



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 † Purification of the BVM

Sunday, Feb. 2, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*Pro Populo*

Mon., Feb. 3, No Mass in Springs – Feria (St. Blaise, BM)

*RIP Poor Souls*

Tues., Feb. 4, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – St. Andrew Corsini, BC

*Joe and Debbie Vigil (Elliott)*

Wed., Feb. 5, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – St. Agatha, VM

*Boyd and Kelly Elliott (Elliott)*

Thurs., Feb. 6, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – St. Titus, BC

*For Charles (Girard)*

Fri., Feb. 7, HOLY MASS 8:15 am – St. Romuald, Ab

*First Friday*

*Michael Bird (Martinez)*

Sat., Feb. 8, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. John of Matha, C

*David Tseng (Hai Tseng)*

Sunday, Feb. 9, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Purification BVM

*Pro Populo*

### Serving Schedule:

Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Anthony Kosovich, Anthony Vigil, Nick Vigil, Joseph, Andrew, John Fries, Jude,

Hugo, Tobias Vigil

Tues., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>: Alexander and Hugo Vigil

Wed., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Fries, Jude Vigil

Thurs., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>: John Fries, Toby Vigil

Fri., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: Alexander Vigil, Nick Vigil

Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer

Sun., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: Steven Kosovich, Joseph Fries

*“Now doth Thou dismiss Thy servant, O Lord, according to Thy word in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation and the glory of Thy people, Israel.”*

**Confessions:** Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass    Tues. & Wed. - 8:00am

**Ending Hymn:** Sing of Mary    Pg. 72    #80

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

**Catechism Classes:** today, Sun. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 – 8:45am

**Adult Doctrine Classes:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Gabriel, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

**FIRST FRIDAY:** in reparation to the Sacred Heart is this week.

**FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION:** Beeswax candles will be blessed before Mass today and there will be a procession, weather permitting. A donation to help cover the cost of the candles would be appreciated.

**COLLECTION TOTALS for JANUARY:** 1-1 \$825; 1-5 \$1227; 1-12 \$765; 1-19 \$820; 1-26 \$848.

**SUMMA WRESTLERS:** Join our once a month men's meeting with light spiritual discourse. Contact Father Augustine or Anthony Glover for details.

**FLOWER COLLECTION:** will be taken today for fresh flowers to beautify the House of God!

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** will follow Mass on Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. This special blessings begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise.

**THANK YOU:** to Dominic Pulliam for his service in directing the choir. May God bless you!

## **THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES.**

The Blessing of the Candles is one of the three principal blessings observed by the Church during the year; the other two are the Blessing of the Ashes, and the Blessing of the Palms. The signification of this ceremony bears so essential a connection with the mystery of our Lady's Purification, that if Septuagesima, Sexagesima, or Quinquagesima Sunday fall on the 2nd of February, the Feast is deferred to tomorrow; but the Blessing of the Candles, and the Procession, which follows it, always take place on this precise day. In order to give uniformity to the three great Blessings of the year, the Church prescribes for that of the Candles the same color for the vestments of the sacred Ministers as is used in the two other Blessings of the Ashes and Palms - namely, Purple. Thus this solemn function, which is inseparable from the day on which our Lady's Purification took place, may be gone through every year on the 2nd of February, without changing the color prescribed by the three Sundays just mentioned.

The mystery of today's ceremony has frequently been explained by liturgists, dating from the 7th century. According to St. Ivo of Chartres the wax which is formed from the juice of flowers by the bee, (which has always been considered as the emblem of virginity,) signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant, who diminished not, either by his conception or his birth, the spotless purity of his Blessed Mother. The same holy Bishop would have us see, in the flame of our Candle, a symbol of Jesus, who came to enlighten our darkness. St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, bids us consider three things in the blessed Candle: the Wax, the Wick, and the Flame. The Wax, he says, 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. Blessed Candles are for the use of the Faithful, inasmuch as they draw, upon such as use them with respect, whether on sea or on land, special blessings from heaven. These blessed Candles ought, also, to be lit near the bed of the dying Christian, as a symbol of the immortality merited for us by Christ, and of the protection of our Blessed Lady.

**Lord Jesus Christ the true light, that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world: pour forth thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them by the light of thy grace; and grant in thy mercy, that as these candles, by their visible light, dispel the darkness of the night, so our hearts burning with invisible fire, and enlightened by the grace of the Holy Ghost, may be delivered from all blindness of sin that the eye of our soul being purified, we may discern those things that are pleasing to thee, and beneficial to our souls: that after having finished the darksome passage of this life, we may come to never-fading joys, through thee, O Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, who, in perfect Trinity livest and reignest God, world without end. R. Amen.**