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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PRELUDE

THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

STAND

ANTIPHON During the Lighting of Candles



E-hold, our Lord will come with pow-er to en-light-en the eyes of his ser-vants, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

✠. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

✠. The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**

GREETING

Dear brethren, forty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Today is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple. Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation. So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ. There we shall find him and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, until he comes again, revealed in glory.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

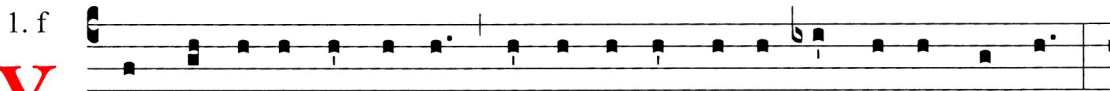
Let us pray. O God, source and origin of all light, who on this day showed to the just man Simeon the Light for revelation for the Gentiles, we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers, you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing + these candles, which we are eager to carry in praise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

✠. Let us go in peace to meet the Lord. **R. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

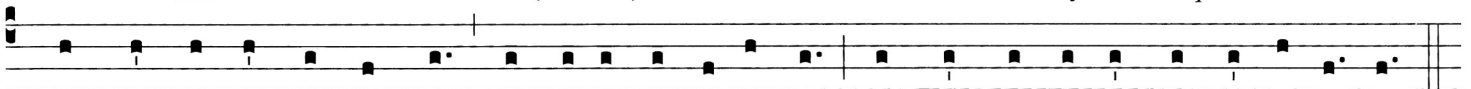
PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads*

Hymn 184

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (10:30 am only)



OUR mer- ci- ful love, O God, * we have received in the midst of your tem-ple.



Your praise, O God, like your name, reach-es the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with sav-ing jus- tice.

KYRIE

Sancta Maria Magdalena

Pew Missal, page 30

GLORIA

Heritage

Pew Missal, back page

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

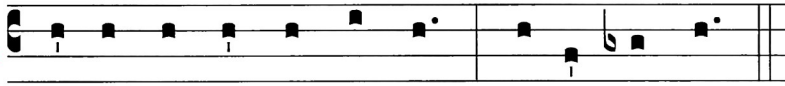
Thus says the Lord God: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24: 7, 8, 9, 10

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HO is this king of glo- ry? It is the Lord!

1. Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **R/.**
2. Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. **R/.**
3. Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! **R/.**
4. Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory. **R/.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

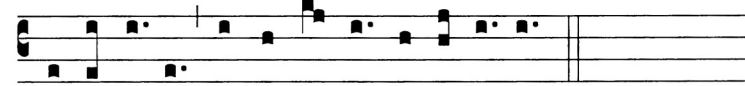
Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

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L- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. **R/.**

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him

HOMILY

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **V.** Let us pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pew Missal, back page

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIT

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN *Christ Is the World's Light* Hymn 105

STAND

ORATE FRATRES Pew Missal, page 11

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PREFACE DIALOGUE Pew Missal, page 11

SANCTUS *Sancta Maria Magdalena* Pew Missal, page 35

KNEEL

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER Pew Missal, page 15 (Vigil) | page 11 (Day)

MEM. ACCLAMATION *ICEL Chant- Save us...* Pew Missal, page 39

STAND

COMMUNION RITE

OUR FATHER Pew Missal, page 17

THE PEACE Pew Missal, page 18

AGNUS DEI *Sancta Maria Magdalena* Pew Missal, page 36

KNEEL

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD Pew Missal, page 18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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Y eyes have seen your sal- va-tion,* which you have pre-pared in the sight of all the peo-ples.

COMMUNION HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymn 165

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

STAND

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL Pew Missal, page 19

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL Pew Missal, page 535

MARIAN ANTIPHON *Alma Redemptoris Mater* Hymn 85

POSTLUDE

The Shape of the Liturgy ***The Liturgy Has a Shape - Part II*** *On the night in which he was betrayed*

The Mass as we experience it when we come to church is not one liturgy, it is two liturgies which have been combined into one: 1) the Liturgy of the Word and 2) the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The very earliest Christians of course had no New Testament because it was only in the process of being written. So, they went to the local synagogue on the Sabbath (Saturday) for their Liturgy of the Word from the Old or Hebrew Testament, and then met early on Sunday morning they gathered for the Eucharist. For sev-

eral decades the Jewish people thought Christians were another sect of Judaism, but by about 70 AD they recognized Christians were of another religion, and so expelled them from the synagogue.

At this point, Christians had to begin having their own Liturgy of the Word, at first using the Old Testament for their readings, but then as the Apostles began to write Gospels and Epistles, and the New Testament began to take shape, these writings also were included into their Liturgy of the Word. Over the following decades the liturgy of the Word as we now have it began to appear and take root. And so, we have our Liturgy of the Word. This is the same general order of service one encounters in most any Protestant church. (F.Y.I. the Canon or Table of Contents of our New Testament was not settled in its present form until the Council of Carthage in 397.)

