinme.org/world-marriage-day-2025>.



# Dear Padre,

*What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.*

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22–38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

| Monday       | Tuesday    | Wednesday                           | Thursday                                    | Friday     | Saturday               | Sunday                           |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| February 3   | February 4 | February 5                          | February 6                                  | February 7 | February 8             | February 9                       |
| Weekday      | Weekday    | St. Agatha,<br>Virgin and<br>Martyr | St. Paul Miki and<br>Companions,<br>Martyrs | Weekday    | Weekday                | Fifth Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time |
| Heb 11:32–40 | Heb 12:1–4 | Heb 12:4–7,<br>11–15                | Heb 12:18–19,<br>21–24                      | Heb 13:1–8 | Heb 13:15–17,<br>20–21 | Is 6:1–2a, 3–8                   |
| Mk 5:1–20    | Mk 5:21–43 | Mk 6:1–6                            | Mk 6:7–13                                   | Mk 6:14–29 | Mk 6:30–34             | 1 Cor 15:1–11<br>or 15:3–8, 11   |
|              |            |                                     |   |            |                        | Lk 5:1–11                        |



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.*

**HOMILY, ROME, FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Presentation of Jesus  
February 2nd, 2025

Luke 2:22-40

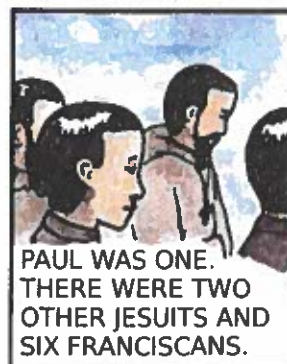
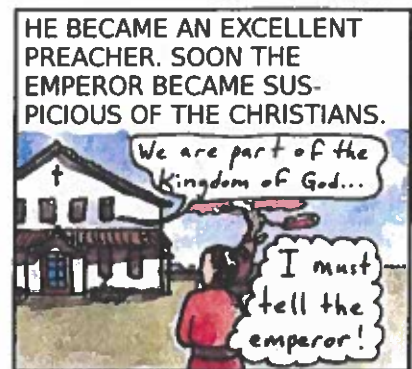
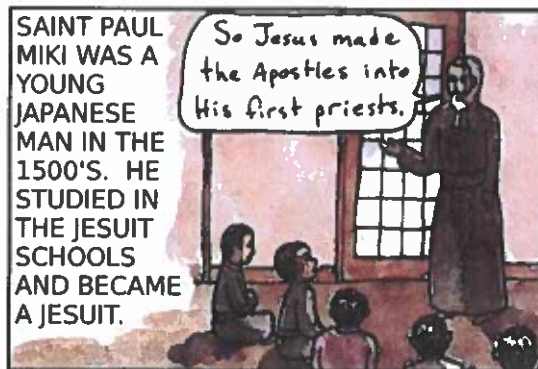


*Can you help the Holy Family find their way to the Temple so that Baby Jesus can be presented there?*



# Saint Paul Miki and Companions

## February 6



WHEN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES CAME TO JAPAN AGAIN IN THE 1800'S, AT FIRST THEY THOUGHT THERE WERE NO CHRISTIANS THERE, BUT THEN THEY FOUND THEM PRACTICING THEIR FAITH SECRETLY. OUR LORD USES THE SACRIFICE OF THE MARTYRS TO STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OTHER CHRISTIANS.

# ***The Presentation: True or False?***

*How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple? See if you can tell which of these statements are true and which are false!*

1. Jesus was 12 years old when Mary and Joseph first presented Him in the temple. True or False?
2. Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple all by herself. True or False?
3. Joseph and Mary offered two pigeons or turtledoves when they presented Jesus in the temple. True or False?
4. When Simeon took baby Jesus in his arms he said to God, "my eyes have seen your salvation." True or False?
5. Mary forgot what Simeon said as soon as they left the temple. True or False?
6. Anna the prophetess, who also greeted the Holy Family, was an old woman. True or False?
7. Jesus stayed at the temple when Mary and Joseph went home. True or False?



# The Presentation of Jesus



Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the temple. God's people were supposed to offer their firstborn sons to the service of God, or make an offering of animals instead. Mary and Joseph were poor, so they followed the law by offering a pair of turtledoves.

I OFFER MY  
WORK TO YOU,  
LORD!



Did you know that you can offer yourself to God too? You can use your life to do good and please God. A good way to start is to pray a

"morning offering" every day. Tell God that you love Him and offer Him all your prayers, work, joys, and sufferings of the day. When you do everything for God you will be cooperating with Jesus in making the world a better and happier place!

I OFFER YOU  
EVERYTHING  
THIS DAY...



How can you start offering yourself to God today?

Answers to Presentation True or False:  
1. False 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. False 6. True 7. False

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