

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/02 (Solemnity - Presentation of Our Lord) Solemn Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass.
- 02/09 (V Ordinary Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass. No Mass Intention so far!

- We are excited to announce the launch of our **Confirmation Program!** This self-paced program is designed to help candidates grow in faith and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. **If you would like to participate, please leave your name and email address on the sign-up list located at the back of the church.** Online & Printed Options Available: For those who prefer not to use a computer, printed materials will be available to complete the program.

We will be reaching out to all registered candidates in mid-February with further details. We encourage all those seeking Confirmation to take part in this journey of faith! If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Adam.

- FREE FOOD PANTRY** in the Church Hall.

## ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY NEWS

- Recent project: **renovation of the choir space (catechism classroom):** additional heating and security camera, windows' sealing and painting, wall painting, monitor for catechism classes...
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: JOSEPH STEPIEN (02/01), LINDA SPINELLI (02/01), FR. HENRYK SMOLINSKI (02/04), . Happy birthday!

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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD - SOLEMNITY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For all those in need in our coutry and in the whole world.*

### INTROIT

C: 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.**

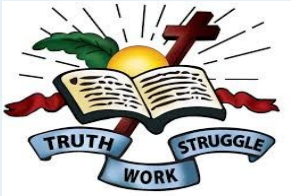
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



## HOLY MASS

. 10 am



## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

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?

MAL 3:1-4

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.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

READING 2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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

HEB 2:14-18

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.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!“

PS 24

GOSPEL

LK 2:22-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

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.”

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**      *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The couple and their Baby are greeted by two holy persons who sense the importance of the Infant Who is being presented. Simeon had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord (the Messiah, the Christ). Simeon praises GOD and says he is now ready for death since he has seen “a revealing light for the Gentiles and the glory of GOD’s people, Israel.” Simeon goes on to say to Mary that the Baby she holds in her hands will be the downfall and rise of many in Israel and that Mary’s own life will experience hardships because of the Infant, not by her Child, but because of the opposition to her Child.

The second holy person to encounter the Infant and to speak about Him is the prophetess, Anna. She also gives thanks to GOD as she recognizes that the Baby will be the source of deliverance for GOD’s holy people.