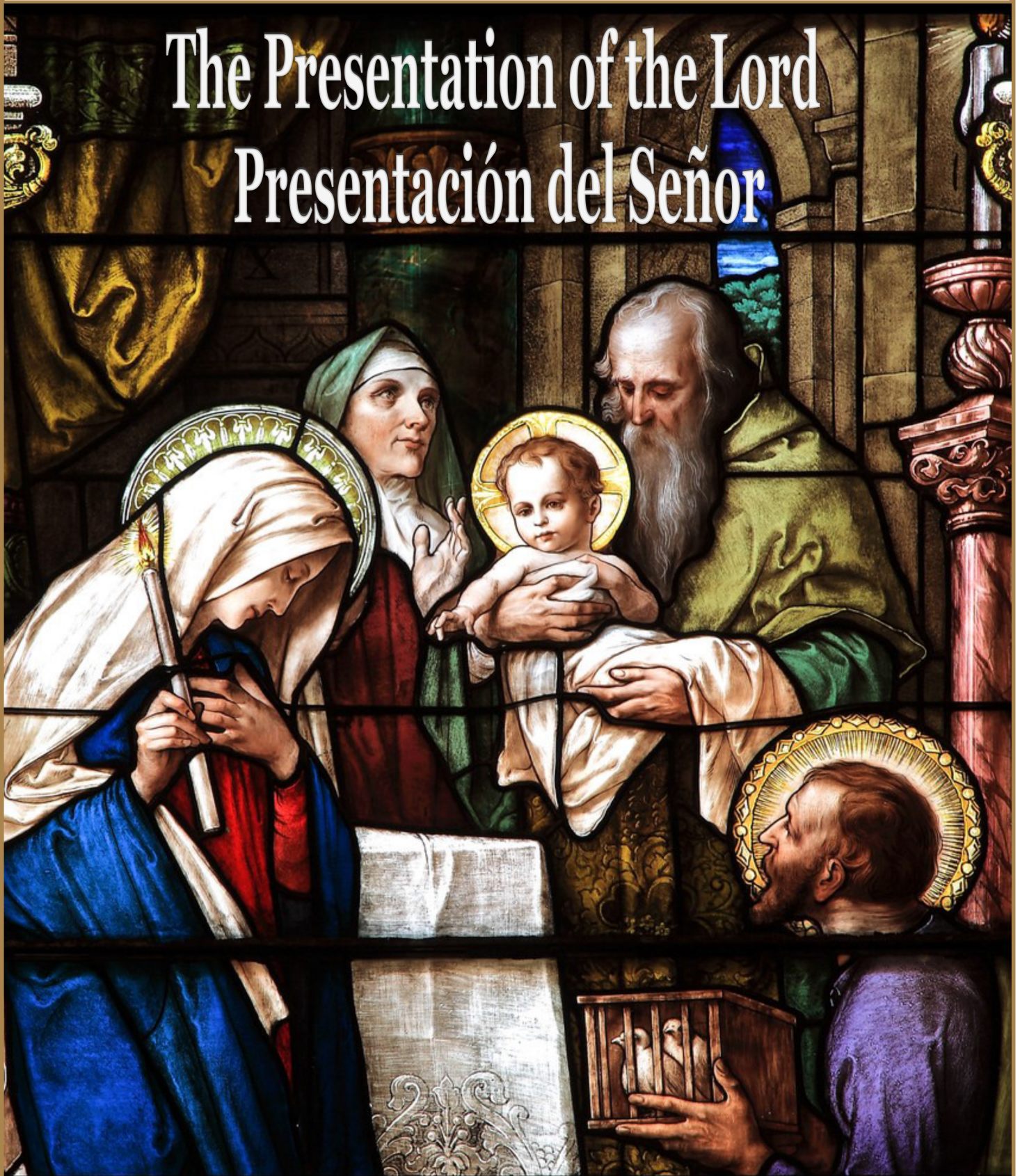


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The Presentation of the Lord Presentación del Señor





“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There

can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissonance. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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Join us for the upcoming talk:
**“Living the Beatitudes with Favorite Saints:
How to be happy with God’s help, on his terms.”**
Thursday, February 13th
7:00pm-9:00pm
in the Parish Hall



Bernadeane Carr, STL, retired director of the Diocesan Institute will be here to talk about the Beatitudes from the point of view of the saints. Let the saints be your guide to living the best life that Jesus wants for you. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to attend.

