

Saint John Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan

February 20 2020 —The Presentation of the Lord
2 de febrero de 2020 — Presentacion del Señor



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34a

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo 12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria: ...Jueves 8:30 a.m (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2020
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass soul of Frances Martin

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2020
9:00 AM Mass soul of Mark Nagel
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2020
12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

Thursday FEBRUARY 6, 2020
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2020
12:00 Noon **NO MASS**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2020
4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass soul of Joseph DiMarino

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2020
9:00 AM Mass soul Suzanne DiMarino
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." - Lk 2:34-35

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-1

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, Ron Price, Jr., Red & Nancy Goodman, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Mary Helen Sohaski, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Elizabeth Jones, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby & Christie Osterloh, Nathaniel Young, Hallet and Frances Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, John Smith, Rudy Calo'oy Jr. Neil French, and Edna Stanley.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **FEBRUARY**
Microwable oatmeal

En el mes de **FEBRERO**
Avena para cocinar en el microondas

St. Peter Clothes Closet is now accepting clean, gently used clothes, blankets, jackets and backpacks. Also they are accepting can goods for their pantry. There is a box marked St Peter in the commons area.

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic Minister or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number **804-402-1221.**

JANUARY 25 & 26 2020

WEEKLY

Actual \$ 3,363.00
Budget 4,827.00
(\$1,464.00)

YEAR TO DATE

\$116,747.72
144,808.00
(\$28,060.28)

Mass Attendance

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| 5:30 | 9:00 | 12:15 |
| 68 | 154 | 289 |



Catholic Diocese of Richmond
1820 Bicentennial 2020

“Shine like stars in the world, as you hold fast to the word of life” (Phil. 2:15–16)

Pastor Message

Today is the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord. Mary and Joseph on this day presented Christ in the temple according to Jewish law. They were faithful to their religion and customs. They had a virtue called the “virtue of religion.” Just like you can have the virtue of moderation or a virtue of courage, you can also have a virtue of religion.

The virtue of religion is one that causes a person to render God the worship due to Him as the source of all being and the giver of all good things. It is a wonderful virtue that makes people feel like owe God worship because of all the amazing things He has done for them.

Today this virtue is severely lacking. The biggest evidence of this is the lack of faithful attendance at Mass each and every week. People now-a-days go to Mass when the ‘feel’ like it. It is great when you feel like going to Mass. But very often people do not feel like going to Mass. That is part of being human in the fallen human condition.

But the thing is, GOD IS STILL GOD WHETHER WE FEEL LIKE IT OR NOT. God still deserves our worship and attention whether we feel like giving it or not. God still deserves to be heard and listened to and obeyed whether we feel like it or not. And this is where the virtue of religion comes into play. The virtue of religion, if it is operating inside of us, if we have the virtue, will get us out of bed and going to Mass regardless of whether we ‘feel’ like it or not. It makes us faithful and consistent and disciplined in our practice of religion.

This virtue is so important!!! Because it is precisely when we do not ‘feel’ like worshipping God or loving God or praying that we need to pray and practice our religion. When we feel terrible it is all the more necessary to practice our religion. Practicing our religion heals us. Practicing our religion makes us feel better. Practicing our religion changes our perspective and pulls us out of the slump. Practicing our religion is the all-natural drug that heals us. You can never get a prescription from a doctor that has the power that comes from practicing our religion. Never. And the virtue of religion turns us to God and helps us practice our religion even when we absolutely do not ‘feel’ like it.

Push through the slump and build the virtue of religion in yourself. Your life and the life of your loved ones will be greatly benefited should you build this virtue in yourself.

Fr Rossi

Adult Education

In addition to the continuing Sunday morning adult education we will offering at St. John a second opportunity for you to enrich your faith. On Monday afternoons, starting on February 17 at 1:30, we will begin to offer sessions covering “The Pivotal Players” series by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron is best known for his series on Catholicism which first came out a decade ago. In this new series Bishop Barron covers some saints and other individuals who were instrumental in the history of the church. The schedule will begin with St. Francis of Assisi on February 17 and 24, and St. Thomas Aquinas on March 2 and 9. In the following weeks we will be covering St. Catherine of Siena, St. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and lastly Michelangelo. For more information please contact Dan Mages at 804-614-5623 or danielrmages@yahoo.com.

The schedule for the Sunday 10:15 Adult Education Series in the upcoming weeks is as follows:

February 2 The Eucharist.

February 9 The Sacraments of Healing-Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

February 16 The Sacraments of Vocation-Marriage and Holy Orders

COUNCIL OF WOMEN

LADIES DON'T FORGET THE SPECIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN MEETING AT 11 AM ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5 FOR BRUNCH/LUNCH. BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED DISH.

Mark your calendar the Annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is getting near February 25, 5-7pm.

Menu: pancakes, sausage or bacon, baked apples, drink and dessert. Costs: \$6 for adults; \$4 children 3-10; 2 and under eat free. Chef Fr. Rossi will be flipping pancakes. There will be face painting and mask decorating for the kids. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church so we can get an idea how many to cook for. Pay at the door.

2020 Catholic Men's Conference Saturday 03-21-2020 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

On Saturday, March 21, 2020 men from across the diocese will gather at Saint Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg for the 7th annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference. This year's theme is “Known” and will feature a dual-track conference with keynote speakers in English and Spanish, breakout opportunities, Reconciliation, Adoration, and Mass. Keynote speakers for both the English and Spanish-speaking tracks will be announced soon. All those interested may contact the Center for Marriage, Family, and Life at cmfl@richmond-diocese.org or 804-622-5109 for more information. Visit www.cdrcmfl.org for full conference details.