



February 2, 2020

# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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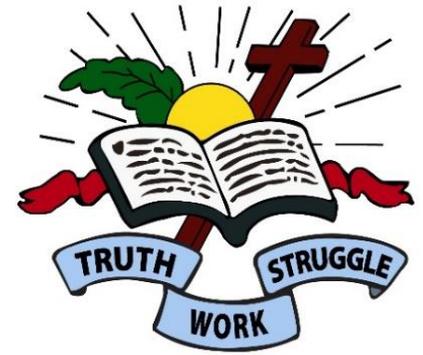
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## Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord

### A Sabbath Thought

Jesus' presentation at the temple fulfills the revelation Simeon received by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Light of the world and the King of glory. It is our ministry to carry the light of Christ into the world.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### MALACHI 3:1-4

The Lord's coming to his temple brings the promise of his salvation along with the challenge to us to share in the achievement of that salvation

#### PSALM 24:7, 8, 9, 10

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

#### HEBREWS 2:14-18

By becoming fully human, Jesus shared in every human experience: joy, temptation, suffering, even death.

#### LUKE 2:20-40

The poverty of the holy family could not hide the glory of the Lord who dwelt in it. Simeon spent his life waiting for this light to appear.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Luke 1:46-48; Psalm 29:11

*V. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

**R. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ALLELUIA – Isaiah 49:6b

I will make you a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

### THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“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.”

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# Worship Services

TODAY February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Solemnity

Presentation of the Lord

**ONE MASS ONLY TODAY!**

**Please note the time Change!**

9:00 AM – HIGH MASS

Blessing of Candles.

Blessing of throats in honor  
of Saint Blaise.

Annual Parish Congregational  
meeting following the Mass.

Please plan to attend and  
engage. Your opinion counts.

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Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>

First Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Septuagesima

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

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Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Sexagesima

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

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Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Third Sunday of Pre-Lent  
Quinquagesima

8:00 AM – LOW MASS

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS

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The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "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." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

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## INTENTIONS:

**My Brothers and Sisters:** Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially John Czechowski, Thomas Grodkiewicz, John Aldershoff, Tom Schalata, Joseph Ross, Stanley Sub, Bea Sub, Peggy Kowalik, Ruth Mechowski, Julie Urban, Jackie Weinhold and Walter Schilling.. For the repose of the souls of Beverly Wunderlich and Jane Bustard Wailing. **Our Father...**

**If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, February 2, After the 9:00 AM Mass**

Annual Parish Membership Meeting

Free coffee and donuts after Mass with the meeting to follow.

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Yearly organizational meeting of the YMS of R. All men of the Parish should consider joining the YMS of R. Please feel free to attend this meeting even if you are not currently a member. You can learn more about who and what the YMS of R actually is and how you can help them help our parish.

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!**

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## PARISH COMMITTEE VACANCY

The Parish Committee is in need of an Assistant Financial Secretary. The position primarily involve reconciling the Building Fund Envelopes and compiling an Excel Spreadsheet for the Financial Secretary. On the job training will be provided. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving the Parish and the Lord God Almighty by assuming this position, please contact Fr. Sr. Don or our Parish Committee Chair Person, Mike Traczuk. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.