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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022
EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF THE
PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

Dear faithful,

We celebrate this Sunday the External Solemnity of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast, also known as “Candlemas”, was first observed by the Church in Jerusalem. It marks the veritable end of the Christmas season, and is possibly the most ancient festival of Our Lady. It commemorates not only the obedience of the Blessed Virgin to the Mosaic Law in going to Jerusalem forty days after the birth of her Child to offer the customary sacrifices, but also the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, and the meeting of the Infant Jesus with the old man Simeon at the Temple.

This meeting of the Holy Family with Simeon has a bittersweet character. Simeon utters his joyful canticle of the “Nunc dimittis” (chanted every night in the Office of Compline) in thanksgiving to the Lord for this sublime privilege. His words to Our Lady however contain a foreboding prophecy: “...thine own soul a sword shall pierce.”

These words surely resonate with many of us. Have not our own hearts been pierced by the sad circumstances of our world, and of the Church? It seems that everywhere, iniquitous men advance their draconian designs with little to no resistance. The world around us takes on a dehumanizing character. Many in the Church subvert and attack Her traditional doctrines, rather than do their duty of upholding them. But we must not give in to discouragement! I would like to draw your attention to the very encouraging words of Canon Talarico in his letter opening the month of February:

“Let us not forget, however, that we are the ‘children of light’! (Jn. 12:36) As children of the light, we seek the light; we search after it; we cling fast to it. Indeed, what could be more comforting than to be with the ‘light to the revelation of the Gentiles’ who is none other than Our Lord Jesus Christ, our true source of hope.”

Even the plans of evil men do not escape the hand of Christ the Lord of History, who takes them and changes their course to serve the good when these miscreants least expect it.

It being the External Solemnity of the Purification, there will be the traditional **Blessing of Candles and Procession** at 12:30, followed by the Mass. If you have candles you would like blessed, please place them on the tables before the ceremonies begin.

With the Feast of the Purification comes a change in the seasonal **Marian antiphon**. As of this past Wednesday, February 2, the hymn is now the lovely *Ave Regina Caelorum*. Please find copies available in the back of the church.

Next Sunday, February 13 is Septuagesima Sunday; the beginning of the **Pre-Lenten season**. How many Lents have you now lived through only to realize, towards the end, that your fasting and abstinence lacked sufficient preparation? We often realize only too late that our walk with Christ would be greatly aided by an earlier anticipation of the opportunities He is giving us to mortify ourselves, and thus be molded ever more in His likeness.

I therefore encourage you to already think about the particular penance or good work (perhaps more than one) which you will offer up during Lent. Begin now



to implore of Our Lord the grace of fidelity in your resolutions.

As you know, **Canon Altieri** is still in the hospital recovering from his bout with the Coronavirus. Thankfully, his ventilator requirements continue to lessen, and his medical team remains optimistic that he will not require hemodialysis for long. A complete recovery remains possible. Please continue to pray for Canon, his family, and his medical team. Your prayers have already helped a lot.

Though we don’t yet have access to the church hall for our Sunday reception, we’re improvising! Please enjoy a donut (or two!) and the company of your fellow Mass-goers on the sidewalk after the 12:30 Mass today. To those who note the high caloric content of donuts, just remember that it’s Sunday – calories don’t count!

We are also finding a way to continue our **Sursum Corda young adult group**, for those ages 18-35. Come join us on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 pm at the Chabot Theater in Castro Valley, located at 2853 Castro Valley Blvd. The evening will start with the usual talk, followed by dinner. It will be a more casual dinner than our usual events. We hope to see you there!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday
Canon Benjamin Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 2/6	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	External Solemnity of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Isaac Maximo Pablo Matias
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Jose Maria Mares† & Felicitas Murrillo†
Mon, 2/7	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Romuald, Abbot <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Father Staal	Bridget & Thomas Peterson
Tue., 2/8	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. John of Matha, Confessor <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Stephanie Turpin
Wed., 2/9	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Confessor <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Albert & Sarah Loza
Thurs., 2/10	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Scholastica, Virgin <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Robert & Alma Hill (30th Wedding Anniversary)
Fri., 2/11	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	The Apparition of Our Lady at Lourdes <i>3rd Class/ White</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Mr. & Mrs. Harold T. Gordon
Sat., 2/12	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	The Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Confessors <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Theresa Hamilton†
Sun., 2/13	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Septuagesima Sunday <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	John Paul Price Family
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Carlota Del Rio†

SACRAMENTS

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass, and also during the Adoration after the 6 pm Mass each Friday.

Please contact Canon Norman if you are in need of or have questions regarding reception of any of the Sacraments.

CATECHISM CLASSES

Weekly catechism classes on Zoom Please contact Canon Norman or Lisa Caputi (henshinx@pacbell.net) to request the Zoom link.

Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00pm **Adult Class:** Saturdays, at 2:30pm

EMAIL LIST: send your request to

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FLOCKNOTE: sign up at icksपोakland.flocknote.com

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PRAYER LISTS

In your kindness, please keep these requests in your prayers. Thank you.

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Dario Gonzalez	Paula Case	Veronica Seder
Elizabeth Pawek	Diane Kasdan	Courtney Shoda
Canon Fragelli	Dobbins family	Peter Trong Nguyen
Paulann Dymond	Mead Lawson	Paul Oei
Thomas Orr	Canon Altiere	Canon Estrada
Jay Balza	Ann Placido	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Jeff Glass	James Metran	Ramon Lanzas
Marie-Terese Karel-Michaen		Steven Miller
Jesus Cristobal	Rita Cristobal	<i>Requiescant in pace.</i>

If you would like post a name to these lists, for yourself or a loved one, please send an email to oakland@institute-christ-king.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6—External Solemnity of the Purification (Candlemas)
Blessing of candles and procession at 12:30pm

February 13—Septuagesima Sunday

February 17—Sursum Corda (*rsvp)

February 20—Sexagesima Sunday

February 27—Quinquagesima Sunday

March 2—Ash Wednesday

* **RSVP:** for the Sursum Corda event on February 17, please rsvp to Noe Perez at n_perez3@u.pacific.edu

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