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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday** 7:00 am 9:00 am

10:30 am (choir) and 5:00 pm

**Mon – Fri** 6:00 am 11:30 am **Sat** 7:00 am

**Confessions** Mon-Fri 12:00n to 1:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 12 noon

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### MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 3—8

MON 3	6:00 11:30	+ Thomas M. Lickteig (1st Annv.) + Joe and Maureen Merten (Birth.)
TUES 4	6:00 11:30	+ Mark Teismann + O'Connor and Whalen Families + Anthony John Sadouskas
WED 5	6:00 11:30	+ Mary Tenkotte (1st Annv.) + Carl and Carolyn Voss (Birth.) + Bob Auberger
THUR 6	6:00 11:30	+ Rita Bleil SI Joan Thelen SI Ebbitt Family
FRI 7	6:00 11:30	+ J. Kent Stier + Dorothy Purcell + Nancy Oswald
SAT 8	7:00	+ Joe Feiertag + Thomas Kelley

*Today's readings are found at # 1196*

## MUSIC

**Opening:** City of God # 766

**Gloria:** Mass of Redemption  
p. 17 in red Revised Order of Mass booklet

**Responsorial Psalm 24:**  
Who Is This King of Glory? # 1196

**Presentation:**  
Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace #874

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**  
Community Mass # 370, 373, 389

**Communion:** Behold the Lamb #939

**Closing:**  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 641



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## Behold, the Light!

In times past, a new television series would debut in September, right after Labor Day and run new episodes for 26 or 32 weeks, until summer brought re-

runs or replacements. Today networks buy into short seasons that happen at any time. They take a chance on maybe six episodes and then re-run them to build an audience before committing to more production.

Our Gospel reading this week is kind of like that. We spent over two weeks celebrating the birth of Jesus, the visit by the Magi, and all the heart-warming stories of infant Jesus. Just when we are absolutely ready to throw out the Christmas tree and turn off the carols, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, a young man 30 years of age. In our liturgy, we are finally already to put the baby stuff behind us and move into the life, message, and mission of Jesus.

Then comes today's feast on February 2: "The Presentation of the Lord." Suddenly it seems like a mid-season rerun. Jesus is once again a baby and now he is being presented to the high priest in the temple in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph come upon a righteous man, Simeon by name, who was told that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, the Anointed One of God. He utters the great prayer known in Latin as the *Nunc Dimittis*, "Now dismiss your servant ...for my eyes have seen your salvation...a light for revelation... for all your people." This prayer is said daily by the ordained, professed religious, and lay people around the globe in what is known as "Compline" or Night Prayer. It is a peaceful prayer fitting for reflection at the end of one's day.

This feast of the "Presentation" is also known as Candlemas Day. On this day, 40 days after Christmas, the liturgical tradition of the church suggests blessings candles that may be used in the home, for votive offerings, baptisms, RCIA, or even the sanctuary candles. All these candles in some way call out to us that Jesus is the light of the world. It is especially fitting to bless the candles that will be used to bless throats on February 3, the feast of St. Blaise, patron saint of ailments of the throat. Like Ash Wednesday, people used to make Mass on St. Blaise day a priority. It seems we like getting extra "things" at Mass. Because the feast falls so close to Sunday this year, the priests at St. Xavier will be blessing throats after all the Masses today.

As a small child I always had the opportunity to have my throat blessed. I was concerned that the priest might light the candles that were crossed and placed against my throat, but to my relief they were not. I can remember the smell of bee's wax candles and the coldness of the candles held against my throat as the prayer and blessing were offered. I can't say that my scratchy throat was cured or that I never not sick, but it was comforting to know that Christ cared about my physical well-being, and somehow... I just felt better.

— Deacon Tim Crooker

## ✠ST XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY✠

Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish:

Don Sumner, Joe Albers, Bobby Lee, Joan Ludwig, Diane Dryer, Dave Sturgeon, Chelsea Rust, Daniel Helmes, Angie Fennell, Joe Albers, Melissa, Christine Schoonover, Charley Verkamp, Tim Robinson, Harry Tenkotte, Marguerite Kron, Gerry Walsh, Russ Williams, Mimi McGarry, Rosemary Kosky, Barbara Stewart, Rick Hancock, Gina Spradling, Arnold Tepe, Adelle Eaton, Terry Lawrence, Mary Murphy, Roy, Anita Snider, Thomas Willis, Shirley Tolliver Hardin, Karen Blust, Jerry Wallman, Gloria Duncan, Carl Ladwig, JoAnn James, David and Carol Grosser, Steve Wolter, Angie Randy Paul, Tom Huenefeld, Cynthia Hogan, Carmelia Schlueter, Joe Eley, Joseph and Shiela MacDougall, Kevin Noble, Helen Sievers, Jewel Rossmann, Chris Arlinghaus, Beth Barney, Joe Waters, Bob Wilkerson, Quinn Cobble, Diana DeVore, Lisa Spencer, Ellen Sole, Sheila Sullivan, Mary Ann Himmelman, Karen Shaw, Joyce Braun, Bill Hughes, Sue Leeds, Chris Leeds, Edward Pestian, Erin Payne, TJ Ducklo, Doug Lange, Glenda Bauer, Denny Delaney, Betty Headsworth, Ron and Lynda Pierce, Nancy Santen, Shirley Riegling, John Massman, Joseph Brehm, Josefa Navales, Gina Martin, Bob and Jean Scheid, Robert Miller, Barbara Meridieth, Sharon Dearwester, Joan Perone, Tomie Faye Weissinger, Rose Elizabeth Sartin, Debbie Garnett, Tom Miller, Jeanne Miller, Tim Robinson, Tony Santoro, Kathy Link, Jane Melson, Steve Nieman, Lovre Dzolic, Plinio DeGoes, JoJo, Bill Robison, Arlene Fritsch, Ginny Wiltse, Gregg, and Rick.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offerings for January 19	\$ 7,161
Online Giving	1,696
Week of January 19	\$ 8,857

