

*[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."*

LUKE 2:29-30

## We Belong to God

**E**veryone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?*
- ★ *How have you made your world better?*



# Dear Padre,

**A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?**

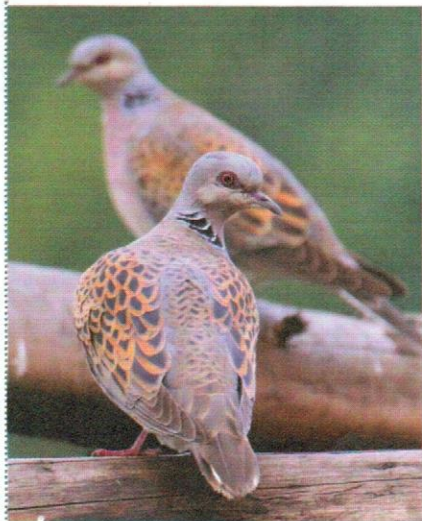
**A**ccording to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or

turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.*

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16



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## One Minute Meditations

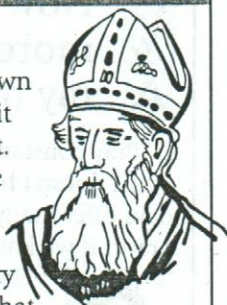
### St. Blaise

Not much is known about his life, but it is certain that St. Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in fourth-century Turkey, and that he was arrested for being a Christian. On his way to jail, he healed a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. According to one legend, the boy's mother also gave St. Blaise two candles in gratitude. Refusing to deny his faith, the bishop was tortured and martyred by the local governor.

### Lenten Obligations

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10th). In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The U. S. bishops define fasting as eating one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted as necessary to maintain strength.



## Find your new heart during Lent

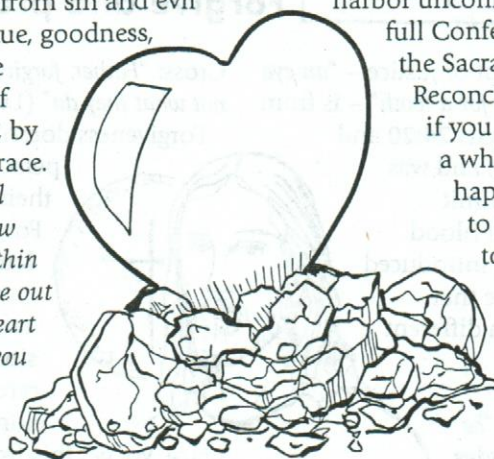
The root of the word "convert" means to "change," or "transform." Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness, and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's grace. *"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh"* (Ezekiel 36:26).

**A new heart.** God desires our conversion more than we ever could. With the perfect heart of a Father, he pursues and draws us to himself. Conversion begins by offering him our whole heart so he can remake it as his own.

Break the heart of stone. There can be no healing or conversion when we harbor unconfessed sin. Make a full Confession to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Don't worry if you have been away for a while. The priest will be happy to guide you and to welcome you back to God's friendship.

**A new spirit.** When we have a soft and tender heart of flesh, we are able to receive God's holy will. Our new spirit

requires renewal every day. Daily prayer, frequent Confession, and regular reception of the Holy Eucharist will keep our hearts filled with God's love.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics call Fat Tuesday "Shrove" Tuesday?

Commonly known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday has been traditionally spent feasting (especially on pancakes). It is also called "Shrove Tuesday," recalling the tradition of going to Confession. The

word "shrove" comes from "shrive" — the English word for confessing one's sins and receiving absolution.

In fact, there was a custom of churches ringing the "shriving bell" on this day. The goal was to start Lent with a clean soul and a repentant spirit.

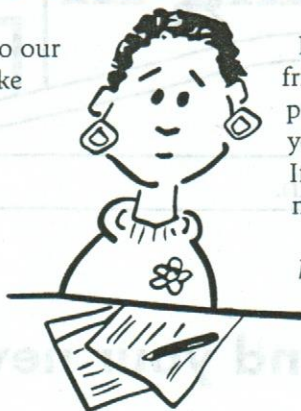




## Choose Heaven over Earth

Life on Earth lasts but a moment compared to our eternal life, yet we often let earthly concerns take priority over preparing for Heaven. If we put Heaven first, however, God will take care of everything else.

