

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 1/2, 2025

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PRELUDE MUSIC-begin at five minutes before Mass:

PRELUDE "Ave Maria" Steve Angrisano, James Quinn
Breaking Bread Book, number 689

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| 1. Ma - ry, sing with joy - ful heart: | "You shall bear Em - |
| 2. "Sing, my soul, of God's great love! | Sing, my heart, your |
| 3. An - gels sing as shep - herds watch: | "Praise to God, his |
| 4. "Now I see the world's true light! | Glo - ry shines on |
| 5. "Where is Je - sus, child of grace?" | "Here, in God my |



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| 1. man - u - el!" | Vir - gin | Moth - er, | full | of |
| 2. song of joy! | Praise his | won - ders, | praise | his |
| 3. peace on earth! | Christ the | Sa - vior, | Shep - | herd - |
| 4. Is - ra - el! | God's great | glo - ry, | Christ | the |
| 5. Fa - ther's house! | Where the | Son is, | there | is |



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| 1. grace, | pray for us to God, | your | Son! |
| 2. name, | praise his gift of God, | my | Son!" |
| 3. King, | sleeps in straw in Da - vid's | town!" | |
| 4. Lord, | comes to claim his dwell - ing - | place!" | |
| 5. God! | I am God's new house | of | prayer!" |



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - rí - a!



A - ve, a - ve, a - ve, Ma - rí - a!

OR "Lord, Now Let They Servant Go in Peace"
Ruth Duck/Conditor alme siderum

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1. Now let your ser - vant go in peace;
2. Be - fore the peo - ples you pre - pare
3. Child, you are cho - sen as a sign
4. Now let us sing our Sav - ior's praise,



Let praise and bless - ing here in - crease;
Your way of life which all may share.
To test the hu - man heart and mind;
And tell God's good - ness all our days.



For in our midst your word is done
Your sav - ing pow'r is now made known;
For se - crets hid - den in the night
While breath is ours, let praise be heard



And you have sent your Prom - ised One.
A - mong the na - tions love is shown.
Shall be re - vealed in pierc - ing light.
For God's own faith - ful, sav - ing word.

Good morning/afternoon/evening. WELCOME!
Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord! On this day, as part of the celebration of the liturgy, candles will be blessed as our Mass begins. More on that in a moment...

If you are visiting St. Michael today, we want to be sure you feel welcome. Please stand or wave a hand so we are able to offer you a personal welcome!

10:30 – WELCOME to all who join us for Mass via livestream! Thank you for joining us to celebrate Mass today. You can find a worship aid on our web page.

Saturday, 5:00 Mass:

- Today we also welcome Father Brendan Fitzgerald, our presider.

8:00/10:30 and 12:15 Masses:

- Today we also welcome Father Jose Opalda, our presider.

5:00 p.m. SUNDAY EVENING:

- Today our presider is Fr. Kurt.

Let us all take a moment to silence our mobile devices and come to a quiet awareness of God's presence here. We call to mind the needs of our loved ones and our world, and give thanks for the many blessings we have received this week. <Pause for 30 seconds>

Please stand and offer welcome to those around you.
<allow time to "offer welcome">

Before the procession today, Father will introduce the Feast. When the procession begins, he will bless the

candles of all who have brought candles from home or who have taken a candle to be part of the procession.

If you wish to join the procession, please go to the narthex now – take your candles with you.

As they move to the narthex, please join in singing song number eight hundred ten, “Song of Simeon,” number eight one zero. Ushers, please light the candles of those in the narthex as we sing.

“Song of Simeon”

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

Breaking Bread Book, number 810

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Now, O God, let your ser-vant go. Let me go in peace ac-

cord-ing to your word. For my eyes be-hold your sav-ing work:

a light for all the world, al - le - lu - ia.
(Lent) all praise to you.

Final

Al - le - lu - ia,
All praise to you.

al - le - lu - ia.
All praise to you.

THE SOLEMN ENTRANCE

When the song is finished, the priest, facing the people from the entrance doors, says, “In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.”

