

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**January 30, 2022**

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE, FEBRUARY 2nd. In the old Roman Calendar, February 2nd officially ended the Christmas Season. The Feast was originally called the Feast of the Purification of the Mother of God and is probably one of the oldest Christian feast days, already observed in the Church of Jerusalem and elsewhere by the beginning of the 4th century. This feast commemorates the presentation of Christ Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem 40 days after his birth, as we read in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2: 22-40. According to Jewish Law the firstborn male child rightfully belonged to God and had to be “bought back” by an offering of two turtledoves or two pigeons. On the same day the mother would be ritually purified after child birth. Originally the feast was celebrated on February 14th, the 40th day after the Epiphany (January 6th) because Christmas wasn’t yet celebrated as its own feast day in the early Church. The Nativity, the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the Miracle of the Wedding Feast of Cana were all celebrated as one feast. By the end of the 4th century, the Church of Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord on December 25th, and so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to February 2nd, 40 days later.

This Feast is also called Candlemas. When Jesus was brought to the Temple, Simeon embraced the Child Jesus and prayed, “Now Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, because my eyes have seen the salvation prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people, Israel.” Inspired by this prayer with its emphasis on light, the Church of the West developed the custom of blessing candles, thus the name of the Feast as the Mass of the Candles or Candlemas. It is still the custom, similar to the blessing of the Easter Candle on Holy Saturday night, to have the blessing of candles outside the church and then enter the darkened church with lit candles while the Canticle of Simeon is sung. It’s rather unfortunate that this custom (probably because of cold weather) is rarely observed today in our American churches.

2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be prepared only for those who request them. Please fill out the form below or call the rectory office at 216-761-7740

Yes, I wish to receive a copy of my contributions for the year 2021 to St. Mary Church.

NAME: _____

Last Sunday’s Offering: \$4,637

Initial Offering: \$775

Latin American Collection: \$761

Bishop Baraga Collection: \$571

Church Needs: \$400 from Donald Liechty; \$25 in memory of Jennie Jeseck from Broadview Heights Historical Society; \$100 in memory of Jennie Jeseck from Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation; \$250 in memory of Ivan Tomc from Donna Tomc & Family; \$200 in memory of Jenny Ribic from John & Andrea Ribic; \$100 in memory of Matija Hočevar from Marija Hočevar

The Following in Memory of Ignatius Omahen: \$40 from Connie Ruscitto, \$20 from Maria Korosec, \$10 from Eva Luketic, \$20 from Vida Jakomin, \$20 from Anna & Mary Lunder, \$30 from Jovo & Brigita Mejak, \$300 from Susan Giagtzoglou, \$25 from Helen Strle, \$25 from Suzanne Vadnal \$30 from Anne Nemeč

Blessed Mother Teresa Society: \$50 in honor of Richard Gaudio from Marie Giuffre

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

BLESSING OF THROATS. Thursday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats will be immediately after the 7:45 a.m. Mass. We will also offer the opportunity for blessing of throats after the weekend Masses of February 5th and 6th. “Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God free you from all ailments of the throat and every evil. Amen”

PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be prayed in church on Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY CORPORATE COMMUNION will be at the 10:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Holy Hour will be at 1:30 p.m. in the church, followed by a meeting in the Slovenian Room.

COLLINWOOD SLOVENIAN HOME ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING will be next Sunday, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. here in St. Mary’s parish hall. This is a very important meeting to address a number of issues that will impact the future of the Holmes Ave. Slovenian Home. Your presence and your ideas are of utmost importance.

SUPER SQUARES. St. Joseph Lodges #146 and #169 KSKJ are offering squares for the Big Game on February 13. Tickets are \$25 each, and winners will be paid \$300 (1st & 3rd quarter), \$400 (2nd quarter) or \$500 (final). Proceeds will benefit Slovenska Pristava; KSKJ Life will add \$1,000 through its Matching Funds program through Lodge #146. To purchase a square, call Josie Kmet (216-413-8205) or John Nemeč (216-541-7243). There will be no game-day gathering this year.

TODAY’S PSALM RESPONSE:

I will sing of your salvation.

**Masses for the Week of January 31 to
February 6, 2022**

Monday:	(1/31) ST. JOHN BOSCO (Priest & Religious Founder) 7:45 a.m. Drago Udovič (Wife Veronika)
Tuesday:	(2/1) WEEKDAY 7:45 a.m. Ivan Tomc (Donna Tomc & Family)
Wednesday:	(2/2) THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 7:45 a.m. Rose Miklich (30 Day)
Thursday:	(2/3) ST. BLAISE (Bishop & Martyr); ST. ANSGAR (Bishop) 7:45 a.m. Frank & Mary Kocin (Chris Kocin Family)
Friday:	(2/4) WEEKDAY 7:45 a.m. Jim Corrigan (30 Day)
Saturday:	(2/5) ST. AGATHA (Virgin & Martyr) 7:45 a.m. Peter Hauptman (Cynthia Chimes) 5:00 p.m. Matija Hočevar & Hočevar Family (Marija Hočevar)
Sunday:	(2/6) FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 a.m. Maria Nitsche 10:00 a.m. Altar Society 12:00 noon Parishioners