According to Jewish tradition the customary offering for a first born male was a lamb. Because the family of Jesus could not afford a lamb they were allowed to offer a pair of doves instead. The roots of the ritual of presenting a new born to the Lord at the temple went back to the history of Israel when as a people they were slaves in the land of Egypt. One of the plagues that God sent to the people of Egypt was the death of every first born male throughout the land. The children of the Jews were saved because of the blood of the lamb. As an act of gratitude for a newly born child and as a way of redeeming the child from God, the parents had to offer a lamb to the temple or in the case of Mary and Joseph they had to offer a pair of doves.

Today, every time we celebrate the Eucharist we offer not any kind of animal but the “lamb of God” our Lord Jesus Christ himself. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, offers Christ to God. Jesus is the victim but at the same time he is the one offering and as a Person in the Divine Trinity, the offering is for him. Jesus is the altar and the sacrifice offered for the atonement of our sins and for the salvation of the whole world. The feast of the Presentation of the Lord reminds us that every child is a gift from God, a very precious gift whose salvation Jesus himself paid a great price for. Let us also remind ourselves that every time the Eucharist is offered, Jesus, the Lamb of God, redeems each of us for himself.

Fr. Rick

**The St. Didacus
Mental Health Ministry
Invites you to a
“Care—Prayer—Support” Gathering
Sunday, February 2nd
7:00pm—7:45pm in the Parish Hall**



**The St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry
invites you to experience the comfort and
encouragement of God’s grace that is possible
when you connect and pray with others.**

**REST IN PEACE
†SUE WALKER**

We will have a memorial Mass for Sue Walker on Wednesday, February 5th at 11am. Please keep Sue and her family in your prayers this week.



Help Us Build Up the Community of God

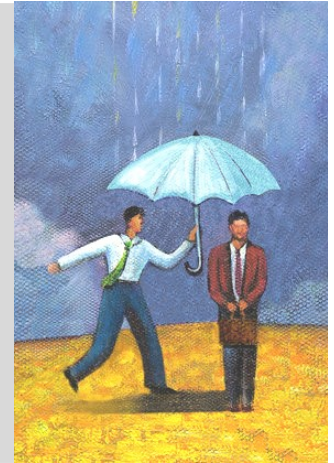
Collection (Envelopes & Cash) for Sunday, January 26 **\$4,421**
WEEKLY contributions NEEDED to cover general costs **\$7,370**
 (including salaries, administration, Faith Formation, utilities taxes, operating expenses)

This week's **SHORTFALL** **—\$2,949**

Total # of registered parish families/individuals **734**
of envelope users this week (supporting a majority of parish expenses) **115**
Registered parishioners NOT using envelopes to contribute **619**

We appreciate your support of our parish!
Please prayerfully consider how you may increase your giving to help us meet our commitments.

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something you just do when you attend Sunday Mass or attend a parish function? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?



Mass Intentions

Saturday.....February 1
 9:00AM.....Shirley Scinocca, Spec. Int.
 5:00PM†Madge Deters
Sunday.....February 2
 8:30AM.....Members of the Altar Society
 Therese Lunetta, Spec. Int.
 10:00AM.....†Lucille Jackson
 11:30AM.....People of St. Didacus
Monday.....February 3
 7:30AM.....Helen Yturralde, Spec. Int.
Tuesday.....February 4
 6:00PM.....Virginia Buckland, Spec. Int.
Wednesday.....February 5
 8:30AMLinda Buckmiller, Spec. Int.
Thursday.....February 6
 7:30AM.....Linda Garrigues, Spec. Int.
Friday.....February 7
 7:30AM.....†Marian Krueger
Saturday.....February 8
 5:00PM†Jose Gernale, †Noli Lodronio

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am
 11:30am in Spanish

Daily Mass

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am /Tues. 6:00pm/ Wed. 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed. 7:30am—8:30am / Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pm
 First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am

Confessions—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.