Now: Liturgy of the Eucharist. The earliest written account of the Mass was written by St. Paul in I Corinthians 11:23-26, where he first telling us that he received this from the Lord, and then he goes on to describe the first Mass, i.e. the Lord's Supper which we commemorate each Holy Thursday: "the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and said 'this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup after supper, saying 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" First, this was the standard form of saying the blessing in a Jewish household, only Our Lord gave it a new meaning: it was now his body and blood. Notice there were seven actions: Of the bread Jesus 1) took (our present Offering, 2) Blessed the bread (the Canon of the Mass), 3) he broke the bread (the Fracture), and 4) he gave or distributed the bread (we receive Holy Communion). Then after supper: 1) he took the cup of wine (offertory of the Mass), 2) said the blessing, and 3) gave the cup to the Apostles to drink. However, the meal (a regular Jewish evening meal) began to cause problems as St. Paul goes on to mention: If anyone is hungry, "let him (first) eat at home. I Cor. 11:33). So, the meal was taken out of the Mass, and became the "Agape Meal" or Love Feast (I Jude 12); and the seven original actions of the Mass were combined into the Four we now have: 1) Offertory (taking the bread and wine), 2) Canon of the Mass (blessing the bread and wine), 3) the Fracture (breaking the bread), and 4) Gave the bread and wine (we receive Holy Communion).

Dear Reader: the above is much easier to explain in words than to describe in writing. But actually, it is very simple. To understand what is happening, all you need remember is: Took, Blessed, Broke, and Gave, as this is the Shape of the Liturgy. And to always receive it in a worthy manner, i.e. being aware of what we are receiving: the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Elements, Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

2 More Weeks Until Our Parish Festival!!!

Volunteer to work at the festival - your help is greatly appreciated the day of the festival. Want to find something to do? Contact our festival chairmen: **Lisa and Zach Kainer at (361)676-3264 / (361)571-8774 or Joan and Kevin Pfister at (361)676-0439 / (361)676-0425.**

Make a donation towards the meal expenses - With your donation towards the meal expenses, the sale of these plates will give us a greater profit! Consider making a donation to help cover these expenses. You can drop off your meal donation at the parish office or in the collection plate with a note on it.

Donate auction items - This year we will have both a live auction and an online auction. If you would like to donate an item, make a monetary donation for an item, or have any ideas for auction items, contact Maggie Schaar at 361-212-2452.

Buy and sell raffle tickets - More tickets are available at the back of the church and at the parish office.

Donate items for the jewelry booth - We are in need of jewelry for the jewelry booth at the festival. Contact Rose Curtis at 361-655-5634.

Donate items for the country store - baked goods and crafts are always a big hit at our country store. Contact Karen Evans at 361-550-9809.

Donate items for the plant booth - Do you have a green thumb? Great! Donate some of your plants for our plant booth. Do you **not** have a green thumb? Great! Donate your plants before you kill them! Contact Cathy Fojtik at 361-573-4328.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Saturday, Jan. 29 **Sat. of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Allison & William Tagliabue †
5:00 pm Confession Helen Sala †

Sunday, Jan. 30 **The Presentation of the Lord (observed)**

Blessing of Candles at the beginning of all Masses this Weekend

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Jimmy Stockbauer †
9:30 am Holy Face Devotions - Chapel Donna Hauboldt †
10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Mon, Jan. 31 **Memorial of Saint John Bosco**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Joe & Joyce Morris
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary (63rd Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday, Feb. 1 **Tues. of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Donna Shedd †
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary
3:00 - 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel
7:00 pm RCIA (Classes to become Catholic) in the Activity Center
7:15 pm KC Council #1329 meeting at the KC Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 2 **The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Danny Innocenti †
12:35 pm Confessions and Communal Rosary
1:30 - 4:30 pm Homeschool Co-op at the Nazareth Convent
6:00 - 7:15 pm CCD (Religious Education K-12) in the Activity Center
6:00 pm Troops of St. George meeting Annex

Thursday, Feb. 3 **Thurs. of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Annex
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Barbara Supak †
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary
7:00 pm Holy Hour of Prayer and Reflection for Women

Friday, Feb. 4 **Fri. of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
11:00 am Hour of Reparation in the Church
12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Sharon West Bauer †
12:35 pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschoolers First Friday Events
12:35 pm Confession
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, Feb. 5 **Memorial of Saint Agatha**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Michael Vahalik †
5:00 pm Confession Edwin Orsak †
6:00 pm Martin/Sullivan wedding

Sunday, Feb. 6 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Blessing of Throats after all Masses this Weekend

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Lorene Kubicek †
9:30 am Holy Face Devotions - Chapel Bobby Holly †
10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

† symbol indicates the deceased

OFFERTORY GIFTS

January 17-23

Sunday Collection.....\$4,644.01
On-line giving.....\$ 735.00
Total.....\$5,379.01

Amount needed weekly to meet budget:
\$8,085.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat., Jan. 22nd at 4:00 pm.....149
Sun., Jan. 23rd at 8:00 am.....90
Sun., Jan. 23rd at 10:30 am.....132
Total.....371

Only **14 weekend flower sponsorships** are available for the remainder of 2022.

July 3rd, 24th, 31st;
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Nov. 5th & 13th.

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