

Presentation of the Lord

Also known as Candlemas

Leviticus 12:1-4; Luke 2:22-39

The Feast of the Presentation, often called Candlemas, commemorates the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the temple, which took place 40 days after his birth as Jewish law required. The feast falls on February 2nd. According to Mosaic law, a mother who had given birth to a boy was considered unclean for seven days. Also, she was to remain 33 days "in the blood of her purification." Luke tells us, quoting Exodus 13:2,12, that Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem because every firstborn child was to be dedicated to the Lord. They also went to sacrifice a pair of doves or two young pigeons, showing that Mary and Joseph were poor. Once in the temple, Jesus was purified by the prayer of Simeon, in the presence of Anna the prophetess. Simeon, upon seeing the Messiah, gave thanks to the Lord, singing a hymn now called the *Nunc Dimittis*:

*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,
 your word has been fulfilled:
 My own eyes have seen the salvation,
 which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
 a light to reveal you to the nations
 and the glory of your people Israel.*

Simeon told Mary, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against, (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed." Simeon thus foreshadowed the crucifixion and the sorrows of Mary at seeing the death of her Son.


The name Candlemas comes from the activities associated with the feast. It came to be known as the *Candle Mass*. In the Western Church, a procession with lighted candles is the distinctive rite. According to post Vatican-II discipline, (if possible) the beeswax candles are to be blessed somewhere other than where the Mass is held. Often your local parish will hand out candles, or you may bring your own, to be blessed before the procession. These may be saved

SAIN'TS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

FATHER HUBERT SHIFFER *KNOWS* THE POWER OF THE ROSARY! HE AND SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF A JESUIT COMMUNITY WERE ONLY EIGHT CITY BLOCKS FROM GROUND ZERO WHEN THE ATOMIC EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE AT HIROSHIMA ON AUGUST 6TH, 1945. EXCEPT FOR THEIR CHURCH HOUSE, EVERY OTHER BUILDING FOR MILES WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED!

"I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ATOMIC EXPLOSION AND I AM STILL HERE ALIVE AND WELL." NOR DID HE SUFFER ANY OTHER ILL EFFECTS FOR ANOTHER 33 YEARS. HE WAS EXAMINED BY COUNTLESS EXPERTS, BUT NONE COULD ACCOUNT FOR HIS SURVIVAL OR THAT OF THE BUILDING HE WAS IN.

HE CREDITED THE MADONNA AND THE DAILY RECITATION OF THE ROSARY BY THE PRIESTS FOR THEIR SURVIVAL!



for later use in your home. After an [antiphon](#), during which the candles held by the people are lighted, there is a procession into the church. During the procession to the church, the *Nunc Dimittis* is sung, with the antiphon "Lumen ad revelationem" (Luke 2:32). This procession into the church for Mass commemorates Christ's entrance into the temple. Since Vatican II, the feast is reckoned a feast of the Lord (as opposed to a feast of Mary), and officially designated "The presentation of the Lord."

Please visit this website for more information.
<http://www.churchyear.net/candlemas.html>

Liturgical Colors

light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph, glory

White



Season of Christmas and Easter
Feasts of the Lord, other than of His passion
Feasts of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs
All Saints (1 November)
Feasts of the Apostles
Nuptial Masses
Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses) when the deceased is a baptized child who died before the age of reason

Note: White is the color of Popes' non-liturgical dress. White can be replaced by Silver.

the Passion, blood, fire, God's Love, martyrdom

Red



Feasts of the Lord's passion, Blood, and Cross
Feasts of the martyrs
Palm Sunday
Pentecost

Note: Red is the color of Cardinals' non-liturgical dress

the Holy Ghost, life eternal, hope

Green



Time After Epiphany
Time After Pentecost

Penance, humility, melancholy

Violet



Seasons of Advent and Lent
Rogation Days
Ember Days (except for Pentecost Ember Days)
Vigils except for Ascension and Pentecost
Good Friday

Note: Violet, literally "amaranth red," is the color of Bishops', Archbishops', and Patriarchs' non-liturgical dress

mourning, sorrow

Black



All Souls Day
Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses), except for baptized children who've died before the age of reason

joy

Rose



Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)
Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

joy

Gold



Gold can replace white, red, or green (not violet or black)

Congratulations!



... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.

<i>Religion - Ch. 5</i>			
Katherine Hope	Marissa G	Julia	Trinity
<i>Math Ch. 4, Section C</i>			
Josh Emily	Katherine Kayla	Danny	Nathan
<i>Vocabulary - Patty Reed A+B</i>			
Josh Jeremy	Aubrey Hope	Kelsey Maile	Katherine Trinity
<i>Spelling 19</i>			
Michael	Josh	Marissa B	Kelsey
Katherine	Hope	Marissa G	Zachary
Tiffeny	Andrew	Julia	Lia
Kayla	Trinity		

Upcoming Tests

Religion	Ch. 7	Mon. 2/8
Reading	Mrs. Frisby & Crow	Wed. 2/10
Spelling/Vocab	(handout)	Friday 2/5
Math	Ch. 5, Section A	Thu. 2/4
Language		TBA
Science	Unit B, Ch. 1	Tue. 2/9
Social Studies		Check Planner
Spanish, Music, Computer		Check Planner

Upcoming Events

- ! **Thu. 2/4:** Pancake Breakfast orders due
- ! **Fri. 2/5:** Noon dismissal
- ! **Wed. 2/10:** Mandatory parent meeting 7PM
- ! **Fri. 2/12:** Valentine Sweatshirts & Jeans day
- ! **Mon. 2/15:** Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL
- ! **Tue. 2/16:** Fat Tuesday pancake breakfast
- ! **Wed. 2/17:** Ash Wednesday Mass 10AM
- ! **Mon. 2/22:** Lunch Orders for March due
- ! **Mon. 3/1:** Spirit Attire Monday
- ! **Fri. 3/5:** Noon dismissal