Baptisms: English: 1st Saturday each month. **Spanish:** 4th Saturday each month. Arrangements must be made 3 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for information.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made at least 9 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

Mental Health Ministry Direct Line: For emergencies call 911. For non-emergencies please call 619-940-6193.

Pastor, Rev. Enrique Fuentes

The Parish Office is open 8am-noon, 1-5pm M-F
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Weekly Events at St. Didacus

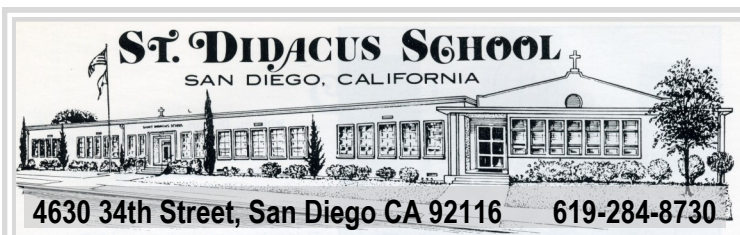
		Location
Sunday, February 2		
Mental Health Ministry	7:00pm	Hall
Monday, February 3		
Spanish Men's Prayer Group	6:30pm	Hall
Tuesday, February 4		
High School Ministry	6:30pm-8:00pm	Hall
Creation Care Team	6:30pm	Office
Wednesday, February 5		
Altar Society	noon-2:00pm	Hall
Religious Education	5:30pm	School
Choir	7:00pm	Church
Thursday, February 6		
RCIA	7:00pm	Hall
Spanish Healing Mass Celebration	8:00pm	Hall
Friday, February 7		
1st Friday Adoration	8:00am-9:00am	Church
Saturday, February 8		
1st Reconciliation	10:00am	Church
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, gives to his saints, the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day. —St. Bede the Venerable (673-735)

Tony Allen	Stan Hammack	Lupita Plascencia
Tessa Anderson	Dolores Hansel	Judith Pratt
Diann Bauer	Joseph Hastings	Antonia Raya
Dan Bauer	Jennifer Hughes & Family	Betty Rios
Martha Becerra	Al Hunt	Dolores Robertson
Bob Bellesi	Joanne Hunt	Victor M. Sanchez
Herminia Brignoni	Ponciano Jimenez	Shirley Scinocca
Gail Cedercrans	Emily Johnson	Carol Schmidt
Fred Cepeda	Paul Kasha	Beverly Stemper
Irene Davis	Meri Kerekanich	Phillip Sturock
MaryLou De Luca	Kerekanich Family	Maria Winters
Bob Demers	Marilyn Kober	Jean Woody
Josie Demers	Elizabeth La Costa	Helen Yturralde
Mick Donahue	Irene Lazo	Joan Ververlo
Cecelia Dueber	Juanita Lopez	
Carlita Durand	Paul Mansell	
Daniel Galvan	Terrence McCabe	
Susan Guenzel	Emma McPherson	
Anthony Flores	Dolores Mediano	
Tony Flores	Peter Napolitano	

And the special intentions in our Book of Needs

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JOIN THE PARTY!
St. Didacus School's Annual
Auction and Dance
"80s Prom Night"
is Saturday, February 29th
at Marina Village

Reserve a seat for the Auction and Dance. Tickets are \$90 each. Contact Mrs. Lepis at the school office by Wednesday, February 12th to make your reservation.

If you are unable to attend and would like to sponsor a teacher, call Mrs. Lepis for more information.

Everyone is invited to attend the
Spanish Healing Mass
Thursday, February 6th at 7pm

There will be a celebration in the Parish Hall following the Mass to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of this monthly Mass.

