

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**February 2, 2020**

FROM CHRISTMAS TO CANDLEMAS. Forty days after the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, the Church celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, also called the Feast of Purification of Mary. Today's feast was considered the official end of the Christmas Season. According to Jewish Law, the firstborn son was taken to the Temple and presented to the Lord, where a sacrifice would be offered. It was also a day for the purification of the mother after childbirth. This feast day has been widely celebrated by the Church since the 4th century. Since the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple involved a procession with lighted candles, and since Jesus is the true Light of the World, it became customary to bless candles on this day, hence the name of this feast being called Candle Mass or Candlemas for short.

Today at the beginning of the liturgy we bless candles for use in both home and church, as we carry these candles in procession we are reminded that we, too, are Christ-bearers, carrying within our hearts the Light of the true Faith. Rejoicing to witness this great event of the Presentation of Jesus the Savior in the Temple, the holy man Simeon burst into praise of God as he sang, "Now Master you may let your servant go in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation...a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people, Israel." Today's feast also reminds us that the hours of daylight are getting longer and that soon the cold of winter will be replaced with the warmth of spring and new life.

Culinary enthusiasts, today is celebrated with crepe suzettes or palacinka. Why? Because the lightness and round shape of the crepes are symbolic of the halo of light around the head of Jesus, the Light of the World. The rolled crepes are symbolic of the swaddling clothes of the infant Jesus, as he was presented in the Temple by his Mother Mary whose heart, filled with sweet love for her Son, would soon be pierced with the sword of sorrow.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE. In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple where he is consecrated or set apart to serve the Lord. Each of us is consecrated in our baptism to serve God's purpose and then molded by God in our family. Take time to talk and pray together about seeking and following God as individuals and as members of a family.

ALTAR SOCIETY has Holy Hour at 1:30 p.m. this afternoon, followed by a meeting in the Slovenian Room.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT & YEAR IN REVIEW is included with today's bulletin. Please take the time to read both reports.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:**"Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord."****Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,064.00****Bishop Baraga Collection: \$1,228.00****Latin American Collection: \$1,085.00**

Church Needs: \$100 from Larry & Betty Young, \$100 in memory of Matija Hočevar from wife, Marija Hočevar; \$30 in memory of Adolf Korošec from Karl & Ani Zajec; \$200 in memory of Adolf Korošec from Family; \$100 in memory of Josef Lah for new church entranceway from Jim and Madeline Debevec; \$25 in memory of Adolf Korošec from Anne Nemeč

Your generosity to the Parish is appreciated!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2019 may be picked up this weekend in the entranceway by the priest's sacristy. We thank our many parishioners who made a concerted effort to financially support St. Mary's, especially those who are committed to tithing (giving back to God 10 per cent in gratitude) and encourage all of our parishioners to try to be good stewards and do their fair share.

BLESSING OF THROATS. Monday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will bless throats after the morning Mass on that day, as well as after this weekend's Masses. "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God free you from all ailments of the throat and from every evil. Amen."

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated at the end of September this year. We will begin our Program of Preparation at the end of March. We ask those who will be in 8th grade in September and all those older, including adults who have not yet received Confirmation and wish to do so, to please contact Fr. Kumse at 216-761-7740.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed on Wednesday, February 4th in the sacristy at 6:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY is February 7th. We will have morning Confessions before Mass from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.

EVENING OF CULTURE. In the Slovenian Community, the month of February is devoted to culture in honor of the Slovenian national poet, France Prešeren. We will have a special Cultural Program next Sunday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Members of our Cleveland Slovenian Community will share with us in music, song and poetry, the richness of our cultural heritage. This is a free program. A reception will follow. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

MAŠKARADA, our pre-lenten masquerade dinner/dance will be on Saturday, February 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Music by Veseli Godci. Donation is \$25 for adults, \$15 for those ages 7 to 12 and those age 6 and under have free admittance. Please note that Maškarada is one week earlier so as to give people the opportunity of attending both Maškarada and Kurentovanje in the St. Clair Ave. Community. For tickets and table reservations, please call the rectory office at 216-761-7740.

Masses for the Week of February 3-9, 2020

Monday:	(2/3) ST. BLAISE (Bishop & Martyr); ST. ANSGAR (Bishop)
7:45 a.m.	Lojze Mohar (Family)
Tuesday:	(2/4) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Drago Androjna (KSKJ #169)
Wednesday:	(2/5) ST. AGATHA (Virgin & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Frank Zernic (Frances Kaifez)
Thursday:	(2/6) ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS (Martyrs)
7:45 a.m.	Frank Juhant (Peter Juhant)
Friday:	(2/7) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Tony Zemljich (Gorshe Family)
Saturday:	(2/8) ST. JEROME EMILANI; ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA (Virgin)
7:45 a.m.	Dr. Janez Janež (Mari Celestina)
5:00 p.m.	Albert Amigoni (Family)
Sunday:	(2/9) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Frank Ferkulj and Anton Bobič (Terezija Ferkul)
12:00 noon	Valentina Urbanija (Family)

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of February 9/10th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Jeanne Matuch/Cindy Smith/ Kathy Spilar
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Toni Kozak/Paul Lipold
	10:00 a.m.	Urska Pisorn/Suzi Hamilton/ Monica Zalar
	12:00 noon	Laura Merkun/Paul Sedmak

Please Pray for Our Sick: Chris Chermely, Helen Jajcic,
Louis Koenig, Josephine Strle, Milena Ferkul,
Kellie Axford

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL will be taken at all Masses next weekend. This year's theme is "Faces of Hope: Though we are many, we are one in Christ." Our parish's goal is \$34,037. Your generous support will transform the lives of others and offer dignity, hope and compassion. Go online and visit CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal to view stories of inspiration.

