

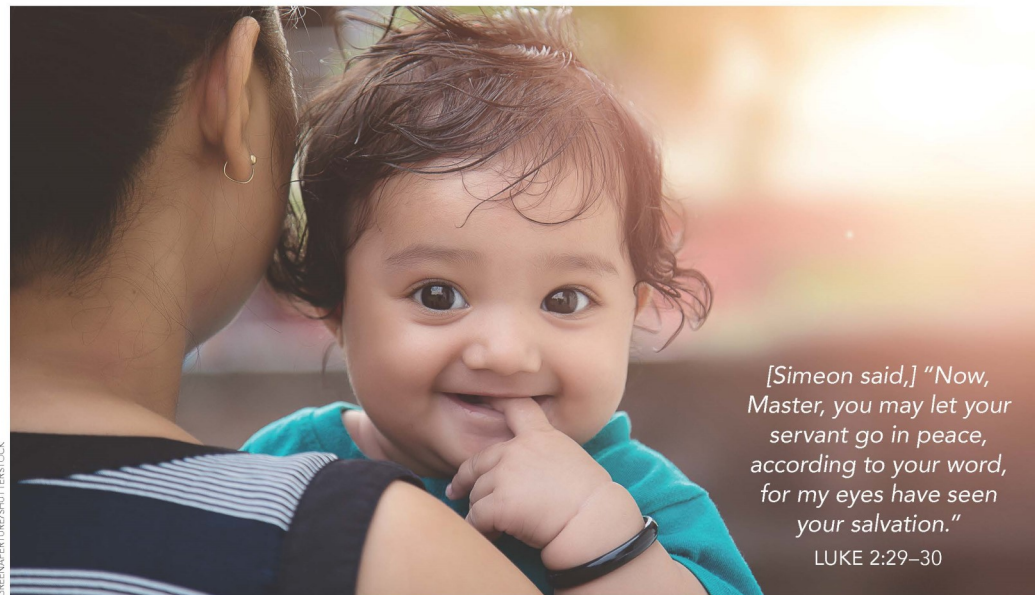
February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A)

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



[Simeon said,] "Now,  
Master, you may let your  
servant go in peace,  
according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen  
your salvation."  
LUKE 2:29-30

## We Belong to God

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
- ★ How have you made your world better?

# Assumption of Our Lady



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February 02, 2020

Presentation of the Lord

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals

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## Hay River, NT



& St. Anne, Katlodeeche

Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Feb. 02	Marie Kopp-van E. Bea Lepine	Darm Crook Gerry Engen	Liz Buckley & Family	Doris Caudron Andrew Cassidy Doug Swallow	Sharon Gauthier Marina Bloomstrand
Feb. 09	Gerry Engen Deedee Lepine	Tony Whittle Andrew Cassidy	Engen Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Bea Lepine	Nancy Makepeace Denise Desjarlais
Feb. 16	Doris Caudron Andrew Cassidy	Doug Swallow Darm Crook	Gagnon Family	Tony Whittle Shirley Gutierrez Deedee Lepine	Potluck
Feb. 23	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Youth-led Participation Mass	Marie Kopp-van E. Theresa Swallow Susan Bouchard	Jovy Brito Michelle Cuevas

The Announcements for February 02, 2020

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you’re a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

——-Since Father Joe Daley is not always at the parish house when needed, Father Joe can be reached on his cell phone at 1-867-688-1590.

——-As the Canadian government prepares to expand access to euthanasia, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta have written a Pastoral Letter to the faithful on this subject. In *Remaining True to Christ Now and at the Hour of our Death*, they offer a thoughtful reflection on Catholic teaching regarding respect for life and our responsibility to remain faithful to God's will. All of us will need support at the time of our dying, they write, but assistance to hasten our death, the willful termination of a human life, is a very different matter. The letter offers words of encouragement on preparing for a holy death, and also calls on Catholics to contact their MPs to oppose any expansion of the current law and advocate instead for more access to palliative care. To read the full text, please visit <http://bit.ly/AB-NWTBishopsEuthanasia>. While the survey seeking public consultation closes on Monday I encourage the faithful to write to their Member of Parliament at any time and express your concerns about the encroachment of MAiD legislation on the most vulnerable members of our society.

——-The next First Communion class will be on February 5th, Sister Maggie is out of town until January 31st.

——-Our parish is holding a fundraising for our roof this February 29, in our hall. It will be a Filipino dinner with entertainments. We will need the involvement of our parishioners as the profit will be used to replace our roof. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for different committees. We will start selling ticket and it’s limited so make sure you have yours before it’s sold out! Please contact Shirley Gutierrez@876-0857 For tickets-contact any of the parish council officers. We are hoping our roof will be replaced this summer. Thank you for your Support!!!

-----YOUTH CLUB 2020! For youth ages 7-12, from 6:30pm-8pm, every second Friday in the church basement. It is a faith based program with crafts, games, music and friendship. It’s starting up this month and here are the dates, mark them in your calendar! For more information contact Brigitte @ 306-714-7530 or Diana @ 867-875-2855.

January 17,31; February 14,28; March 6,13; April 3,24; May 8,22.

-----For couples who would like to renew their wedding vows for Valentines, it will be on Sunday February 16 during the 10:30 mass. This is now open to all couples, the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

-----Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

: <b>Weekly Revenue</b>		
	\$1,678.30	
	\$1,678.30	Revenue Total
	\$1,831.00	Expenses Total
	<b>-\$152.70</b>	
Expenses are based on 2018 Q1		

Dear Padre,

A guided meditation on the rosary’s fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions “our Blessed Mother’s purification.” What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1–8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or



turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn’t afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary’s offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. “The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ‘Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me’” (Exodus 13:1–2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn’t afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, “O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation.”

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

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Calendar

Monday  
FEBRUARY 3  
Weekday  
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30;  
16:5–13  
Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday  
FEBRUARY 4  
Weekday  
2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b,  
24–25a, 30—19:3  
Mk 5:21–43

Wednesday  
FEBRUARY 5  
St. Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr  
2 Sm 24:2, 9–17  
Mk 6:1–6

Thursday  
FEBRUARY 6  
St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs  
1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12  
Mk 6:7–13

Friday  
FEBRUARY 7  
Weekday  
Sir 47:2–11  
Mk 6:14–29

Saturday  
FEBRUARY 8  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 3:4–13  
Mk 6:30–34

Sunday  
FEBRUARY 9  
Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 58:7–10  
1 Cor 2:1–5  
Mt 5:13–16



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