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Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

February 2, 2014

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Mass Intentions

Sun. Feb. 2nd 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, <i>II Class</i> Jack & Patricia McGovern - <i>Meaghan McGovern</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon. Feb. 3rd 7:45 a.m.	St. Blaise, <i>Bishop & Martyr, IV Class</i> Carol Cunningham - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Tues. Feb. 4th 7:45 a.m.	St. Andrew Corsini, <i>Bishop & Confessor, III Class</i> † Helen Toman - <i>Daughter</i>
Wed. Feb. 5th 7:45 a.m.	St. Agatha, <i>Virgin & Martyr, III Class</i> † Mr. William Motzenbecker
Thur. Feb. 6th 7:45 a.m.	Jesus Christ the High Priest, <i>III Class</i> Rubirosa Villarosa - <i>Jerome Lackner</i>
Fri. Feb. 7th 6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus, <i>III Class</i> † Gabriel Testo - <i>Alice Toman</i>
Sat. Feb. 8th 9:00 a.m.	St. John of Matha, <i>Confessor, III Class</i> Suzanne Gillenkirk - <i>Emig Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 9th 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, <i>II Class</i> † Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bellington - <i>Alice Tomas</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Low Mass: 8:00 am

High Mass: 10:15 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 am

Friday: 6:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Saturday

One half hour before Mass

Sunday: 7:15-7:50

& 9:15-10:05

DEVOTIONS

Exposition-Benediction

Friday 5:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Thursday — After Mass

Friday-Sunday — Before Mass

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Friday 9 am-4 pm

THURSDAY - CLOSED

Saturday - 10 am-Noon

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

INTROIT

Ps. 47, 10, 11

We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: according to Thy name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of justice. *Ps. 47, 2.* Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised: in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. *V.* Glory...

COLLECT

Almighty, eternal God, we humbly beseech Thy majesty that, as Thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, so Thou mayest cause us to be presented to Thee with minds purified. Through the same...

EPISTLE

Mal. 3, 1-4

Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I send My angel, and he shall prepare the way before My face; and presently the Lord, Whom you seek, and the angel of the testament, whom you desire, shall come to His temple. Behold He cometh, saith the Lord of hosts; and who shall be able to think of the day of His coming? And who shall stand to see Him? for He is like a refining fire, and like the fuller's herb; and he shall sit refining and cleansing the silver, and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and shall refine them as gold, and as silver, and they shall offer sacrifices to the Lord in justice. And the sacrifice of Juda and of Jerusalem shall please the Lord, as in the days of old, and in the ancient years; saith the Lord almighty.

GRADUAL

Ps. 47, 10, 11

We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: according to Thy name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth. *V.* As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of our God, and in His holy mountain.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. The old man carried the child: but the child ruled the old man. *Alleluia.*

GOSPEL

Luke 2, 22-32

At that time, after the days of Mary's purification,

according to the law of Moses, were accomplished, they carried Jesus to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord; as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male opening womb shall be called holy to the Lord; and to offer a sacrifice, according as it is written in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons. And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Ghost was in him: and he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when His parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he also took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, Now Thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to the revelation of the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

OFFERTORY

Ps. 44, 3

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever, and for ages of ages.

SECRET

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and, in The loving-kindness, help us, so that the gifts we offer may be found worthy in the eyes of Thy majesty. Through our Lord...

COMMUNION

Luke 2, 26

Simeon received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he would not see death until he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

O Lord our God, we beseech Thee, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever virgin, make the sacred mysteries, which Thou hast given for the preservation of our spiritual life, a healing remedy for us, both for the present and for the future. Through our Lord...

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

With the feast of the Purification ends the Sanctoral Cycle of the Season after Epiphany. It is one of the oldest feasts of our Lady and in Rome in the seventh century it ranked after the Assumption. The feast is kept on February 2, because Mary, wishing to obey the Mosaic law, had to go to Jerusalem forty days after the birth of Jesus (December 25th, February 2nd) to offer the prescribed sacrifice. Mothers were to offer a lamb, or if their means did not allow, “two doves or two young pigeons.”

