



## The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church



**IT'S FOOD SUNDAY!** Baskets are out for Simple Supper & the Food Pantry.

**ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL – *It's that time again!***

Next weekend, February 8-9 is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail please bring it to Mass as we join together to support our Catholic Church.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF HOPE:** Saturday, February 29, 2020, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Plan on attending one of Portland's premier social events honoring the transformative work Catholic Charities does every day to help more than 20,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors each year, thanks to you. Tickets and more information available at [catholiccharitiesoregon.org](http://catholiccharitiesoregon.org).

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>** : We will celebrate Mass with the distribution of ashes at 8:30 am, Noon, and 7:00pm.

***Join the Choir for Lent & Easter!*** Choir practice will be held on Tuesday evenings from February 25 – April 7 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Come join us!

**SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY** invites you to an afternoon of great desserts, games and fellowship in their beautiful new Fellowship Hall. join them on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Only \$3.00 buys delicious desserts, fun games and door prizes. February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm; 3850 SE 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**THE NORTHWEST CATHOLIC COUNSELING CENTER** offers Winter and Spring workshops and groups:

- \* Breaking Up with Codependency and Getting Together with Interdependence  
Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- \* Trauma Echoes: Surviving and Thriving  
Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- \* From the Depths of Grief and Loss: A Workshop of Understanding  
Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- \* Trauma Support Group  
April 8 – May 27, Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- \* A Labor of Love: Facing the Challenges of Caregiving  
Saturday, May 16, 10:00 to 12:00pm
- \* Tired of Trying to Measure Up? Letting Go of Perfectionism  
Saturday, June 13, 10:00 to 12:00 pm

Flyers with a list of workshops are available in the gathering area.



This feast originated in Jerusalem in the late fourth century. It was introduced at Rome during the seventh century under its Eastern title of Hypapante or the Meeting of Jesus and Simeon. In the medieval Western Church, the feast became known as the Purification of Mary, but the 1960 revision of the Roman Calendar returned to the older tradition which celebrated this day as a Feast of the Lord.

The ancient title of Meeting well expresses the meaning of this feast. Forty days after his birth, the Lord Jesus meets and is presented to the God of his ancestors in the temple. He meets Simeon and Anna, symbols of the believing people, witnesses and troubadours of this manifestation.

As at his birth, a striking contrast is made between the unassuming behavior of Jesus' parents and the glory of the event as it is perceived by other witnesses. Response in faith to God's revelation in Christ is not confined to his relatives (See Luke 11:27-28).

Throughout Israel's history, God has shone forth upon his people in dazzling appearances of light: the luminous cloud in the temple of Solomon (1 Kings 8:10), the glory seen by Isaiah (Isa 6:1), the refiner's fire coming to purify the sons of Levi (Mal 3:2-3). In Christ, the light which will enlighten the Gentiles now floods the world.

In Simeon, the old age of the world welcomes in its arms the eternal youth of God. But already the shadow of the cross falls across the scene, for the darkness will refuse the light.

Israel's story could be told in terms of a series of meetings between God and his people which both reveal and veil. Abraham received three strangers into his tent (Gen 18); during the Exodus, Israel encountered its God in the tent of meeting (Exod 33:7-11); the bride of the Canticle longed to meet her beloved in order to clasp him to her heart (Cant 3:4). It is not enough to greet the guest with the cry, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matt 21:9). Like Abraham, we must prepare space for the guest in the tent of our hearts. "Prepare to meet your God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12).

**ST. IGNATIUS ITALIAN DINNER** - Sunday, February 16, Noon to 6pm. This beloved community event returns for the 85<sup>TH</sup> Year, promising to serve up over 10,000 homemade meatballs as part of a dinner that includes spaghetti, ravioli, bread, salad, wine, beer, and more. Reasonably priced and a friendly atmosphere, you won't leave hungry! Dillon Hall at St. Ignatius Church, (SE Powell and SE 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave.)



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## Happy Groundhog's Day / Super Bowl Sunday!

**COLLECTION:** Last Sunday \$2,880.00

Catholic Communications Collection: \$816.00 Total do date. THANK YOU!

### **HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND- February 8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Saturday Wine & Cheese: Kay & Jim Armstrong / Alice & Dick Fay

9:00 AM – Tim & Leslie Hutchinson 11:00 AM – Tim & Traci Shields

Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you!

### LITURGICAL READINGS

- Today: The Presentation of the Lord. Malachi 3:1-4/ Psalm 24/ Hebrews 2:14-18/  
Luke 2:22-40.
- Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Psalm 3/ Mark 5:1-20.
- Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24—25a, 30-19:3/ Psalm 86/ Mark 5:21-43.
- Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial). 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17/ Psalm 32/  
Mark 6:1-6.
- Thursday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial). 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12/  
1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-a-12a, 12bcd/ Mark 6:7-13.
- Friday: Sirach 47:2-11/ Psalm 18/ Mark 6:14-29.
- Saturday: 1 Kings 3:4-13/ Psalm 119/ Mark 6:30-34.
- Next Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Isaiah 58:7-10/ Psalm 112/ 1 Corinthians  
2:1-5/ Matthew 5:13-16.