

February 2, 2025

A LIGHT FOR REVELATION.

LUKE 2:32

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES United in Faith, Hope, and Service to the Community

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Our Vision

"We, the members of the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes, will foster discipleship by making the Eucharist the center of our lives as we form, live, and share our faith."

Our Lady of Grace Parish (OLOG)



Corpus Christi Church



Our Lady of Mercy Church

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., February 1, 2025
 4:30 p.m. at OLOM
 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., February 2, 2025 *The Presentation of the Lord*
 8:30 a.m. at St. A Timothy Stewart +
 9:00 a.m. at CC
 10:30 a.m. at St. B
 11:00 a.m. at QM John Rowley Jr. +

Mon., February 3, 2025 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*
St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop

Tues., February 4, 2025
 8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., February 5, 2025 *St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*
 8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., February 6, 2025 *St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*
 8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., February 7, 2025 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*
First Friday of the Month

Sat., February 8, 2025 *St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*
 4:30 p.m. at CC
 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., February 9, 2025 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:30 a.m. at St. A Doug Shears +
 Pat Shanefelt +
 9:00 a.m. at OLOM
 10:30 a.m. at St. B
 11:00 a.m. at QM

Saturday, February 8, 2025 4:30 p.m. at CC
Presider:
Lector: Leona Marmolejo
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Gill / Detsy Sacksteder
Server:

Saturday, February 8, 2025 4:00 p.m. at St. B
Note: New time Change
Presider:
Lectors/Readers:
Petitions: Eucharistic Ministers:
Sunday, February 9, 2025 8:30 a.m. at St. A
Presider:
Lector: Patrick Barnett
Eucharistic Ministers: Randy Klotz, Mary Hickle
 Susie Stewart, Joan Cameron
Server: Marie Klotz

Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:00 a.m. at OLOM
Presider:
Lectors: Mary Obonoidem
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Gerri / Deb Ravestein
Server:

Sunday, February 9, 2025 10:30 a.m. at St. B
Presider:
1st Reader – YOUTH/Camille Brown
2nd Reader – YOUTH/Dominique Akpore
Petitions – Deacon Victor O’Basuyi
Extraordinary Ministers –
 Carolyn Day, Rita Ellicott, Janice Allen (R);
 Emmett Orr, Susan Smith, Annette Young (L)
 Deacon Victor O’Basuyi (C)

Sunday, February 9, 2025 11:00 a.m. at QM
Presider:
Lector: 1-Steve Koob 2– LouAnn Geel
Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Hall / Jim Miller
Server: Carl Meyer

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Monday at noon
Send bulletin information to:
mphillips@qmdayton.org

- **Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick**
 Call office 937-268-6697
- **Weddings, RCIA/RCIC:**
 Call office 937-268-6697
- **Baptisms:**
 Call office 937-268-6697
 Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi,
 and Marty Phillips, instructors

Sacrament of Reconciliation
*Saturdays before the 4 p.m. Mass at SB,
 or after daily Masses at CC, OLOM, QM
 or by appointment.*

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Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes
Chair: Randall Klotz **Vice Chair:** Consuella Wilson

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY February 3, 2025		
11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In the sanctuary and Dial-In on Phone	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
9:00 a.m.- noon	Eucharistic Adoration	QM
TUESDAY February 4, 2025		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY February 5, 2025		
9:30 a.m.	QM Bible Study	McAuley Hall QM
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA
6:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	Virtual Sessions See info on right
THURSDAY February 6, 2025		
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	SB
7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	SA
SUNDAY February 9, 2025		
10:30 a.m.	Queen of Martyrs Rosary, before Mass	QM Church

February 2nd



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Weekend Collections

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

Jan. 12, 2025

Collection \$1859, Catholic Ed \$20,
Capital Improvement \$100

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR Saturday and Sunday Mass

Jan. 12, 2025

Collection \$1881, Maintenance \$200,
Flowers \$200, School \$100

OUR LADY OF GRACE - OLOM & CC Saturday and Sunday Mass

Jan. 12, 2025

To be Updated

QUEEN OF MARTYRS Sunday Mass

Jan. 12, 2025

Collection \$1042, SVDP \$5

World Day for Consecrated Life Prayer

God of all goodness,
 You have called people to follow you faithfully.
 Humans have heard that call and many choose to
 follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.
 Some follow your call in private, silent lives as her-
 mits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as
 virgins and widows; while others choose public lives
 of vowed men and women as religious brothers and
 sisters.
 Abundantly give to these men and women the cour-
 age to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and
 faith and service to the world.
 We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our
 Savior.
 Amen.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Presentation of the Lord Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

