



Saint Anthony's



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2nd, 2025

MESSAGE

Presentation of the Lord

This year we are able to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord - which always takes place on February 2nd - on a Sunday. This is the fortieth day after Christmas and originally officially closed the Christmas season.

It seems appropriate this Jubilee Year that we celebrate with our full congregation this important feast day in the life of Jesus.

Simeon in the Temple who takes up the baby Jesus in his arms says that the Lord can now let him go in peace because he has seen the salvation of Israel - a light for the Gentiles and the glory of his people Israel.

Christ is the light of the world - a hope in the place of darkness. How much better it is to walk in the light than the darkness! And to have hope rather than gloom and despair!

This feast has traditionally been called Candelmas or Mass of the Candles since the symbolism of Christ as light of the world is so present in this event. It seems fitting that it takes place just as we are coming out of the darkest part of winter and into the glory of springtime.

Let us be unwavering in our hope in Christ the light of the world - by clinging to Him we will always rise above the storm!

May God bless you all!

Fr Rob

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Daily 9am

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 10am

In Elk: Saturday at 4pm

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EVENTS

7@7 Prayer Group with Fr Rob - Mondays at 7pm on Zoom7

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10am

Mens Lunch at Patterson's - Thursdays at Noon

Rosary in Church - Weekdays at 8:30am

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm

K of C Pancake Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of the Month 8am - Noon

Movie Sunday - 3rd Sunday of the month 11:30am

Games & Ping Pong Night - Thursdays at 6pm

Silent Meditation Group - Wednesdays at 4pm

The Parish Men's Mass

is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12 at 9 :00am and all men in the parish are invited to participate. Coffee and bakery goods will be served afterwards in the parish hall and lively discussions amongst the attendees will follow.

The Secret of Contemplative Prayer a Reflection by Fr Rob

The first secret of contemplative prayer is to let all things around us disappear into utter nothingness.

Then to let ourselves plunge into the presence of God who is awaiting us in the present moment in the depths of our soul.

Our contemplation takes place in this very moment in time and place.

It is in the present moment that we meet our God and exchange our love for His.

Nowhere else is He to be found, since for God there is no before or after only an eternal present.

Let us live then in His eternal presence in this eternal moment.

In this state we go beyond our limited selves and experience a foretaste of the eternity a state of time which can never end.

It is tasting that we desire more; and it is thus that our love for God becomes insatiable.

It is for limited goods: created beings and things that our taste becomes quickly satisfied.

It is when we go beyond this limit that we find these things insipid and disgusting.

God, however, is an infinite God.

He has no limit.

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace" From today's Gospel

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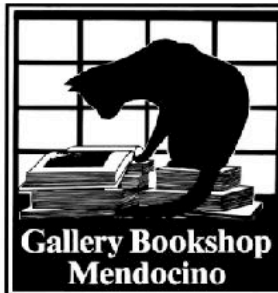
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