He greets the people in the usual way and continues with an introductory address:

PRIEST:

Dear brothers and sisters,

forty days have passed
since we celebrated the joyful feast
of the Nativity of the Lord.
Today is the blessed day
when Jesus was presented in the Temple
by Mary and Joseph.
Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law,
but in reality he was coming to meet
his believing people.
Prompted by the Holy Spirit,
Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.
Enlightened by the same Spirit,
they recognized the Lord
and confessed him with exultation.
So let us also,
gathered together by the Holy Spirit,
proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ.
There we shall find him
and recognize him in the breaking of the bread,
until he comes again, revealed in glory.

*Please hold your candles up
so that they may be blessed...*

Musician announces:

Let us sing together song number two hundred
twenty-two, "In His Temple Now Behold Him, number
two two two. Let us sing this familiar tune together.

GATHERING SONG

"In His Temple Now Behold Him"

ST THOMAS/John F. Wade

Breaking Bread Book, number 222

Text: Luke 2:22-24; Vss. 1-3: Henry J. Pye, 1825-1903; Vs. 4: William Cooke, 1821-1894.
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1. In his tem - ple now be - hold him, See the long ex -
 2. In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure, be -
 3. Je - sus, by your pres - en - ta - tion, When they blest you,
 4. Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, Be your bound - less

1. pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told him;
 2. hold him lie, While his a - ged saints a - dore him
 3. weak and poor, Make us see our great sal - va - tion,
 4. love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en,

1. God has now ful - filled his word, Now, to praise him,
 2. Ere in faith and hope they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Seal us with your prom - ise sure, And pre - sent us
 4. By the world you did re - deem, With the Fa - ther

1. his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, th'in - car - nate God most high.
 3. in your glo - ry to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
 4. and the Spir - it, Lord of maj - es - ty su - preme.

During the procession, the priest processes and sprinkles holy water on the candles held up on either side of the entrance aisle. When reaching the front, he sprinkles holy water on the candles in place on the table in front of the altar. He then walks up the steps to the Presider's chair. He puts the holy water "bucket" on the table next to the chair and then all sing, "Glory to God."

"Glory to God" from Mass of Renewal (Stephen Curtis) is sung.

COLLECT

M. D. Ridge

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Chil-dren, as you go to hear the word of God,
 may your ears be o-pened; may you see God's light.
 May the word of God be with you all your days: may it
 find a home in your hearts.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24:

“Who Is This King of Glory? It Is the Lord!”

Josh Blakesley

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R. Who is this king of glo - ry?
It is the Lord! It is the Lord!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2: 14 - 18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION from *Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*

Sarah Hart

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GOSPEL

Luke 2: 22 - 40

HOMILY

In-Pew presentation by Donna Binney (Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries)

CREED

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

“Lord, hear our prayer.”

PRESIDER:

As we will celebrate Monday-the feast of Saint Blasé, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century, we now take this opportunity to use the blessing of Saint Blase for all assembled here.

Before being martyred, Saint Blase is said to have healed a boy who was choking.

Since the eighth century, Saint Blase has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat.

We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. This blessing of Saint Blase is a sign of our faith in God’s protection and love for us and for the sick.

Raising his hands in blessing over the people

**Through the intercession of Saint Blase,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver you from every disease of the throat
and from every other illness:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son ,
+ and of the Holy Spirit. *ALL: Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION SONG

**“In the Bleak Midwinter”
CRANHAM/Rosetti
*Breaking Bread Book, number 107***

Tune: Christina G. Rossetti, 1830-1894.
Gustav T. Holst, 1874 - 1934.
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1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor___ earth sus - tain;
3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
4. What___ can I give him, poor___ as I am?



1. Earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
2. Heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign.
3. Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim throng - ed the air;
4. If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



1. Snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow___ on___ snow,
2. In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed The
3. But his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
4. If I were a Wise___ Man, I would do my part; Yet



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
2. Lord___ God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
3. Wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
4. what I can I give him: give my heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

“Presentation of the Lord”

Columba Kelly

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Lk. 2:30-31

Mode 8

My eyes have seen your sal - va - tion,
which you pre - pared in the sight of all the
peo - ples.

(Psalm 48[47])

Congregational Refrain

You are the light of all the peo - ple.

