



February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026
MALACHAI 3:1-4; PSALM 24; LUKE 2:22-40

Dearly beloved in the Lord, today is exactly forty days after we celebrated the birth of Jesus. According to Jewish custom (Leviticus 12:3-8; Exodus 13:2, 12, 15), forty days after the birth of a child, the mother is purified, and if the child is a firstborn son, he is presented and redeemed. Today, therefore, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple and the purification of Mary.



The feast of today contains several biblical paradoxes. I will highlight just a few.

The parents of Jesus were not rich enough to afford the prescribed lamb according to Leviticus 12:1-8, especially verse 8, so they brought a pair of turtle-doves. However, in reality, they offered the best of lambs to God, because the child they brought was the Lamb of God himself, the Lamb whom God approves and supplies.

They brought Jesus to the Temple to be consecrated, but in truth, He is the Temple of God whose presence consecrated the Temple.

Jesus was ceremoniously presented and dedicated to God, whereas in reality, He is the one who presents and dedicates us to God in Himself.

In appearance, Simeon held Jesus in his arms, but in reality, Jesus holds Simeon, you and me, and the whole world in His arms.

There are at least four characters in today's Gospel, and each has an important place in this feast.

I. The parents of Jesus, who were committed and devout Jews.

II. Jesus Himself, who shared in all our human conditions and experiences. His presentation is a prolongation of the Incarnation and a deepening of His solidarity with us.

III. Simeon, a devout and righteous man.

IV. Anna, a widow who consecrated her life to God and spent it in prayer and fasting

Today, I will reflect on Simeon's experience and draw just two lessons.

I. Simeon waited on the Lord:

We are told that it had been revealed to Simeon that he would not see death until he had set his eyes on the Christ of the Lord. From the moment of that promise, Simeon waited, anticipated, and prepared

for its fulfilment. He waited for years, even decades. Even when he became very advanced in age, possibly over a hundred years old, he still hoped for the promised Saviour.

Today's feast is a celebration of God's faithfulness to His promises. God fulfilled, in His own time, the promise He made to Simeon.

God has a message today for someone who is waiting on Him and perhaps beginning to grow tired. Continue to trust the promise - do not despair; do not walk away from what God has spoken.

The prophet Habakkuk reminds us: "Still the vision awaits its appointed time. It hastens to the end and will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come" (Habakkuk 2:3).

II. Simeon's eyes were opened:

Simeon was a man advanced in age. His physical eyesight may have been failing, but today he saw more than the physical eyes could perceive. Human eyes saw a forty day old baby; Simeon saw salvation. People saw a crying infant; Simeon saw a light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. It was another epiphany for Simeon.

How was he able to see this?

The Gospel is very clear about the action of the Holy Spirit in his life. We are told that the Holy Spirit rested on him, that it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit, and that he was prompted by the Holy Spirit.

In Ephesians 1:18, St. Paul prays that the eyes of our minds may be opened. We too need to ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes, so that we can see the mysteries that the physical eyes are incapable of capturing. When we see only with physical eyes, we miss so much.

I conclude by praying that, like Simeon, the Holy Spirit will open our spiritual eyes to recognise the saving works of God around us, especially when we gather to offer the supreme sacrifice of the Mass.

NB:

Today is also the World Day of Consecrated Life, established by Pope John Paul II. We keep in our prayers all men and women who have consecrated their lives to God in poverty, chastity, obedience, and prayer

If you are interested in serving in any of the liturgical ministry roles, know that you are most welcome. We are always in need of readers, cantors, Eucharistic Ministers and servers. Please let one of the priests know by February 15 so we can schedule training.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 7 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Joe & Mary Ann Gallo by Gloria Hayes

Sunday, February 8 — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Lorraine Maiolini by Jeffrey & Paige Maiolini

10:30 AM Pro Populo

Monday, February 9

8:00 AM † Eleanor Pallini by Pokomo Family

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, February 12

8:00 AM † Flora C. DiBartolomeo by Richard & Alice Pastella

Friday, February 13

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Saturday, February 14—Vigil

4:00 PM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by Their Children & grandchildren

Sunday, February 15 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM † Betty Jane Lespilette by Candice Treser

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Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Feb. 14 & 15, 2026

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesì	S. Surdybn W. White L. Henry	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	S. Stein J. Todd T. Todd	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	D. Yagdich	K. Imbrescia P. Francowic K. Byron	S.Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Moday, February 9 – Team #2 – W. Anders

It's hard to believe, but next week we begin the Lenten season. On **Ash Wednesday**, February 18, we will have Mass with distribution of ashes at **8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



We welcome **David and Liam Hickle** to the Epiphany of Our Lord Parish and the family of God. David and Liam are the sons of Nicole (Bagay) and William Hickle.

Evenings of Reflection

This Lent, step away from the noise and into reflection. Join us for a series of Lenten talks by Fr. Barnabas O'Reilly, OSB. He earned his undergraduate degree from St. Vincent College, entered St. Vincent monastery in 2015 and subsequently enrolled at St. Vincent Seminary, receiving a Master of Arts in Catholic philosophical studies. The talks will begin at 6:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian on Monday, March 9, Epiphany of Our Lord, Tuesday, March 10, and at St. John the Baptist, Wednesday, March 11. The topics will be listed on the website.

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Jan. 25	Christmas:	80
Votive Candles:	43	Children & Adult: 1,247
Utility & Energy:	50	Online : 934
Accent:	6	Total Collection: \$2,360

Weekly Collection Feb. 2	Children & Adult:	4,736
Votive Candles:	0	Online : 3,089
Utility & Energy:	165	Total Collection: \$8,025
Accent:	0	Eastern Europe: 454
Ash Wednesday:	35	Total Collection: \$8,479

Pierogi Making

Our last pierogi making before the Fish Fry will be Sunday, February 8 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and Monday, February 9, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.