

February 2, 2025: Presentation of the Lord

Reflection: The Presentation of the Lord

“... for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples ....”

Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple draws us back into thoughts of Christmastide and Epiphanytide, even though those seasons ended some weeks ago. Yet today we celebrate another mystery of Jesus’ early life: the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. February 2nd falls forty days after Christmas Day, creating an obvious parallel to the Resurrection and Ascension. Nonetheless, no matter how long Christmas lasts, today’s feast points our attention towards the giving of presents. Just as the name of today’s feast is the “presentation” of the Lord, the meaning of the feast shows that the Lord is a present to be given to others. On the one hand, God the Father gave His only Son as a present to the human family. But on this feast of the Presentation, we see humans giving this present of Jesus to others, both back to God and to other humans.

For Joseph and Mary this presentation was what we in our day might call a supreme act of stewardship: they recognized that not only were their time, talent, and treasure from God, but their first-born son as well. The gift of human life, like a marriage between a man and a woman, only exists through the grace of God. As an act of stewardship, then, Mary and Joseph present their new-born son back to God, recognizing that God is the ultimate Father of Jesus.

Joseph and Mary’s presentation of Jesus to God the Father was a sacrifice not offered only once. Joseph and Mary continually offered this sacrifice as Jesus continued to grow. When Jesus was twelve and Joseph and Mary lost and then found Jesus in the Temple teaching the scribes, Jesus expressed little concern about their worry. He asked them, “*Did you not know that I had to be in my Father’s house?*” This was not callousness on the part of Jesus, but a call for Mary and Joseph to recognize that as parents, they were not the ultimate meaning of their child’s life.

But even that event of the Finding of Jesus in the Temple, as much as it may have initially shaken Mary and Joseph, was almost nothing in comparison to the event that would take place on the Cross on Calvary some twenty years later. It is there, on Calvary, that the greatest presentation took place.

<https://reflectionsonthesacredliturgy.com/2021/02/01/2021-02-02/>

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
Presentation of the Lord  
Sacred Heart Parish  
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Fr. Lee Lainey  
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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.  
  
Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.  
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex\* First Friday of each month - 2 pm  
\*Note: No mass at the church on this day.  
  
Bible Study: To be determined at a later date.  
Holy Hour of Adoration: Postponed until further notice.  
Reconciliation: By request.  
Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.  
Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.  
Family Connections: At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.  
St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 25 & 26, 2025

Regular Sunday	1562.00
Loose Offering	52.25
Parish Dues	30.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	40.00
Building Fund	45.00
New Years Day/Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Sunday Missals	5.00
Christmas Day	20.00
Indian Res. School Fund	15.00

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 4 - 9

Feb. 7	Lohnes Complex Mass – 2pm
Feb. 8	The Late Vincent Cave
	The Walsh Family
Feb. 9	The Late Robert John Neville

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 8	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Joan Penney	Donna Mitchell
February 9	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Wayne Dicks	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the Sick – Barbara Neville	

SACRED HEART BINGO:

This past weekend our January bingo brought in a total of \$850, and \$750 was given to the church. The Sacred Heart Parish and Ladies Group would like to thank everyone who helped out with the bingo and all who attended. It was greatly appreciated.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The next ladies group meeting will be held Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Church. All are invited to attend.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation towards the January Bingo: Debbie Allen, Stella Anthony, Eileen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Karen Buckle, Colleen Boland, Ed Brake, Judy Brake, Regina Brown, Joan Butt, Esther Byrne, Joe Byrne, Hilda Butt, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Christine Chadderton, Lynn Coombs, Jane Coleman, Linda Corbett, Barbara Ann Dunphy, Gertrude Daye, Madonna English, Barbara Dicks, Jennifer Dolomount, John Hayes, Joe Hayes, Edmund McGrath, Shirley Mc Garth, Bernadette Stone, Arlene Beales, Madonna Elford, Marjorie Blanchard, Elizabeth Carew, and Elias Kelloway. Any donations that came in late will go towards February Bingo. Thank you to everyone.

The Winner of the Bingo Ticket Draw of \$50 was Esther Byrne.



Is a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ.

It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna, BC.**

For more information you can email: [griegtograckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograckelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403). Diocese of Nelson, Kelowna, BC

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next parish council meeting will be held Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church.

**GRENFELL MINISTRY:** Students and staff are invited to join us for Mass and a social at 10 AM on Saturday, February 8, on campus in the multi-faith room.

HOLY REDEEMER:

**Youth Group:** Our next meeting is from 7 to 8:30 PM on February 22 in the lower level of the Cathedral. We are pleased to welcome Development and Peace who will be doing an activity with us! New youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!

**Children's Activity Night:** Development and Peace will be hosting our next activity night 7pm on February 19 in the lower level of the Cathedral. All children are welcome for this art activity. Must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Saint Paul wrote: “We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (Rom 5:3-4).

For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection.

In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience.

*Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis*

**DONATIONS – Tax Receipts for 2024:** *Revenue Canada has announced that from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 any donations you make to the parish can be claimed on your 2024 Income Tax reporting. The Parish will issue the regular tax receipts as usual.*

ADVANCE NOTICE -

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:**

If you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church in 2025, you are required to do the marriage course. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is a fee of \$50.00.

Please call the Holy Redeemer Office at 634-5161 or [info.hrp@nl.rogers.com](mailto:info.hrp@nl.rogers.com) to register.

**Family Connection:**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25–40)

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.