COMMUNION SONG

“The Body of Christ”

Sarah Hart

Breaking Bread number 325

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Verses

1-3. This is the Bod - y of Christ, { beau - ti - ful, bro - ken and
word be - come flesh by his
gath - ered in hope and in

1. blessed; mir - a - cle of the great - est of loves, †
2. grace; mir - a - cle of a mys - t'ry no tongue †
3. faith; bound by this love, this Bod - y and Blood he

1. pres - ence of God in our midst. This is the Cup that he
2. ev - er could ful - ly ex - plain. This is the Blood of the
3. of - fers a - gain and a - gain. All of the hun - ger we



1. shares, end-less-ly emp-tied and poured; sac - ri - fice
 2. Lamb, gift of a heart o - pen wide; poured from the
 3. have, sat - is-fied on - ly by this; so we re -



1. made so that we might be saved } now and for - ev - er - more.
 2. Cross to the al - tar where love } com-forts and fills and pro-vides.
 3. ceive, we re - mem-ber, be - lieve and share so that oth-ers may live.



Refrain

A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.



A - men, a - men! We are one in the Bod-y of Christ.



We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - read by a music ministry member
 please allow silence before beginning...

FOR SATURDAY, 5:00 P.M.

- If you are having a medical procedure or surgery soon, or if you are in need of healing, please meet Father at the Reconciliation Room for the Anointing of the Sick, after he greets parishioners.
- Next weekend, we celebrate Scout Sunday. Scouts of all ages are invited to wear their uniforms to the 10:30 Mass to receive a special blessing.
- This year's work camp is a work and prayer opportunity for adults to serve those in need by helping build a home for a low-income family. See the bulletin to sign up now as space is limited!
- The Knights of Columbus of St. Michael Poplar Springs are pleased to announce the 29th year of the Scholarship

Program. For the year 2025, seven grants are available to assist Catholic students attending college. See the flyer in the bulletin to apply.

- If you never received the Sacrament of Confirmation as a teenager, you may receive this important Sacrament of Initiation at Pentecost. Please contact Sister Ji for more information.
- Last but certainly not least, we are pleased to provide you with your annual contribution statements through our parish website. Simply go to the 'Giving' page of our website to download and print your statement. Contact the office with any questions or concerns.

AND FOR SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

- Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after Mass for donuts, coffee, and fellowship!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

10:30 ONLY

PRESIDER:

I now invite Grand Knight Dennis Sauer and Deputy Grand Knight Ruben Payan to come forward to announce and present the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest winners.

One of the Knights goes to the ambo and announces...

Peclan Proctor (this is not a misspelling) -

2nd grade

Devin Kubicsko - Kindergarten

Emma Gonzalez - 3rd grade

Maggie Garcia - 5th grade

Rebecca Rego - 4th grade

Let us offer our congratulations... (applause)

(Our parish VOCATIONS PRAYER will be inserted on the next page)

CONCLUDING RITES

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG

“We Are the Light of the World”

GREIF/Jean Anthony Greif

Breaking Bread Book, number 520

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Verses



1. Bless - ed are they who are poor in spir - it,
2. Bless - ed are they who are meek and hum - ble,
3. Bless - ed are they who will mourn in sor - row,
4. Bless those who hun - ger and thirst for jus - tice,
5. Bless - ed are they who show oth - ers mer - cy,
6. Bless - ed are hearts that are clean and ho - ly,
7. Bless - ed are they who bring peace a - mong us,
8. Bless those who suf - fer from per - se - cu - tion,



1. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us
2. They will in - her - it the earth. Bless us, O Lord, make us
3. They will be com - fort - ed. Bless us, O Lord, when we
4. They will be sat - is - fied. Bless us, O Lord, hear our
5. They will know mer - cy too. Bless us, O Lord, hear our
6. They will be - hold the Lord. Bless us, O Lord, make us
7. They are the chil - dren of God. Bless us, O Lord, may your
8. Theirs is the king - dom of God. Bless us, O Lord, when they



1. poor in spir - it; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
2. meek and hum - ble; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
3. share their sor - row; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
4. cry for jus - tice; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
5. cry for mer - cy; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
6. pure and ho - ly; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
7. peace be with us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.
8. per - se - cute us; Bless us, O Lord, our God.

Refrain



We are the light of the world, may our light shine be - fore all,



That they may see the good that we do, and give glo - ry to God.