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# Basilica of ST. MICHAEL *the Archangel*

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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FEBRUARY

The Feast of the  
Presentation of the Lord

LUKE 2:22-39

MASS SCHEDULE  
Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE  
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

ADORATION / EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION  
Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS  
Mon.—Wed., Fri.  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

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# THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2025

Fr. Joseph Fowler



FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, as you will notice, we are changing the format of the bulletin. We hope that you like it, but feel free to comment if you do not. Over the coming weeks, we will probably be putting out a few very different formats and versions of the bulletin to experiment with more effective ways of getting parish information to you. Of course, the central information hub for St. Michael's is our parish website: [stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com). We hope you visit often and enjoy the increasing amount of quality content that you will find there.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Jesus was presented in the Temple and dedicated to God. The Presentation came at the end of Mary's time of purification after having given birth and was a dedication day for Jesus. It was at this time that they encountered Simeon who, in the words he prophetically spoke to the Lord upon seeing Jesus, referred to Him as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles". These words are commemorated in the Liturgy of the Hours at Compline (Night Prayer).

This is why the Candlemas is celebrated on this day. The candles that we use during the Liturgy and the candles that we bring to have blessed are visible reminders of the Light of Christ that we have taken on in Baptism and that we are called to share in our lives of faithful service to Jesus. May the Light of Christ shine through our lives and our actions for all to see!

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler  
Rector & Pastor

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

2/2 : Pamela Nein

2/6 : Prycilla Otero, Thomas Gaudet, Morgan Rosas

2/8 : Harry Miller, Tatiana Quintas-Cutchin

## Stewardship of Treasure for January 26, 2025

In-Church Offering:	\$4,426.92
Online Offering:	\$3,475.23
Total Offertory:	<b>\$7,902.15</b>

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

## IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Candace Caprara, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Luke Karkheck, Matthew Johnson, Tony & Brenda King, Kim LaFlamme, Jim Lee, Ron Livorno, Mary Ann Long, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Larry May, Christine McGowan, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Morgan Rosser, Susan & Jay Sandlin, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victims Assistance Coordinators who are experienced and trained counselors and are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel in Northwest Florida. The Coordinator for the program in the Pensacola/Ft. Walton Beach area is Dr. Louis Makarowski; he may be reached at 850-477-7181.





# the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH???

Please visit the Basilica's website at ([stmichaelbasilica.com](http://stmichaelbasilica.com)) There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism or to sign-up for classes.

## the *Feast* of the PRESENTATION of the **LORD**

*"The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."*

Luke 2: 33-35

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March 2nd @ Noon / Parish Hall

Mardi Gras Theme

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Liturgies & Mass Intentions for  
the **Week of February 2, 2025**

#### SUNDAY

9AM

For the People of the Parish

11AM

Sr. Matthew Maria and Sisters of  
Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

#### MONDAY

Jim Ditterline †

#### TUESDAY

Allan L. Daniels †

#### WEDNESDAY

Margaret Boone Baldwin †

#### THURSDAY

Dr. Zhang Renqun †

#### FRIDAY

Deceased Fathers and Mothers of Dominicans

### This Week @ the Basilica

2/2 -Sun: Coffee Hour 10:00am

2/3 -Mon: Blessing of the Throats 12:10pm

2/5 -Wed: Women's Study Group 9:00am

Catholic Enrichment 6pm

### Other Parish Events

#### **PARISH DINNER**

February 12 @ 6pm / Pensacola Yacht Club



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