



The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 02....Pat & Larry Pepper
Feb. 09....Susan Roberts
Feb. 16....Ricky Ortiz & Gavin Reed



DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.

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Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am
12pm Spanish

Thursday 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession:
Thursday 5:30-6pm

Religious Ed:
Sundays 9-10:15am

Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Marriage Prep: Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

Baptism: by appointment

A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, February 2, 2025

The vulnerability of God's son born in a barn and under threat of a corrupt despot seeking Jesus' death was made apparent to us during the recent Christmas season. That threat was accomplished some 33 years after birth when our Lord and savior was crucified. Today's gospel reminds us again of that vulnerability only 40 days after Jesus' birth when Simeon speaks of the sword that will pierce the heart of Jesus' mother Mary. Alternatively, we might expect God to be made apparent in glory as today's psalm describes. Yet when Christ reveals himself to us, whether in word, in sacrament, or in the face of another human being, will we recognize him?

In today's world, Malachi might ask us when we see or hear of those made vulnerable by the despots of greed and power, "who will endure the day of his coming?" Will we choose to follow Jesus or will we walk away? Will we "rise" with Christ or will we "fall" into sin? As Malachi describes with the images of fire and lye, God desires to purify us, to cleanse us of all defect or blemish, so that we can "stand when he appears."

As Mary was pierced, so might we also, like her, persevere in faith. Importantly, standing with God is not something that God asks us to do by ourselves. God's very relationship with us, as with Israel, is one of abiding presence. Like Mary and Joseph presenting their first born to God, we give what we have for the service of God, trusting that God will do the rest. Like their gift to God, we offer what we have been given. If we trust in God's Providence for each of us, then God will provide the grace to mold our hearts in his image.

New to Our Parish?

Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

We are happy you are here!

DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text and emails!

Text SJSPSA to
84576

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QR code:



Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Johnson



Mary's Garden

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral of Christ the King

299 Colony Blvd. Lexington, KY 40502
Mass 8:00 a.m.

Tickets & Reservations – Please contact Pat Hunt by email: magnificatrsp@gmail.com by Feb. 18th to reserve a spot. An email confirmation will be sent to you. Payment of \$15.00 can be made at the time of the breakfast for those with reservations. Questions? Contact Pat Hunt at pwhunt27@aol.com.

If you have interest in occasionally volunteering as a Compassionate Companion to visit hospital patients at St Joseph Mount Sterling, please contact Sr. Janet.
janetcarrcdp@hotmail.com

“The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die.”

**St Paul Mikki
(1564-1597)
Martyr**

**Feast Day Feb-
ruary 6**



Birthdays (Feb.2nd-8th)

- 02/02...Humberto Mata-Reina
- 02/03...Diana Mongarro
- 02/05...Robin Waters
- 02/06...Lynn King
- 02/07...Karim Enriquez
- 02/08...Vicki Wenz



February requests:
**canned fruit (no pears),
chili, ketchup & mus-
tard, pork & beans, and
refried beans. A box
has been placed in back
of church for collection.**



**Upcoming Prayer classes
with Maynard:**

February 15th 12pm-1pm

Examen of Saint Ignatius

February 22nd 12pm-1pm

How to read the Church Fathers

**Have you missed any last
minute updates lately?**

The calendar at stpatrickmtsterling.com is online and updated as much as feasible.

Please notify Laura Groff (lgroff@cdlex.org) if you are not getting flocknotes and you signed up.