

# THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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## Vocation Seeds

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Ascension Press Resources

There are many good Catholic resources available to Catholics who want to grow in their faith. A good resource is Ascension Press. You can go to their website or download their app. They have various Bible study programs, devotional aids, as well as Bible In A Year and Catholic Catechism In A Year by Fr, Mike Schmitz, as well as The Rosary In A Year with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames.

## Cold and Flu Season Precautions

If you are sick, please stay home. Maintain good hygiene especially at Mass and parish gatherings. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve, not into your hands. Dispose of tissue in waste bin. Wash or purify your hands right away. Try to avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose or mouth. Most germs spread by hand contact. There are hand sanitizers at the entrance of the church for your use. Please do not receive Holy Communion in the hand if you are holding a Kleenex in either hand.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Tel: 647-772-1319      [www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can,  
- John Wesley

A good heart, as well as a soul inflamed with charity, can do nothing but good and holy works. - St. Angela Merici

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday February 1:

5:00 pm Bonnie & Dave Weir Family  
Csabai Family  
Birthday Blessings for Euphasia D'mello  
+Mary Victoria Arulappu  
+Regalado Dagdag  
+Benamina P. Santos  
+Victorino Breboneira  
+Melissa Blatchford  
+Clara & Charleine Pereira

### Sunday February 2:

9:00 am +Luigi & Carosina Volpe  
10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Leung  
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

### Monday February 3:

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Carla Denise Ebaló

### Tuesday February 4:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ferrao Family

### Wednesday February 5:

7:30 pm Birthday Blessings for Janina Foronda  
In Thanksgiving of Neville, Louise and Andrew Rodrick  
Birthday Blessings for Lina Albuquerque  
In Thanksgiving & Deceased Family Members  
+Dina & Alejandro Sr. Anajao  
+Felicidad Buray  
+Raul Yumul

### Thursday February 6:

9:00 am Coutinho, Pereira & Valladares Families

### Friday February 7:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions  
7:30 pm In Thanksgiving of Pearl Rodcliffe

### Saturday February 8:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next. - St. Stephen of Hungary

## February 2, 2025

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### **Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding our annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday February 15, at 6:30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$50.00 each. To purchase or reserve one, please contact either GK Luis Dizon (647-862-6717) or SK Wilfred Gomez (416-388-0478).

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

This year this feast falls on a Sunday (February 2). On this day candles are usually blessed. Candles will be blessed before all Sunday Masses, including before the Saturday evening Mass this week. You can bring your own candles to be blessed, or you can make a donation to purchase one of the candles provided.

### **Blessing of the throats on the Feast of St. Blaise**

The feast of St. Blaise is on Monday February 3. He is especially known to help those who have throat ailments. After the 9:00 am Mass on February 3rd you can line up to have your throat individually blessed by Fr. Steven through the intercession of St. Blaise.

### **Healing after Abortion: The Sisters of Life**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to be endured for a lifetime. We offer accompaniment and retreats to women seeking healing after abortion. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: February 8 and April 5, 2025

For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 416-463-2722 or reach us by email at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

### **Patrician Meeting**

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to attend their monthly Patrician meeting which will be conducted on third Saturday of the month in the church hall, after the 9:00 am morning Mass. This month, the topic will be "St. John the Baptist" and will be held on Saturday, February 15 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The purpose of a Patrician meeting is to enhance our knowledge and our ability to speak confidently and persuasively about our Catholic beliefs. We invite our parish family to come and learn more about our Catholic faith, in a friendly and social atmosphere. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be served.

### **Holy Water**

Catholics are encouraged to use holy water in their homes. Hopefully, you were able to bless your homes on the feast of the Epiphany. Water is a natural symbol of purification and life. Water that has been blessed is efficacious in warding off evil spirits, preserving us from sin, and even sickness. Holy water is also a good source of obtaining more of God's blessings and graces, especially when we bless ourselves with it. You are welcome to take Holy water from our holy water font. You can use your own small bottle or container to get holy water or you can purchase a small container from our gift shop. The holy water is on the left-hand side of the church, close to the pieta statue.

### **CWL Membership Drive**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, St. Aidan Council will have their membership drive this weekend, February 1 and 2. CWL representatives will be at the foyer to provide more information. Consider joining the Catholic Women's League of Canada for the opportunity to serve God and country.

### **Sayings of the Saints**

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus.-  
- St. Rose of Lima

Our labour here is brief, but the reward is eternal. -  
- St. Clare

### **2025 Donation Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2025 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you can not remember your envelope number, one of us from the gift shop can gladly help you. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes please register in the gift shop.