The Blessed Virgin took with her to Jerusalem the infant Jesus, and the Candlemas procession recalls the journey of Mary and Joseph ascending to the temple to present “the Angel of the Covenant” (Epistle, Introit) as Malachi had prophesied.

“The wax of the candles signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant,” says St. Anselm, “the wick figures His soul and the flame His divinity.”

The Purification to which the mother of the Savior was not obliged to conform, as her motherhood was beyond ordinary laws, is not placed in the foreground by the liturgy and the Presentation of Jesus is the principal object of this feast.

If this solemnity is considered as belonging to the Season of Christmas, Jesus will be seen manifested by Simeon as the God who “shall illumine the Gentiles with His light and shall be the glory of the people of Israel” (Gospel); and if, as belonging to the Season after Epiphany, we shall adore Jesus in the accomplishment of this prophecy, either at the marriage feast at Cana, where He commences to “manifest His glory” (Gospel of second Sunday), or in the midst of the multitude, when He spreads the light of His doctrine (Gospel of the fifth and sixth Sundays).

We may read the fourth prayer of the blessing of candles in order to understand the symbolism of the lamp of the sanctuary and the candles blessed on this day, and to know the right use to be made of them by the bed of the dying, during storms and in the perils to which may be exposed “our bodies and souls on land and on the waters” (First prayer of the blessing of candles).

If the feast of the Purification falls on a privileged Sunday, it is transferred to the following day; nevertheless the blessing of the candles takes place before the Sunday Mass. (The Saint Andrew Daily Missal)



FEBRUARY 3RD: traditionally, there is a blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise. The blessing will be given after the day mass.

FIRST FRIDAY is February 7th. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends with Benediction at 5:40 p.m. Our Lord is waiting for you.

FATHER ZEPEDA will away from the parish on vacation from Friday, February 7th, through Wednesday, February 19th.

Father James Gordon, FSSP, will be covering for Fr. Zepeda until he returns.

GIRLS RETREAT: Fr. Gordon will give a one day retreat for girls of our parish ages 8 to 18 on Saturday, February 15th. The retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a Holy Hour followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m. concluding with two talks. A schedule is posted the vestibule of the church. Mothers are welcome to attend the retreat! Lunch will be provided by the parish. For more information, contact Mrs. Maria Mitchell, 610-599-0238.

PLEASE NOTE: To get an idea of the number of those attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the Church for mothers to sign up their daughters for the February 15th retreat.

GIRLS RETREAT SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:05-8:40	Confessions
9:00 am	Mass
9:45-10:10	Breakfast
10:15-12:00	Two Talks
	1. On the Privilege of being a woman
	2. On Vocations
12:10	Lunch

COLLECTION: January 26 - \$4488.00

Altar Boy Schedule

PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Joseph Schneider
AC2 Patrick Schneider

TEAM C

MC Justin LaFata
TH Dominic Gardner
AC1 Robert Seeley
AC2 Francis LaFata
C Timothy Emig
S1 Michael Gardner
S2 Michael Gardner
S3 Jack Gardner
S4 Stephen LaFata

WEEK THREE

Monday Joseph Schneider
7:45 a.m. Patrick Schneider

Tuesday Robert Seeley
7:45 a.m. Patrick Seeley

Wednesday Dominic Gardner
7:45 a.m. Jack Gardner

Thursday
7:45 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9nd
8:00 a.m. Mass

AC1 Justin LaFata
AC2 Francis LaFata

TEAM D

MC William Skuba
TH Matthew Gillenkirk
AC1 Chris Shanahan
AC2 Joseph Schneider
C Patrick Schneider
S1 John Skuba
S2 Joseph Skuba
S3 Joseph Seeley
S4 Brendan Seeley