What is important to you? Make a list of what you do each day, from morning to bedtime. The activities that absorb most of your time are your real priorities. If it isn't in God's service, you need a change.



How do you make decisions? Do you look to friends or coworkers for advice? Or do you turn to prayer and Scripture for guidance? Resolve to take your eyes off of the world and place them on Christ. If we base all choices and decisions on God, we will never choose wrong.

Do you trust God to make you happy? *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope"* (Jeremiah 29:11).

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 5:38-48, Forgive and pray

The ancient concept of justice – *"an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"* – is from Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21, and was originally meant to limit violence and prevent blood feuds. Instead, Jesus introduced a new approach, one that would bring about a different kind of justice.

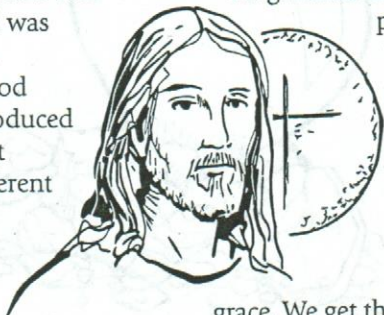
Jesus directed his followers and us to *"be perfect,"* which includes being merciful. God requires our treatment of others – enemies included – to mirror his treatment of his enemies. As Christians, we are to imitate Christ, who forgave his executioners from the

Cross: *"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34).

Forgiveness doesn't mean letting the person get away with their offense.

Forgiveness means letting go of our anger at the offender and entrusting the situation to God's care. We can't do this alone: we rely on God's

grace. We get this from the Holy Spirit and also from receiving the Eucharist at Mass. By receiving the Eucharist, we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, who strengthens us to lead a more perfect life.



### Q & A How can I fit more prayer into my busy day?

"Pray constantly" sounds challenging but it doesn't have to be. Actually, busy days offer many great opportunities for prayer if we know where to look.

Consider these suggestions:

**Pray throughout the day.**

Consider praying the Rosary on the way to work, saying grace before lunch, offering a quick "I love you," or praying for guidance for important decisions. Even job-related tasks can become "prayers in action."

**Fifteen minutes a day.** Good friends know text messages can't replace being together. It's the same with God. He loves us and wants our company. Aim for 10-15 minutes of daily prayer. Thank God for your blessings, meditate on Scripture, offer him your day, or simply enjoy his company.

**It's the love that counts.** For her love and humility, Jesus commended a poor but generous widow for her small donation (Mark 12:43-44). Sometimes, we have little time or energy for "good prayer." Remember, what pleases God is not the elegance or number of our prayers, but the love with which we offer them.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

**Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord.** In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

**Feb. 2 – St. Catherine of Ricci (1590).** St. Catherine was born to a prominent banker. Against her father's wishes, she joined the Dominicans when she was twelve. She is known for her visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every Friday.

**Feb. 17 – The Seven Holy Founders**

(13th century). Seven Italian noblemen who withdrew from the immorality of the times to live in prayer, simplicity and penance. Their order, the Servants of Mary, was later approved by the Holy See in 1304.

**Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent.** Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.





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## **CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**Fr. Riccardo Pennati serving in Fr.'s absence.**

### **MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

**MASS - Saturday at 6:00 pm, Sunday at 10:30 am**  
**RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5:00 pm**

*Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm*  
*Office email: [parishsec@gwtc.net](mailto:parishsec@gwtc.net)*

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sacristan:** Tom & Irene Giessinger  
**Lector:** Irene Giessinger  
**EME:** Jack Williams, Tom & Irene Giessinger  
**Servers:** Megan Brozik, Kylie Sachtjen, Ryan Sell  
**Ushers:** Barry Grossenburg, John Janecke  
Steve Meyer, Rich O'Bryan

