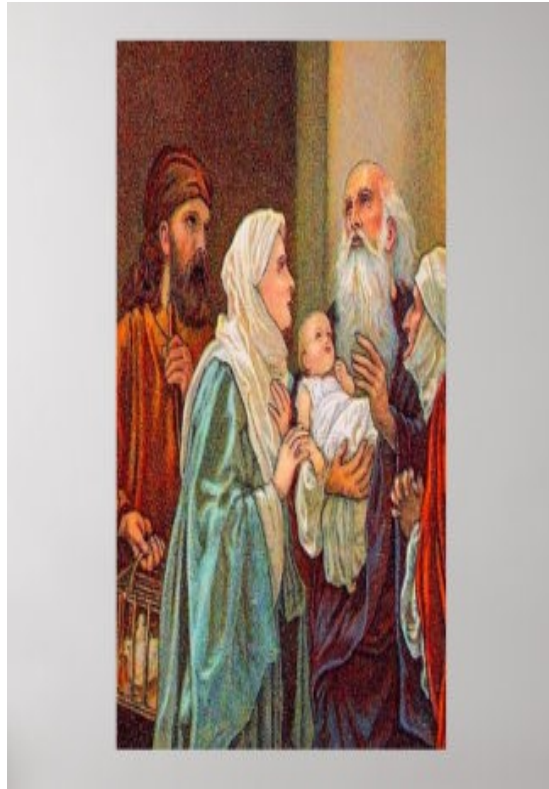


## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



### THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

**Parish council will meet Wednesday  
February 12th after 5:00 Mass**

### GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

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### Remember In Prayer

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

**Psalm** — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

### Readings for the week

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31; G Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; G Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103; G Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Ps 48; G Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27; G Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 23; G Mark 6:30-34

Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8; Ps 138:1-2,2-3,4-5,7-8;  
G Luke 5:1-11

**Knights of Columbus and Catholic men of St Andrew and St Regina Informational Meeting and Potluck Dinner, Saturday February 15th after 4:30 Mass. Bring your families and all interested may attend. Sign-up sheet is at the front of the church**

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**Adoration will be on Wednesday  
February 5th before 5 :00 Mass**

Feb 2nd

Lector Beverly  
Server Carlos

Eucharistic M Jim, Anita, Peggy

Counter Tom & Beverly

Feb 9th

Lector Mark

Server Max

Eucharistic M Ann C, Anita, Jim M

Counter Mary & Ann

Feb 16th

Lector Janet and Marina

Server Carlos

Eucharistic M Peggy, Jim, Beverly

Counter Tom & Beverly

Feb 23rd

LECTOR Peggy

Server Max

Eucharistic M Florencia, Janet, Ann F.

Counter Mary & Ann

### Wednesday Lector

**FEB 5<sup>TH</sup> PEGGY**

**FEB 12<sup>TH</sup> CHERI**

**FEB 19<sup>th</sup> BEVERLY**

**FEB 26<sup>TH</sup> PEGGY**