

## The Presentation of the Lord

[Malachi 3:1-4](#)

[Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10](#)

[Hebrews 2:14-18](#)

[Luke 2:22-40](#)

Today's feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.

So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer seems to be redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

However, the Gospel story nowhere mentions Jesus' "redemption," but seems to describe instead a religious consecration—such as a priest might undergo. Saint Luke tells us that Jesus is "presented" in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice (see [Romans 12:1](#)). Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel ([1 Sam 1:24-27](#)) to the Temple as a priest.

The drama surrounding Jesus' conception and birth began in the Temple—when the Archangel visited Mary's kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus' infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service—and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood.

Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that Jerusalem is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as "The LORD of hosts . . . the king of glory."

Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself (see [John 2:19-21](#)).

***Sunday, February 9, 2020 St Luke's 2nd Annual Fashion Bingo*** from 1-4 with doors opening @ 12noon. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For tickets they can call: Laura Brenek: 254-718-2991 Sandy Brenek: 254-760-8393 St. Luke Office: 254-773:1561

***Sunday February 9, 2020 KJT Society #28, Granger*** will be having their annual Pork Steak Dinner in conjunction with the Polka Mass. The Mass will be held at 10 AM at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Granger and the dinner will be held at the Parish Hall beginning at 11 AM. This year, they decided to donate the proceeds of it (along with a matching grant from the KJT Home Office) to the Church of the Visitation for the rebuilding of our church and in memory of Msgr. Ed Rabroker and Deacon John Thornton. They both served SSCM for many years and were from our parish. Serving will begin at 11 AM and plates will be \$10. A drive thru line will also be available from 11 AM - 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!!

***Sunday February 16, 2020 Czech Mass - Vítame Vás na Corn Hill:*** In February we celebrate the Feast Day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of the Czech Republic and patron saint of Slavic peoples. In honor of these saints a Czech Mass will be celebrated **at 5:00 pm**, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corn Hill. All prayers, readings and hymns will be in the Czech language. After Mass, a Dinner will be served in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate this special feast day of Sts. Cyril and Methodius

### ***PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PARISH CHURCH***

Heavenly Father, author and inspirer of all things holy, hear our prayers for our new church. Send forth Your Spirit that we may humbly be guided by Your Divine Will. Touch our hearts with true generosity to raise up a house of God for the inspiration and renewal of all Your faithful. May it be a home where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK				
	Sat, 2-1 - 6:00 pm RE Bldg	Sun, 2-2- 9:00am	Sat, 2-8 6:00pm RE Bldg	Sun, 2-9 – 9.00am
Weekend Mass Intentions	The Presentation of the Lord	The Presentation of the Lord	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Respect Life/Pro Life	Parishioners	+Charlotte Ann Thornton	Parishioners
Altar Server	Colton Ranly Grant Meyer Maverick Cannon	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde	Carson Kahlig Addison Wilde Mason Wilde	Brooke Skala Madison Skala Parker Peters
Lector	Mary Jane Hubik	Shawna Rabroker	Mark Bartek	Renae Willberg
Psalmist		Margaret Arney		Kay Rabroker
Cantor		Margaret Arney		Katie Wilde
Gift Bearer		Nathan Wilde Family		Wesley Wilde Family
Ushers	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Daniel Meyer & Mark Hoelscher	Walter Carson Edward Ranly	Randy Lorenz & Carl Hubik
EMHC to sick	Amanda Moeller	Janet Loden	Marilyn Rudloff	Cindy Moeller
Rosary Leader	Patricia Simecek	Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff	Patricia Simecek	Bradley & Marilyn Rudloff
Money Counter	Doc & Sherry Savage; Caroline Hoelscher; Warren Hoelscher		Horest & Bernice Weaver & Louis & Jerlene Vrana	
Vocation Cross	Perry & Connie Petru		Raymond & Margaret Moeller	
Church Cleaner	2/8 & 2/15 Vonnie Green, Jet Kleypas, Tammy Ryan, Jill Williams, Stefanie Hering 2/22 & 2/29 Jean Herzog, Kay Rabroker, Sylvia Heise, Shawna Ranly, Audra Schneider			
Weekday Mass Intentions	Tue 2/4 8:00 am Communion Service	Wed 2/5 7:20 am Communion Service	Thur 2/6 8:00am Communion Service	Fri 2/7 Communion Service
	No Mass Communion Service	No Mass Communion Service	No Mass Communion Service	No Mass Communion Service

**The Sick and the Suffering requesting our prayers:** Gary Locklin, John Macha, Eva-Ann Greger, Rachel Rudloff, Charles Thornton, Annette Hoelscher, Layla Grace Evetts, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Pattie Kalmbach, Jeff Bernsen, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Mike Meyer, Bobby Bulls, Charles Ordner, Don Drake, Al Buckholt, Gene Kreger, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, Fran Greger, Gary Herzog, Barron Shoemaker, Skylar (Savage) Wolfe & Amy Drake

Daily Prayer Service begins 6:00 pm R E Building	<b>01-26 OFFERINGS:</b>
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	Regular 2,202
Wed 2-5 - Youth Meeting ...Hall	
Sun 2-2- HS Religious Education	
Sun 2-2 -Altar Society Meeting after Mass	

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Deacon Charlie Wright  
Deacon Julian Tyboroski (Retired)

MASSSES: Saturday – 6:00 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am  
Tues 8:00am, Wed 7:20am, Thurs 8:00am, Fri 8:00am

RECONCILIATION: Prior to Weekend Mass

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