### **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sacristan:** Judy Arthur  
**Lector:** Kristen Hausmann  
**EME:** Valora Eddie, Kristen Hausmann, Mike Hausmann  
**Servers:** Justin Hausmann, Rowdy & Roper Moore  
**Ushers:** Dean Engel, Lance Engel  
Jay Mayes, Brad Assman

## **ICC COLLECTION REPORT**

**Jan. 25 & 26, 2020:** Envelopes \$1,330.00, Loose \$127.00. Total \$1,457.00.

### **NO Holy Hour**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession**  
**Or Rosary for Vocations**

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Join us for Faith on the Road - 6:15 pm ~ St. Mary's**  
**Adoration with Fr. Mark - 6:55 ~ 7:30 pm**

## **Soup Supper**

**Winner Boy Scout Troop 100**

**Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**St. Mary's Hall**

**Tickets: \$5.00 for adults and**  
**\$4.00 Children (age 11 & under)**



Give yourselves the gift of a richer, more intimate Marriage. The Marriage Matters Retreat covers topics including communication, sexuality, forgiveness and rekindling the romance. It offers private opportunities to practice skills and dive more deeply into the love husbands and wives are called to share.

**8:30am Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 - 2:00pm Sunday, Feb. 16**  
**\$228.00**

**With an Optional Friday Night Check In (6:00pm - Feb. 14)**  
**and Social \$308.00**

**Presented by Catholic Social Services and Terra Sancta Retreat Center. To register, Visit <https://terrasancta.org/marriagematters2020>**

## **DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday - Feb. 1 - 6:00 pm \*\*Winner\*\***

Pat Briggs<sup>+</sup> by Thad & Rique Briggs and Khloe

**Sunday - Feb. 2 - 8:30 am \*\*Colome\*\***

For deceased Catholic Daughters by Colome Catholic Daughters

**Sunday - Feb. 2 - 10:30 am \*\*Winner\*\***

For the Parish

**Monday - Feb. 3 - 5:30 pm**

Howard Bechen<sup>+</sup>

**Tuesday - Feb. 4 - 4:30 pm \*\*Colome\*\***

Gregg Schwartz<sup>+</sup> by his family

**Wednesday - Feb. 5 - 9:15 am \*\*Elder Inn\*\***

Communion Service

**Wednesday - Feb. 5 - 9:30 am \*\*Nursing Home\*\***

Special Intention

**Thursday - Feb. 6 - 9:00 am \*\*Golden Prairie Manor\*\***

Special Intention

**Friday - Feb. 7 - 7:15 am \*\*Winner\*\***

Leo Laber<sup>+</sup>

**Saturday - Feb. 8 - 6:00 pm \*\*Winner\*\***

Joanie Kartak<sup>+</sup> by Jad & Sunny Bruun

**Sunday - Feb. 9 - 8:30 am \*\*Colome\*\***

For the Parish

**Sunday - Feb. 9 - 10:30 am \*\*Winner\*\***

For deceased Catholic Daughters by Winner Catholic Daughters

## **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am at ICC**

## **THE COFFEE IS ON!**

**Join Fr. Riccardo at the rectory**

**Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders**

**Thursday ~ Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30am - 12:00 noon**



## **NO WINE & CHEESE NIGHT** **Sat., February 8<sup>th</sup>**



## **WINNER CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

**Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 pm**

**@ St. Joseph's Hall**

**2020 dues are due**



## **'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'**

|                 |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Brittney Hansen | Jonathan Perez  | Jane Moser            |
| Reid Malnati    | Gary Elder      | Wendy Smith           |
| Connie Vaughn   | Janet DeMers    | Bromley Heath         |
| Jackie McKenzie | Shirley Turgeon | Ruthie Storms Joachim |
| Myrna Pravecck  | Avery Eddie     | Doug Stiehl           |

## **Prayers for our Family Members in the Military**

|                     |               |                    |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Gene Fisher         | Jacob Debus   | Dylan Doering      |
| Daysha DeMers       | Jeff Butler   | Jacque Miller      |
| Spencer Hughes      | Kris Schwartz | Christian Hamilton |
| Spencer Kirkpatrick |               |                    |

St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so.  
Thank you for your understanding.

