

The Presentation at the Temple



PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 2, 2020

The Pastor Jots It Down...

My dear parishioners of St. John Bosco,

There is a centuries' old tradition of distributing blessed candles on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.

The blessing included in the *Roman Missal* summarizes the spiritual symbolism of this sacramental.

*O God, source and origin of all light,
who on this day showed to the just man Simeon
the light for revelation to the Gentiles,
we humbly ask that,
In answer to your people's prayers,
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles,
which we are eager to carry in praise of your name,
so that, treading the path of virtue,
we may reach that light which never fails.
Through Christ our Lord.*

It is appropriate to leave the blessed candle in a prominent place in your home or on a prayer table. This reminds you of Jesus, light of the world, and invites you to prayer. Then when you devote time for personal or communal prayer in your home, you may light the candle to help you focus.

Candles provide a powerful spiritual ambiance. They can calm the heart and open us up to the light of God.

Another way to use blessed candles is to bring them out during severe weather. Traditionally Catholics would always light the blessed candle during a strong storm, invoking the power of God to protect their home.

Also, on account of their association with the "Light of the World," blessed candles are a powerful sacramental to use against evil spirits prowling about. The devil lives in darkness, and so the light of the blessed candle invokes the power of God to keep the devil's influence at bay.

If you are not able to use the blessed candle, or simply because the candle is no longer usable, it is best to dispose of it in a way that shows the reverence due to a sacramental.

All sacramentals can be either burned or buried in order to properly dispose of them. This type of disposal honors their sacred purpose and returns them to the earth in a dignified way. If a person is unable to do either, the sacramental may be dropped off at the parish office and church staff will take care of it.

If you are looking for something to enhance your spiritual life, consider using blessed candles to enlighten your soul, bringing it out of darkness.
(Edited from an article by Philip Kosloski)

God loves you!



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MASS SCHEDULE:

<i>Monday—Friday</i>	<i>7:00 am</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:00 am</i>
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	<i>5:00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am</i>
	<i>5:00 pm</i>

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm
Sunday: 10:15 - 10:45am

VOCATION PRAYER INTENTION

From **January 31 – February 6**

Please pray for
**consecrated life and for all those
discerning a vocation to the consecrated life**
in honor of World Day for Consecrated Life.



LENTEN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Would you like to experience Sacred Scripture—not just study it?

Do you have a deep desire to grow in your faith and prayer life?

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through prayer?

Would you like to experience a directed retreat without interrupting your daily life?

If your answer is “Yes” a Lenten Retreat in Daily Life may be for you. In between the opening and closing session you will spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day. You will have a private session with an experienced spiritual director weekly during the retreat.

HELD IN TWO LOCATIONS:

The North Shore Catholic Center:

4465 Hwy. E. 190 Service Road, Covington.

Opening Session: Saturday, February 29, 2020,
10:30am - Noon Closing: Saturday, April 4, 2020,
10:30-Noon

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center:

2501 Maine Ave., Metairie

Opening Session: Sunday, March 1, 2020, 2:00 – 4:00
pm Closing: Thursday, April 2, 2020. 7:00-8:30pm



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place
Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 3:00 PM
in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie.

Please Note:

This year's celebration **will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service.**

Attendance at Mass for the Sunday obligation
will have to be met within one's respective parish.

(To register, please contact the parish rectory at 340-0444 before March 11, 2020)



SAINT JOHN BOSCO CHURCH

"FAMILY BINGO"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

DOORS OPEN 6PM-STARTS 7PM

TOTAL GIVEAWAY—\$1200.00

\$10.00 BUY IN FOR 20 GAMES

**FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**

2114 OAKMERE DR., HARVEY





MEN'S CLUB MEETING
Our next Men's Club meeting
will be held on
February 3rd at 6:30pm.
All men in the parish
are invited to attend.



COFFEE AND DONUTS
Please come and join us after the
morning masses on **February 16th**
for coffee, donuts and fellowship.
Hope to see you there!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Regular Business Meeting
February 17th
Social: 6:00pm - 6:40pm
Rosary: 6:40pm
Meeting: 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adore Jesus in the Adoration Chapel
following the 7am Monday Mass,
continuously, until just before
the Saturday morning 8am Mass.

StJohnBosco@AdorationServants.org



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle
is in memory of

**Ruth Cheramie
(AOD)**



BREAD AND WINE
Celebration of the Eucharist
is in memory of

**Ruth Cheramie
(AOD)**

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 1	8am	Conversion of Poor Sinners
	5pm	Rosie Catubig, For fast recovery +Neil J. Folse, Jr. +Dale Hymel +Paul Louis Nguyen Dinh Dzung +Wayne Delaune +Mathew Foret +Oren Beaux, Sr. +Jacqueline G. Guillot +Doug Trauth, Sr. +Penelope Solis +Joseph Vu Quoc Tuan +Peter John Paul Nguyen +Joseph Lai Duc Anh +John Baptist +Tuan Nguyen
Feb 2	7:30am	Thanksgiving to St. Jude +Estelle & William Allen +Marilyn DeBlanc
	9am	Parishioners of St. John Bosco
	11am	+Paul Louis Nguyen Dinh Dzung
	5pm	+Special Intentions
Feb 3	7am	+Ruth Cheramie (AOD)
Feb 4	7am	+Rosario "Boogie" Termine
Feb 5	7am	+Catherine Rice (MOB)
Feb 6	7am	+Ryan Roberts
Feb 7	7am	In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
Feb 8	8am	Happy Birthday Nolan Le
	5pm	+Wayne Delaune +Mable Simms (AOB-day 2/10) +Jacqueline G. Guillot +Dominico Nguyen Huy Chuong +Peter John Paul Nguyen +Joseph Lai Duc Anh +James James Haskell Burns +Souls in Purgatory +John Hefti +Robert & Notile Klein
	7:30am	+Douglas F. Ferrer (MOB-day)
	9am	Parishioners of St. John Bosco
	11am	+Joseph Nguyen Huu Phuc +Paul Louis Nguyen Dinh Dzung +Penelope Solis
	5pm	+Penelope Solis
	7am	+Guillermo A. Abdon, Sr. (MOB)
Feb 10	7am	+Joseph Nguyen Huu Phuc
Feb 12	7am	Happy Birthday Kateri Jordan
Feb 13	7am	+Raymond & Helen Saulino
Feb 14	7am	+Mary Quynh Dang Le (MOB 2/18)

Submissions to the Parish Bulletin are welcome.
Please submit all material at least ten (10) days
prior - bulletin@saintjohnboscochurch.org.