MAŠKARADA. Naša predpustna Maškaradna večerja in ples bo v soboto 15. februarja ob 6:00 zvečer v župnijski dvorani. Veseli godci bodo igrali za ples in zabavo. Dar je \$25 za odrasle in \$15 za mladino od 7 do 12 leta, za 6 let stare in mlajše je vstop prost. Opozorilo,, Maškarada je letos preje en teden, da imajo ljudje priložnost iti na Maškarado in Kurentovanje na St. Clair Ave. Za rezervacijo vstopnic ali miz kličite župnijski urad na 216-761-7740.

JEZUSOVO DAROVANJE - SVEČNICA

DRUŽINSKA PERSPEKTIVA. V današnjem Evangeliju, Marija in Jožef prineseta Jezusa v tempelj kjer je posvečen ali nameščen, da služi Gospodu. Vsak od nas je posvečen v našem krstu, da služi Božjemu namenu in potem oblikovan od Boga v našo družino. Pogovarjajte se in skupaj molite o iskanju Boga kot posamezniki in kot člani družine.

VAŠ DAR CERKVI V 2019 je pripravljen in ga lahko pobere ta vikend v veži pri zakristiji. Zahvaljujemo se številnim župljanom, ki se trudijo da finančno podpirajo župnijo Marije vnebovzete, posebno tisti ki so obvezni dati nazaj desetino v hvaležnosti Bogu.

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO ima Sv. uro ob 1:30 danes popoldan sledi sestanek v slovenski sobi.

BLAGOSLOV GRILA. Ponedeljek 3. februarja je god Sv. Blaža. Mi bomo blagoslovili grla po jutranji maši ta dan in tudi po mašah ta vikend. Na priprosnjo Sv. Blaža, škofa in mučenca, naj te Bog varuje boleznih v grlu in vsakega drugega zla. Amen

PRVI PETEK je 7. februarja. Spovedovanje bo pred mašo od 7:00 do 7:30 zjutraj.

OD BOŽIČA V SVEČNICO. 40 dni po praznovanju Jezusovega rojstva, Cerkev praznuje Darovanje Jezusa v templju, tudi imenovan Očiščenje Marije. Današnji praznik je bil smatran za pravi sklep Božičnega časa. Po judovskih pravilih prvorojenec je bil prinešen v tempelj in darovan Gospodu, kjer žrtvujejo dve grlici ali dva goloba. Bil je tudi dan očiščevanja matere po rojstvu otroka. Ta praznik je bil praznovan v Cerkvi že od 4. stoletja. Odkar praznik Jezusovega darovanja v templju zaplete procesijo s prižganimi svečami, ker Jezus je prava luč sveta je postala navada blagosloviti sveče na ta dan, zato je imenovan praznik Svečnica. Danes v začetku liturgije mi blagoslovimo sveče za uporabo doma in cerkvi, in ko mi nesemo te sveče v procesiji smo opomnjeni da mi tudi smo Kristusovi nosilci, ker nosimo v naših srcih Luč prave vere. Poln veselja da je priča velikega dogodka Darovanja Jezusa, Odrešenika v templju, sveti mož Simeon je slavil Boga rekoč; "Gospodar, zdaj odpuščaš svojega služabnika v miru zakaj moje oči so videle tvojo rešitev...luč za razodetje poganom in slavo tvojemu ljudstvu Izrael." Današnji praznik nas tudi opomni, da so ure dneva daljše in kmalu bo mrzlo zimo nadomestila toplota pomladii in novo življenje. Kulinarični navdušenci, današnji dan praznujemo s palačinkami. Zakaj? Zato lahka in okrogla palačinka je simbolično žarni venec okrog Jezusove glave, Luč sveta. Zvite palačinke so simbolično, plenice Deteta Jezusa, ko ga je prinesla v tempelj njegova Mati Marija, katere srce, polno sladke ljubezni za njenega Sina bo kmalu prebodeno s sulico žalosti.

ZAKRAMENT BIRME bomo obhajali na koncu septembra letos. Mi bomo začeli program Priprave na koncu marca. Prosimo tiste, ki bodo v 8. razredu v septembru in vse starejše tudu odrasle ki niso še prejeli birme in želijo prejeti letos naj pokličejo g. Kumšeta na 216-761-7740.

VEČER KULTURE. V Slovenski skupnosti je mesec februar posvečen slovenskemu pesniku Francetu Prešernu. Mi bomo imeli kulturni program naslednjo nedeljo 9. februarja ob 6:00 zvečer v župnijski dvorani. Člani Clevelandске Slovenske skupnosti bodo delili z nami v glasbi, petju in poeziji, bogastvo naše kulturne dediščine. Vstopnine ni. Sledi družaben prigrižek.

**ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
GOSPOD BOG JE KRALJ VELIČASTVA.**