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of February 5th/6th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Stan Zalar/Lou Drasler
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Jesek/Tim Daley
	10:00 a.m.	Altar Society/Martha Rozman
	12:00 noon	Joe Valencic/Mary Ojnik

Please Pray for Our Sick: Donna Strainer, Ted Jenda, Diana Kozak, Mary Umek, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Baby Dylan Hoffert, Tom McNulty, Janelle Hoffert

May They Rest in God's Peace:

+Ann Zakacs (100 years old)
+Josephine Berkopec



PATRIOTIČNI ROŽNI VENEC bomo molili v sredo, 2. februarja ob 6:30 v cerkvi.

OLTARNO DRUŠTVO ima skupno sv. obhajilo naslednjo nedeljo 6. februarja pri 10:00 maši. Sveta ura bo ob 1:30 v cerkvi, sledi sestanek v Slovenski sobi.

LETNI SESTANEK ZA DELNIČARJE COLLINWOODSKEGA SLOVENSKEGA DOMA bo v nedeljo, 6. februarja v dvorani pri Mariji vnebovzeti ob 1:00 popoldan. To je zelo važen sestanek, na katerem bomo obravnavali vrsto zadev ki bodo vplivala na prihodnost Slovenskega doma na Holmes Ave. Vaša prisotnost in vaše ideje so zelo pomembne.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
Moja usta bodo oznanjala tvoje odrešenje.

DANES JE 4. NAVADNA NEDELJA

DAROVANJE JEZUSA V TEMPLJU, 2. februarja. Po starem rimskem koledarju se je 2. februarja uradno končal božični čas. Praznik se je prvotno imenoval praznik Očiščenje Marije in je verjetno eden najstarejših krščanskih praznikov, ki so ga v Jeruzalemski cerkvi in drugod obhajali že v začetku 4. stoletja. Kot beremo v Lukovem evangeliju, ta praznik se spominja darovanja Jezusa Kristusa v jeruzalemskem templju 40 dni po njegovem rojstvu. Po judovski pravilih je prvorojenec upravičeno pripadal Bogu in ga je bilo treba "odkupiti" z darovanjem dveh grlic ali dveh golobov. Na isti dan je bila mati očiščena po rojstvu otroka. Prvotno so praznik praznovali 14. februarja, 40. dan po Jezusovem Razglašenju (6. januarja), ker Božič v zgodnji Cerkvi še ni bil praznovan kot lasten praznik. Gospodovo Rojstvo, Gospodovo Razglašenje, Gospodov krst in čudež pri poroki v Kani so se praznovali kot en praznik. Do konca 4. stoletja je Rimska Cerkev začela praznovati Gospodovo rojstvo 25. decembra, zato je bil praznik Darovanja prestavljen na 2. februar, 40 dni pozneje.

Ta praznik se tudi imenuje svečnica. Ko so Jezusa pripeljali v tempelj, je Simeon objel Dete Jezusa in molil: "Zdaj odpuščaš, Gospod, svojega služabnika po svoji besedi v miru; kajti moje oči so videle tvoje zveličanje, ki si ga pripravil pred obličjem vseh narodov: luč v razsvetljenje poganov in slavo Izraela, tvojega ljudstva." Navdahnjena s to molitvijo s poudarkom na svetlobo je Zahodna cerkev razvila običaj blagoslovitve sveč, zato se je praznik imenoval svečnica. Še vedno je običaj, podobno blagoslovu velikonočne sveče na veliko soboto zvečer, da se blagoslovijo sveče zunaj cerkve, nato se ob petju Simeonove pesmi s prižganimi svečami vstopi v zatemnjeno cerkev. Žalostno je, da se ta običaj (verjetno zaradi mrzlega vremena) danes v naših ameriških cerkvah redko obhaja.

BLAGOSLOV GRILA. V četrtek, 3. februarja, je praznik svetega Blaža. Blagoslov grl bo takoj po maši ob 7:45 zjutraj. Priložnost za blagoslov grl bomo nudili tudi po mašah 5. in 6. februarja. "Na priprošnjo svetega Blaža, škofa in mučenca, naj te Bog varuje boleznih grla in vsakega drugega zla. Amen"

IZKAZI CERKVENIH PRISPEVKOV 2021. Za leto 2021 bomo pripravili letne obračune prispevkov samo za tiste ki jih zahtevajo. Izpolnite spodnji obrazec in ga vrnite skupaj z nedeljsko nabirko ali pokličite v župnijski urad na 216-761-7740.

Da, želim prejeti kopijo svojih prispevkov za leto 2021 od župnije Cerkve Marije Vnebovzete.

IME: _____

KUVERTNA ŠTEVILKA: _____