

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple. We hear the story of Mary and Joseph carrying the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God. There the elderly prophets Simeon and Anne meet the holy family. They encounter the one for whom they longed. Jesus the Messiah! This Feast is about Jesus, the light of the world, who dispels the darkness of sin and death. May the word of God, proclaimed on the feast of **Candlemas Day**, inspire us to bring the light of Christ to a world longing for peace!



**FEAST OF ST. BLASE, BISHOP & MARTYR**



We celebrate his feast on **Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. St. Blase was venerated as the patron of those who suffer from ailments of the throat. Before dying as a martyr he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blase is,

therefore, a sign of faith in God's protective love for us and for the sick in our midst.

***A Prayer For Priests***

*Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.*

*Through them we experience your presence in the sacraments.*

*Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.*

*Set their world on fire with love for your people.*

*Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

*Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.*

*Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.*

*Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.*

*Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.*

*Amen*

***Reflection***

*It has been forty days since Christmas when the true Light came into the world. On this day we celebrate the Light being brought into the temple to be ritually dedicated to God's service. Just as the light of a single candle is a great consolation in the darkness, so too each simple act of service becomes hope for a weary world.*

***+ Christ is the light of the nations and the glory of Israel His people. +***

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE** – is observed on February 2<sup>nd</sup> to pay tribute to the religious men and women around the world. Please pray in a special way, on this day for our own Parish Priests, members of the Scalabrinian Congregation and for all of the Priests and Sisters who have so faithfully served in our parish over the years.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY**

*Thank you for your generosity*

February 6 - Major Repair Fund

February 13 - Extraordinary Parish Expenses

February 20 - Utility Fund

February 27 - Second Collection



The Scalabrini Dukceovich Center, across the street from our Church, is offering **FREE COVID-19 RAPID TESTING every Monday afternoon from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm and COVID-19 vaccinations from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**

There is no cost and no insurance or appointment is necessary. Testing is open to all ages.

Please wear a face-mask to be tested for the health and safety of everyone participating.

**MASSES FOR**

**JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead, however the following are specifically remembered this week.*

**Monday, January 31 – St. John Bosco**

7:30 am - Alice Richer - Month Mind Remembrance  
by Robert & Donna DiMartino  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, February 1**

7:30 am - Edward F. Haibon - Month Mind Remembrance  
by Robert & Donna DiMartino

**Wednesday, February 2 – World Day for Consecrated Life**

7:30 am - The Presentation of the Lord  
5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration - Spanish  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, February 3 – St. Blaise**

7:30 am - Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw  
28 Year Remembrance by wife & family

**Friday, February 4**

7:30 am - Elena Pilloni – 4 Year Remembrance  
by sister, Betty  
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet  
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Saturday, February 5 – St. Agatha**

8:00 am - For All Souls in Purgatory

**WEEKLY SATURDAY CONFESSIONS**

Please take note that the Sacrament of Confession is offered every Saturday from **4:15 pm to 4:45 pm** in the church, or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

**WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT**

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.  
(Increased Giving Campaign)

**Weekend of January 22 & 23, 2022**

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets  
\$4,094.00

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**

**Saturday, February 5**

**5:00 pm**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**6:30 pm** - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, February 6**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 am**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**9:30 am** - Mass in Spanish

**11:30 am**

Norman Caruolo by wife, Anna  
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

*Sanctuary Candle & Altar Bread & Wine*

*In Memory of*

*Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw*  
*by wife & family*

*Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters*



**+ Died in Christ +**

John J. Fontes, Jr.  
Angel Ulises Acosta Linares  
Lottie Menna

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*In Memory Of*

**Sgt. Stephen Michael Shaw**  
28 Year Remembrance