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2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries! Pledge cards are available [in the back of Church] for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

JUBILEE 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year

A Jubilee Year is an important and historical event in the life of the Church designed for the faithful to experience God's loving mercy in a special way. Traditionally, a Jubilee is proclaimed every twenty-five years, and the activities include pilgrimages, processions, special celebrations of Mass, and an invitation to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Jubilee's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope" and it began on Christmas Eve, 2024 in Rome and concludes the following year on the Epiphany in 2026. The Jubilee's activities are meant to encourage Catholics to both receive God's mercy and invite participation in acts of mercy in our daily lives and communities. Pope Francis specifically asks us to consider working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life, showing amnesty to prisoners, upholding the dignity of migrants, healing the sick, and accompanying the elderly.

[Jubilee Pilgrims on the Way of Hope Justice.pdf](#)

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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Our Lady of Grace

Corpus Christi Church Our Lady of Mercy Church
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Our Lady of Grace Parish Center (Office)
220 W. Siebenthaler Ave. Dayton, OH 45405
937-274-2107 info@ourladyofgracedayton.org
Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Queen of Martyrs Church

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937-277-2092 queenofmartyrsdayton@gmail.com
Website <http://qmdayton.org/>
Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study Beginning October 2nd we will go to a “Virtual” Bible Study session. We will continue virtual for the fall & winter months. We plan to return to “in person” Bible Study after Daylight Savings begins in March 2025

We will use Google Meet as our virtual meeting tool, below is the link information. Start time remains 6:00pm, Wednesday evenings. Holiday seasonal break from Bible Study begins November 20th through 2nd week January 2025.

Hangouts Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

Or dial: +1 402-921-2290 PIN: 708 666 706#

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus, the King of glory, yet like us in all things but sin, comes to His temple to be a light for all the nations. God calls us to do the same.

**Join your church family
in praying the Rosary
for the community and each other.**

St. Benedict Rosary is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:**

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

St. Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

Queen of Martyrs Rosary is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

*Pat Bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts,
Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley,
Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell,
Robert Florence, Loure Hayes,
Renee Raisch, Joyce Merch, Imogene Broyles
Sue & Frank Kozarec, Marie Hodapp, Craig Powell,
Al Cochran, Mike Mobley, Rachel Woods,
Peggy Neff, Wanda Offenberger, Fran Rickett,
Pat Meyer, Norm Magoto, Kira Prikkel,
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Deloria Harris, Samantha M., Joan Means,
George Noeth, June Phillips, Carla Arnold,
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Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel,
Betty Meehan, Karen Kuritar, Dorianne Minnelli,
Fred Caudell, Mary Foster
Carl Meyer, Mildred Singleton,
Ann Heaney, Jerome Johnson, Carol,
LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe*

PLEASE CALL 937-274-2107 EXT 3001 TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOMES

*Laure Hayes-Laurels of Kettering
Lucille Wilder-Cypress Pointe
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WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

*Major Matthew Fecke, Tiffany Kracus Lewis,
Sgt. Matthew Stull, Lance Corporal Patrick Nevius,
Caleb Weaver, Spc. Phoebe Moreo, Adam Wilhelm,
Martha Moreo, Capt. U.S. Space Force
EM3 Douglas R. Sortman, Major Darren Ward,
Staff Sgt. Jacob Naas, Spc. Jonathan Gladden,
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Angelica Tomlinson, USN*

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006 and she will pray for you.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?
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St. Blaise | February 3

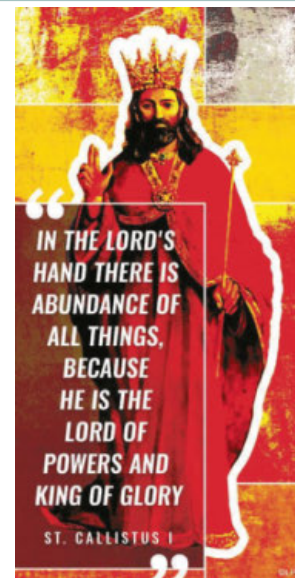
You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living.