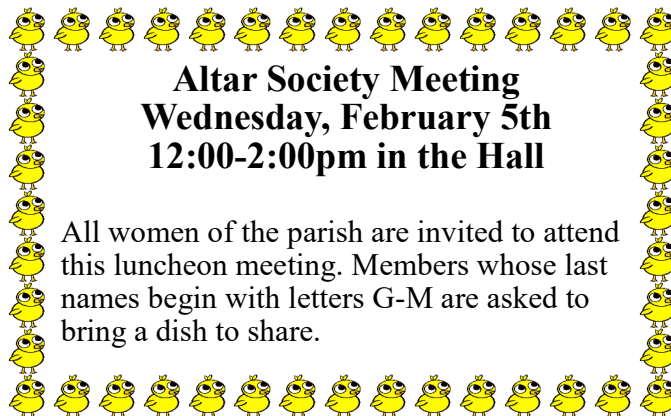
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Jerry Kwasek, a parishioner at St. John Evangelist Church, is here today with an invitation to you to accompany parishioners of St. John's on a **pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November**. Stop by his table after Mass for more information.



Altar Society Meeting Wednesday, February 5th 12:00-2:00pm in the Hall

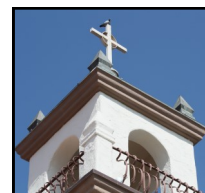
All women of the parish are invited to attend this luncheon meeting. Members whose last names begin with letters G-M are asked to bring a dish to share.



We are collecting palms from last year so that they may be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday which is on February 26th. Please put them in the basket at the entrance of the Church by Sunday, February 23rd.

Second Collection

Today we're taking up a second collection for our Building Improvement Fund. Thank you for your generous donations!



2019 Tax Statements are available upon request only. To request your tax statement, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

World Day of the Sick Mass

Bishop Robert McElroy—Celebrant
Celebration in Honor of
Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 8th at 10am at
 Our Mother of Confidence
 3131 Governor Drive
 San Diego CA 92122

Mass will include: Anointing of the Sick, Blessing of Caregivers, Blessing with Lourdes Water. Sponsored by the Order of Malta Western Association. All are welcome to attend.



Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



World Day for Consecrated Life February 2, 2020

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in

consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

"This then is the consecrated life: praise which gives joy to God's people, prophetic vision that reveals what counts. Consecrated life is not about survival, it is not about preparing ourselves for ars bene moriendi: this is the temptation of our days, in the face of declining vocations. No, it is not about survival, but new life. "But... there are only a few of us..." – it's about new life. It is a living encounter with the Lord in his people. It is a call to the faithful obedience of daily life and to the unexpected surprises from the Spirit. It is a vision of what we need to embrace in order to experience joy: Jesus."

--Pope Francis, Homily on February 2, 2019

Please pray for all those who have made commitments to live a consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



In today's Gospel we hear the prayer spoken by Simeon as he holds the infant Jesus in his arms. It confirms the hopes of Israel are fulfilled in the Incarnation. Simeon's words serve as the traditional Gospel canticle of Night Prayer called the *Nunc Dimittis*. Include Simeon's prayer in your own night prayer as you close the day and begin your rest:

*Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word, for my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all
peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
And glory for your people Israel.*



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at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Franciscan Vision Series

Thursday, February 13th, 7:30pm

University of San Diego, Founders Hall, French Parlor

Laity as Co-Creators of the Franciscan Tradition: Finding Faith as a Lay Franciscan with Darleen Pryds, PhD.

Lay Franciscans can often be forgotten, but they are actually the majority of Franciscan practitioners. We will explore the rich variety of ways in which laity have followed the Franciscan Charism from its inception.

Darleen Pryds has been studying Franciscan laity for over three decades. Her particular contribution to Franciscan studies has been to analyze the tradition of lay preaching as a form of "Somatic Theology" or theology that is expressed through lived experience. You can find her research in many articles and in three books, *The King Embodies the Word: Robert d'Anjou and the Politics of Preaching* (2000); *Women of the Streets: Early Franciscan Women and their Mendicant Vocation* (2010); and *Enduring Presence Authenticity and Diversity among the First Generations of Franciscan Laity* (2018). You can follow Dr. Pryds on Facebook or on Academia.edu.

