

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**  
**February 1/2, 2025**



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24  
 Mk 5:1-20
- Tue Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32  
 Mk 5:21-43
- Wed Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a, Mk 6:1-6
- Thu Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13
- Fri Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc  
 Mk 6:14-29
- Sat Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
 Mk 6:30-34
- Sun Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1  
 Cor 15:1-11



### MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present

the gifts (hosts and wine) to the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle



## Bereavement

St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of our loved ones.. Please keep them and their families in your prayers and offer your condolences and prayerful support to them throughout this difficult time.

## REFLECTIONS

Generally speaking, in real life, most people prefer to live under authentic law and consistent order. It's the criminal element among us who "ply their trade," so to speak.

Joseph and Mary, the holy parents of a Holy Child, certainly knew the law of their nation and kept them in good order. That is why they entered the great Temple on a day long ago to participate in the established rite of presentation that all Hebrew mothers had to go through forty days after the birth of their male child. Obviously, Mary did not have to undergo any purification, but she, with Joseph, did so to preclude any scandal. So, in all humility they lined up with the other couples and their boys.

The topic of law and order enters our thinking from time to time. It often proceeds from "something out there" to something personal. We believe that Our Lord Jesus provided us guidelines. He fulfilled the Old Testament Law. He passed on the same to what would eventually become His Catholic Church through His Apostles and their successors. Twenty-one centuries later the obligation to obey remains, even if the idea of obedience these days is culturally foreign.

Sad to say, a growing number of those who call themselves Catholic have chosen not to agree. So, we note their absence from Sunday Mass in a downward trend that underscores the prediction of our late Pope Benedict XVI that the Church will grow smaller and poorer. It is difficult to understand how a rational person could decide to ignore Christ's words 'Do this in memory of Me,' spoken at the Last Supper to His Apostles is beyond the scope of this reflection. I will just say the words "relativism" and "self-referential morality" for the time being. You can explore them .

God love you and give you His peace.



The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Feb 1 Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Charles Hoppe (71 yr Ann) by Family  
 &  
 In Memory of Ted Lichon (Month’s Mind) by Family

Feb 4 Tues 7:45am For the Relief and Release of the Souls in Purgatory

**ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Feb 5 Wed 7:45am For the Relief & Release of the Souls in Purgatory

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Feb 8 Sat 4:00pm In Memory of Jean Franklin Gouin (Ann Rem) by Mike and Nancy

&  
 In Memory of Robert St. Jean (Month’s Mind) by Joyce Hill

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for all living members of the St. Joseph Parish.



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? Call Pauline Prew 568-5644 and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	12/14/24	12/21/24	12/28/24
Weekly	\$956.00	\$1157.00	\$1274.09
Monthly	\$140.00	\$75.00	
Fuel	\$195.00	\$114.00	\$10.00
Mass Stipends	\$170.00	\$105.00	N/A
Sanctuary Candle	N/A	\$25.00	N/A
Mail In	\$185.00	\$515.00	N/A
Im. Conc.	\$50.00	\$45.00	N/A
Christmas Flowers	\$120.00	\$55.00	\$10.00
Christmas Offering	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$65.00
Votive Candles	N/A	\$128.00	\$25.00
Donation	N/A	\$30.00	N/A
Coin	N/A	\$10.00	N/A
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$1861.00</b>	<b>\$2284.00</b>	<b>\$1384.09</b>
Ret. Rel.	\$50.00	\$10.00	N/A
Jacob’s Gift	\$10.00	\$48.00	N/A

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Feb 1	Monthly
Feb 8	Fuel
Mar 1	Monthly
Mar 8	Fuel
Mar 15	Easter Flowers

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