**Financial Note:** *If you are over age 70.5 and are required to take a distribution from your IRA, you can circumvent the tax law change and still, in effect, deduct your charitable gifts to St. X by giving to St X directly from your IRA. This gift would count as a part of your required distribution, yet would not count as income to you, so effectively giving you a deduction you might not otherwise get. Consult your tax advisor for a detailed explanation*

### St. Blaise—February 3

Bishop Blaise was martyred in Armenia in 316. According to legend he was also a physician and wonderful cures were ascribed to him; for this reason the faithful sought his help and intercession when ill. Numberless churches and altars were dedicated to him, and many localities claim to possess some of his relics. He was also one of the Fourteen Holy Martyrs.



**PRESIDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 2**

4:00pm	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FEBRUARY 9**

4:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
7:00am	Fr. Bob Ross, SJ
9:00am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
10:30am	Fr. Matthew Gamber, SJ
5:00pm	Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ

**ST. XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS****Sunday, February 9 at 6 PM**

Vespers at the Seminary.

You're invited to Solemn Vespers at the Athenaeum sung by Mount St. Mary's Latin School. Meet in the Parish Center after 5 PM Mass or meet us there in Mt. Washington at St. Gregory the Great Chapel. Join us. Open to ages 21-35.

**St. Xavier Book Club**

Our book group will meet on Tuesday, **February 18**, at 3pm in the Parish Center. We will discuss our newest novel "A Kiss for the Leper" by Francois Mauriac. The author has woven us a tale about love and belief. Come join us for a discussion of this book! If you need a copy, see Diane in the office.

**ST X MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Our gathering meets every two weeks on Thursdays from 12:00 - 12:50 (bring your lunch!). Please call 513-884-4916 to attend.

**ST X NEWSFLASH**

Our weekly Newsflash comes by email each Friday to those who subscribe. If you would like to receive our **weekly Newsflash**...or join our **Facebook group**, go visit our parish website at [www.stxchurch.org](http://www.stxchurch.org), scroll down and see where you can and sign up on our home page!

**2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

The CMA is our opportunity each year to support the work of six vital ministries all of which operate right here in our archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CMA. Your help is needed as we stand ***Together for the Faith of the Gospel*** for thousands of people served throughout our archdiocese. For more information or to donate online, please visit [www.CatholicAppeal.info](http://www.CatholicAppeal.info). Envelopes are in the pews.

**TEACHING MASS**

As part of the Religious Education Classes, we are offering a Teaching Mass on **Feb 9th** at 10:00 at the Parish Center. Parents and grandparents you are welcome to bring children to make them familiar with the celebration of the Mass.

**Get together to pray the Rosary**

Join our prayer group dedicated to praying the Rosary here at St. Xavier Church. Our next gathering is on Wednesday evening, **February 19** at 7:00 pm upstairs in church. Ave Maria!

**Baptism Prep Classes** Sessions are 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center. Next **Feb. 18** Call the office to register.

**TENDER MERCIES—February 23**

Thank you to all who made donations today! We appreciate all your support!

**ST. XAVIER ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**

We are looking for generous volunteers every other Tuesday morning to assist with laundering and ironing of altar supplies. Bonus feature—lots of laughter and good friends! Call the office today!

**THIRSTY THURSDAY—February 20**

Pee Wee's Place, 2325 Anderson Road, Crescent Springs, KY. \$2 domestic beers until 5 PM. This will be our last gathering before Lent. Hope to see you!

**ST VINCENT de PAUL needs your arms!**

The St. Xavier/Cathedral Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meets every Saturday at 9am in the basement of the Cathedral at 7th and Plum. Our team makes visits to our downtown neighbors in response to calls for help. Sometimes their request is for furniture which involves delivery. We are in great need of **a few strong arms** to help. An hour or so of your time would be great! Leave your number at the church office if you can help. We will contact you. Thanks for this act of service.

**FOOD FOR ALL**

Have you been looking for a special project to reach out to those in need? Nutritious and affordable food is not readily available to every person in Cincinnati. So Catholic Charities travels to where hunger is located. You could serve as a volunteer at a mobile pantry or you could learn more about hunger in our area? Contact April Hoak at 513.672.3720 or [ahoak@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahoak@ccswoh.org) or at the Cath Char website: [www.ccswoh.org](http://www.ccswoh.org)

**MILFORD RETREAT**

Next Sunday, Fr. Fairbanks will be directing another men's retreat out at the Jesuit Spiritual Center. Please keep them all in your prayer. If you would like to participate in a weekend retreat, see this site: [www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/ignatian-retreats/](http://www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/ignatian-retreats/)

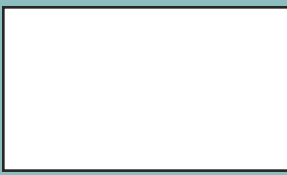
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