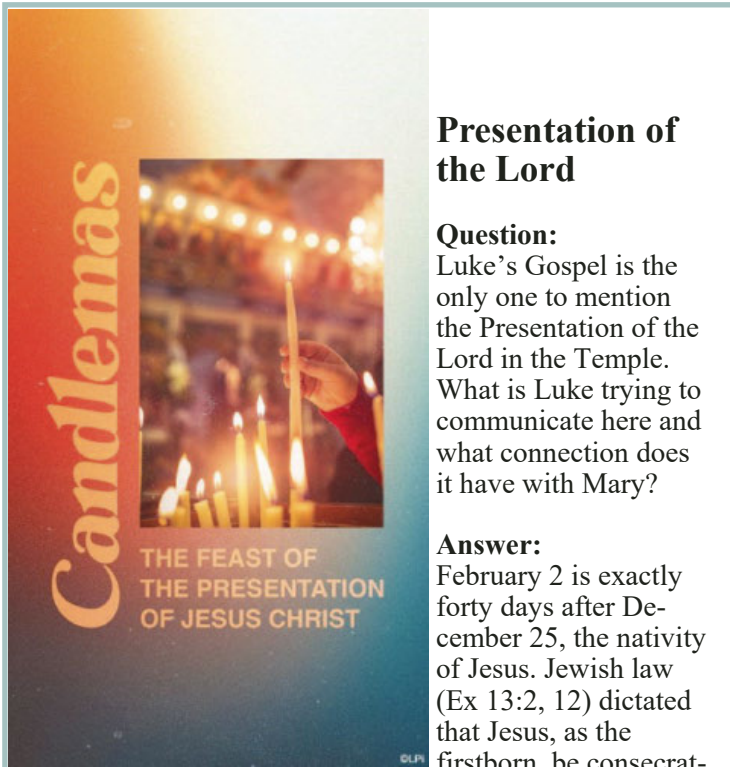
They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ©LPi



- **WIDOWED and want a reason to celebrate VALENTINES DAY?** Why not join Naim members (Widowed Catholics) as they meet on Monday, February 10, at NOON for a Valentine party in Friendship Hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. The regular meeting & cards will follow. Want to know more about this social & religious organization, contact Jim King @ 937-901-2849.



Presentation of the Lord

Question:

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:

February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi

Our Lady of Grace Make & Take Project Series 2025

- Friendship Soup in a Jar February 9
- Mini King Cakes March 2
- Palm Creations April 13
- Lip Balm for Mom May 4

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



THE QUEEN OF MARTYRS MEN'S CLUB
3rd ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY



February 9, 2025

LOCATION
McAuley Hall
4311 NORTH DIXIE DR
DAYTON, OHIO 45414



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\$25 - EACH SCORE CHANGE
\$50 - END OF 1ST QUARTER
\$60 - END OF 2ND QUARTER
SQUARES CHANGED AT HALFTIME
\$70 - END OF 3RD QUARTER
\$250 - END OF GAME

6:00-9:00 pm BUFFET INCLUDES: CHIPS, PRETZELS, CHILI DOGS, PASTA SALAD, SLOPPY JOES & RELISH TRAY! POP AND WATER PROVIDED

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\$25 FOR EACH SQUARE

CONTACTS: MARTY PHILLIPS 937 307 3568
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Noteworthy News...

We are currently doing the Mass Settings from The Mass of St. Mary Magdalene by Sarah Hart at CC, OLOM, and QM! If you would like to hear more about this beautiful Mass setting just do a search as follows...

[Mass of St. Mary Magdalene by Sarah Hart \(Full Mass Setting\)](#)

It is 10:46 seconds long and posted on July 24, 2024. (YouTube Video)

Blessings to all! Michael





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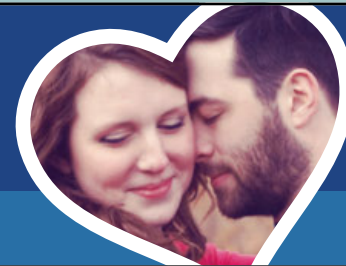
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