



Mary Help of Christians

Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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January 31st, 2021 † Septuagesima Sunday

Sun. Jan. 31, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. John Bosco, C
Pro Populo

Mon. Feb. 1, HOLY MASS 11:15 am– St. Ignatius, BM
Intentions of the Ed Winczewski Families

Tues. Feb. 2, BLESSING of CANDLES, PROCESSION, HOLY MASS 8:15 am–
RIP Jim & Nancy Wagner **PURIFICATION BVM**

Wed. Feb. 3, No Mass in Springs– St. Blaise, BM

Thurs. Feb. 4, No Mass in Springs – St. Andrew Corsini, BC

Fri. Feb. 5, HOLY MASS, BENEDICTION and EXPOSITION 6:30 pm – First Friday
In Thanksgiving **St. Agatha, VM**

Sat. Feb. 6, REPOSITION 7:45 am, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – First Saturday (St. Titus, BC)
RIP Alvin, Beatrice, Bob Turek & Relatives

Sun. Feb. 7, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – Sexagesima Sunday
Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sunday, January 31th: Joseph Fries, Abraham Rivera
Monday, February 1st: Anthony Vigil, Jude Vigil
Tuesday, February 2nd: Eric Vigil, Anthony Griess
Friday, February 5th: Steve Kosovich, Anthony Kosovich, Donovan Fair
Saturday, February 6th: Dominic Pulliam, Andrew Fries, Alexander Vigil
Sunday, February 7th: Anthony Kosovich, Eric Kosovich
Sunday, February 14th: Anthony Vigil, Alexander Vigil

I love My Lord Jesus Christ, who strengthens me! ~ St. Martina

Confessions: Sundays – 7:00 am Tuesdays – 7:35 am Catechism and Adult Doctrine Classes: Wednesday, Feb. 3 rd , 7:00-8:00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Please keep in your prayers Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Mr. Richard Pottenger, Mrs. Rosalie Pottenger, Mr. Jose Anaya, Daniel Gonzales, Christopher Fries, Sarah Watterson, and Rebekah Hibdon. (Please contact the Sisters if you know of anyone who needs to be added to the prayer list.)

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION: Beeswax candles will be blessed with a special blessing and a procession on the Feast of the Purification, Feb. 2nd. There will be plenty for all. A donation to help cover the cost would be appreciated.

BLESSING OF THROATS: will follow Masses on Friday, February 5th, and Sunday, February 7th. This special blessings begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise, a bishop who saved a child from choking on a fish bone as he was being lead to martyrdom.

FIRST FRIDAY and FIRST SATURDAY MASS: in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are this week. Please sign up for the all night adoration on the Google sheets link that has been sent out. All the hours must be filled in order for us to have this privilege!

The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This great solemnity, which closes the holy season of Christmas, has been established in commemoration of the two last mysteries of our Savior's Birth and Infancy. The most pure and beautiful Virgin, in obedience to the law, presented the child Jesus in the temple, offering a couple of turtle-doves for her purification, and five sicles as a ransom for her first-born, Jesus. On this day is fulfilled the prophecy of Aggeus concerning the Messiah, Agg. ii. 8: "Yet one little while . . . and I will move all nations: and the Desired of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory." This day St. Simeon and holy Anna, full of the Holy Ghost, recognize our Lord and welcome Him into the temple, as the Salvation, the Light, and the Peace of the world.

Wax candles are solemnly blessed on this day, in commemoration of our Lord, whom they represent as the Light of the world: "Three things," says St. Anscliu of Canterbury, "may be considered in the blessed candle: the wax, which is the production of the virginal bee, is the Flesh of our Lord; the wick, which is within, is His Soul; the flame, which burns on the top, is His Divinity." These blessed candles are to be carried in procession, in remembrance of that wondrous procession made in the temple by our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Simeon, and holy Anna. They should also be kept, to be used by the faithful either on land or sea, and especially to be lit near the bed of a dying Christian, as a symbol of the immortality merited for us by Christ, and as a pledge of the protection of our Lady.

Besides all this, blessed candles when burning have a special significance for ourselves. In the first place, they remind us that we ought to acquire the three divine virtues: faith which illuminates, hope which warms, and charity which inflames; for the candle gives light, warmth, and comfort.

Furthermore, they suggest to us Christian love of neighbor; for as the burning taper, while warming us to charity, wastes itself, so too should we enlighten our fellow-men by our good works, and at the same time spend ourselves by our deeds of charity and works of neighborly love for others. As the flame of the candle, no matter how we hold it, always burns upward, so too should all our wishes and efforts be directed from the lower to the higher. Our thoughts should be in heaven. Finally, a burning taper reminds us of the uncertainty and fleetness of human life; for when a candle is lighted it begins to waste, and steadily consumes itself, bearing a lively resemblance to human life: at the moment of our birth we began to die, and our life is gradually wasting away amid the din and struggle of life's battle.