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1st Reconciliation for STUDENTS Saturday, February 8th 10am in the Church



You are invited to attend a series of free talks about the Eucharist

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at Ascension Catholic Church
11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92124

Tuesdays in February: February 4,
February 11, February 18 and February 25
7:00pm in the John Paul II Center



In this short course, Karlo Broussard from Catholic Answers, provides the definitive answer to all those who doubt Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. This four-week short course breaks down the common objections to the Catholic doctrine and builds a powerful case—from Scripture and the teaching and practices of the early Christians as well as the evidence for Eucharistic miracles—for taking Jesus at his word when he said: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51).



LA PRESENTACION DEL SEÑOR

Según la tradición judía, la ofrenda habitual para el primogénito era un cordero. Debido a que la familia de Jesús no podía pagar un cordero, se les permitió ofrecer un par de palomas. Las raíces del ritual de presentar un recién nacido al Señor en el templo se remontan a la historia de Israel cuando, como pueblo, eran esclavos en la tierra de Egipto. Una de las plagas que Dios envió al pueblo de Egipto fue la muerte de cada primogénito en toda la tierra. Los hijos de los judíos fueron salvados por la sangre del cordero. Como un acto de gratitud por un varón recién nacido y como una forma de redimir al niño ante Dios, los padres tenían que ofrecer un cordero al templo o, en el caso de María y José, tuvieron que ofrecer un par de palomas.

Hoy, cada vez que celebramos la Eucaristía, no ofrecemos ningún tipo de animales sino el "cordero de Dios", nuestro Señor Jesucristo mismo. El sacerdote, actuando en la persona de Cristo, ofrece a Cristo a Dios. Jesús es la víctima pero al mismo tiempo es la única ofrenda y, como Persona en la Santísima Trinidad, la ofrenda es para él. Jesús es el altar y el sacrificio ofrecido para la expiación de nuestros pecados y para la salvación del mundo entero. La fiesta de la Presentación del Señor nos recuerda que cada niño es un regalo de Dios, un regalo muy valioso que Jesús mismo pagó un gran precio por su salvación. Recordemos también todo lo que se ofrece en la Eucaristía, Jesús, el Cordero de Dios, nos redime a cada uno por sí mismo.

P. Rick

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HOY DOMINGO 2 de febrero después de misa, tendremos el convivio *Conozca a su Comunidad*, acompañenos.

MISA DE SANACION Y CELEBRACION



El jueves 6 de febrero, tendremos la celebración de la misa de Sanación a las 7 PM. Después de la misa tendremos una celebración para agradecer Dos Años de la Misa de Sanación en español, en el salón parroquial.

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Estamos colectando palmas del año pasado para que las quemen para el Miércoles de Ceniza, será el 26 de febrero. Póngalas en la canasta a la entrada de la Iglesia antes del domingo 23 de febrero.



Misa en Honor del Día Mundial de los Enfermos Obispo Robert McElroy

**Sábado 8 de febrero, 10 AM
Nuestra Madre de Confianza
3131 Governor Drive
San Diego CA 92122**

Habrà una misa por los enfermos, por la celebración de la Virgen de Lourdes, el obispo les dara la unción de los enfermos, una bendición de los cuidadores, con el agua de Lourdes. Patrocinada por la Asociación Occidental de la Orden de Malta. Los esperamos.



**1ª Reconciliación
para los niños
Sábado 8 de febrero
10 AM en la iglesia**

Bienaventurados

Seremos felices y dichosos, si vivimos el mensaje de alegría de Cristo como personas conscientes de la pobreza de nuestros corazones y de la insuficiencia de nuestros propios recursos. Seremos bienaventurados si podemos entregarnos confiadamente en las manos de Dios.

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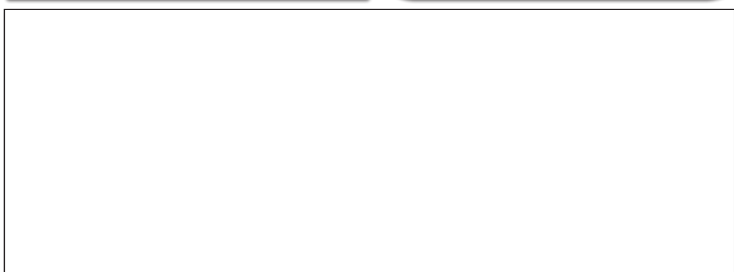
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