



## The Presentation of our Lord

### *The Collect of the Day*

Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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**Each year on February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification, and Candlemas.** This feast commemorates the 40th day after Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the Jerusalem Temple and Mary was purified in accordance with Jewish Law.

The Book of Leviticus mandates that, after childbirth, a woman must go to the temple to offer "two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a burnt-offering and the other for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean" (Leviticus 12:8).

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is chronicled in the Gospel of Luke, when St. Simeon the Righteous saw Jesus in the temple and "took him in his arms and praised God," saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30).

This blessing by Simeon is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis* or "The Song of Simeon":

Lord, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations,

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen. (Luke 2:29-32; Book of Common Prayer, p. 120).



*Candlemas service at Ripon Cathedral, Diocese of Leeds, England*

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, edited by Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, explains that when the celebration of the Presentation was first introduced in Rome in the seventh century, it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*, which is why this feast also became known as "Candlemas."

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## The Feast of Candlemas at All Souls

Today Fr. Tim will bless candles which you may take home with you for use during prayer. Be sure to sign up for a home blessing on the sheet at the Welcome Table in the rear of the church.



## GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

All Souls' Girl Scout Troop will be in our church hall after 10:30 Mass on Sunday February 9th. Plan ahead and get your Girl Scout Cookies from one of our own scouts! There will be a full selection of the assortment and both cash and credit cards will be joyfully accepted. If you cannot be at church on the 9th please place your order with another congregant who will purchase for you. *Thanks for taking care of our scout troop!*

## PRAYERS FOR FATHER TIM

Fr. Tim will be on retreat this week from Monday evening through Thursday noon at the Duncan Center. He will use this time to pray for each of you and to prepare for Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, that is February 26th. Please pray for Fr. Tim while he is away from the parish and in prayer on retreat. Thank you.



## THE BLESSING OF RELATIONSHIPS



In honor of St. Valentine there will be a short celebration of love after the 10:30 Mass on February 9th. All who are in a relationship or marriage are welcome to come to the altar for a special blessing. All are welcome.

## THE FEAST OF ABSALOM JONES

In 1794 Jones founded the first black Episcopal congregation, and in 1802, he was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States. He is remembered liturgically on the date of his death, February 13, in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as "Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818". *Our Diocesan celebration of the life of Absalom Jones will be on Saturday, February 15th at 10am at the Church of the Incarnation in Miami Gardens. All are welcome.*

## HOSPITALITY

If your First Name begins with E – J, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next Sunday, February 9th. *Thank you for your continuing support and participation.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Fr. Tim will be at a location on Lincoln Road (TBD and will be in this space next week) from 8:30am to 11am. Ashes will be distributed here at the church after the Noon Day Mass and at 5:30pm with a prayer service. Please remember that this is a HOLY Day and fasting and prayer is appropriate. God bless you in Lent!



## WE HOLD IN PRAYER †

*O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen †*

**We pray for healing for:** Baby Alia, Andre, Bill, Carlos, Rev. Dorenda, Fr. Errol, Humberto, Baby Hunter, Irma, Jay, Latisa, Norman, Olga-Maria, Richard, Ruth and Rev. Seamus. For those living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

We pray for the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

**We pray for the Faithful Departed and the Repose of Ms. Celia Triana.**

We pray for all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

This quarter we begin a new prayer list cycle.

Please remember to send an email to [parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org](mailto:parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org) with prayer intentions. Thanks!

### 10:30am Service Schedule for Greeters, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors, and Altar Guild

Date	Greeters	Acolytes	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors 1st Readings 2nd Reading	Intercessor	Altar Guild	Collection Counter
Feb 09	Carlos de Salazar Roberto Alvarez	Kathy Armbrister Brian Levey Samara Shute	Kathy Armbrister Jim Carlton	Rev. John Bliss Jim Carlton	Jim Carlton		Michele Colson