**A prayer shawl is given to any who are in**  
**need of extra prayers.**  
**To obtain a prayer shawl, please call the office 842-3520.**

## ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

301 Carr St. Colome, SD 57528  
842-3520

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - Sunday at 8:00 am  
**MASS SCHEDULE** - Sunday at 8:30 am

### St. Isidore - Ministry Schedule

#### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

**Gifts:** Mr. Dan Wranek  
**Lector:** Todd  
**EME:** Marilyn/Sara/Volunteer  
**Music:** Kathy/Janette  
**Servers:** Aspyrn/Linkyn/Libbie  
**Ushers:** Ken/Chase  
**Sacristan:** Kristi

#### Church Cleaning

##### February

Jody Burger, Chr.  
Renee Sherman  
Cindy Sealey  
Marilyn Haukass

#### ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

January 26, 2020: \$698.00

COLLECTION: February 2, 2020 ~ Van & Ryan  
February 9, 2020 ~ Craig & Carol K.  
February 16, 2020 ~ Holly & DeAnna K

### Holy Hour

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at St. Isidore  
5:30 pm Rosary for Vocations*

**Due to Family Faith Night being held on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Colome Catholic Daughters**

**Will meet on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm - Rosary in the church**

**Meeting to follow**

**The fundraiser on February 15<sup>th</sup> will be discussed.**

**Hostesses: Kathy Hrabanek & Gertrude Shippy**

**The membership dues for 2020 are due.**



### Would "You" be interested in being a member of the St. Isidore Parish Council?

If you are a member of the St. Isidore parish, one position on the council needs filled now & one this summer. If you are interested, please call the parish office (842-3520) or any council member: Van Mansheim, Holly Pechota, Ryan DeSmet, or Craig Thieman, to throw your hat into the ring. Your input is valuable and we would like to work with you. Thank you!

### Human Trafficking

February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Pray for trafficked victims and their perpetrators. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking.

([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

#### Consecration to St. Joseph

In the midst of crisis, confusion and a world at war with the church, it's time to turn to our spiritual father — St. Joseph. Fr. Mark McCormick is encouraging people to consider a consecration to St. Joseph for 33 days beginning Feb. 16 until Mar. 19 — Solemnity of St. Joseph or Mar. 30 to May 1 — Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Books are available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore, 605-348-5228, or from Marians of Immaculate Conception <https://www.marian.org>. Fr. McCormick can be reached at [MMcCormick@diorc.org](mailto:MMcCormick@diorc.org).

## TIME TO BRING BACK YOUR PALMS.

There is a basket at the entrance of the church where you can place your blessed palms from last year. They will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you!



### THAT MAN IS YOU

Thurs., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 – 7:30am @ St. Martin Room



### FAITH on the ROAD

St. Isidore & Immaculate Conception  
Wed., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:15-7:30 pm  
St. Mary's Hall

### RCIA

**Announced Thursdays @ 6:00 pm  
at St. Joseph's Hall**

*They are looking into Full Communion of the Church.  
Please pray for them as they discover a  
deeper spiritual life with God.*

### ORDINATION SURVEY

Did you miss the opportunity last weekend to respond to the Ordination Survey? If so, it is not too late to participate. Just log on to:

**[www.rapidcitydiocese.org/new-bishop-survey](http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/new-bishop-survey)**

and complete the survey or stop at the parish office for a copy. This survey will let us know of your desire to attend and be involved in the ordination/installation of our new bishop, which will likely be sometime this year. Your input is vital to creating a meaningful and joyful celebration!



### **If you have an emergency for which you are in need of a Priest,**

please call Fr. Riccardo at 605-939-5844.

If Father does not answer, leave your name, number and your request. Fr. will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Thank you!**



You are welcome to stop in or call Fr. Riccardo. Call him for home visits, office visits, hospital visits or just to visit. His cell number is 605-939-5844.