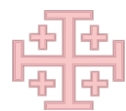







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FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 	Saturday 
		1	2	3	First Friday 	First Saturday 
		Feast day of St. Brigid RCIA (6:30pm)	Candlemas ; Presentation of our Lord Adoration (5pm) with mass (6pm) and a book study immediately following	Feast Day of St. Blaise & St. Ansgar * Men of St. Joseph meeting (7:00am) * Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)		Feast day of St. Agatha 9:30am Bible Study at St. Bridget's
Fifth Sunday 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Second Sunday of St. Joseph CCD (9:30pm & 4 p.m.) Latin Mass celebrated St. Bridget's at 2pm	St. Vincent de Paul meeting (8:45am)	Feast Day of St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita RCIA (6:30pm)	Feast day of St. Apollonia Adoration (5pm) with mass (6pm) and a book study immediately following Parish Council Meeting (7pm)	Feast Day of St. Scholastica * Men of St. Joseph meeting (7:00am) * Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)	Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes	9:30am Bible Study at St. Bridget's
Sixth Sunday 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Third Sunday of St. Joseph CCD (9:30pm & 4 p.m.)	Feast Day of St. Cyril, Methodius & St. Valentine	Feast Day of St. Claude de la Colombière RCIA (6:30pm)	Adoration (5pm) with mass (6pm) and a book study immediately following	Feast Day of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order * Men of St. Joseph meeting (7:00am) * Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)		9:30am Bible Study at St. Bridget's
Seventh Sunday 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Fourth Sunday of St. Joseph CCD (9:30pm) Latin Mass celebrated St. Bridget's at 2pm • Potluck immediately following mass	Feast Day of St. Peter Damian St. Vincent de Paul meeting (2:30pm) Food Distribution (3:30- 4:30pm)	Feast Day of the chair of St. Peter RCIA (6:30pm)	Feast day of St. Polycarp Adoration (5pm) with mass (6pm) and a book study immediately following	* Men of St. Joseph meeting (7:00am) * Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)		9:30am Bible Study at St. Bridget's St. Peregrine Mass 4pm at St. Thomas the Apostle
Eighth Sunday 27	28	March 1 st	March 2 nd	March 3 rd	March 4 th	March 5 th
Fifth Sunday of St. Joseph No CCD		Mardi Gras Day	Ash Wednesday 8am Mass at St. Bridget's Adoration (5pm) & Mass (6pm) at St. Thomas the Apostle	Feast day of St. Katherine Drexel * Men of St. Joseph meeting (7:00am) * Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)	Feast day of St. Casimir Stations of the Cross 6pm at St. Thomas the Apostle 	9:30am Bible Study at St. Bridget's



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Purification of the Blessed Virgin, meeting of the Lord, Candlemas: February 2nd

This feast commemorates the day when Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for the first time. In Mosaic law it was required to consecrate their firstborn son to God. Additionally, it required Mary to submit to ritual purification forty days after childbirth, which involved making a sacrificial offering in the temple. This feast day also commemorates the encounter in the temple between the Holy Family and St. Simeon the prophet and St. Anna the prophetess. (*The Catholic All Year Compendium* by Kendra Tierney, pg 132)

Churching

In the current calendar, our focus is on the Prestation, but in previous eras the Church highlighted the Purification. From the observance of the Purification of Mary came the tradition of “churching” women. This was the blessing of a woman, forty days after childbirth (regardless of outcome), that reintroduced her to society after her period of recovery at home. This tradition was an acknowledgement of the difficulty of childbirth and new motherhood, and an official Church mandate for women to rest for six weeks after giving birth. In fact, men were expected to tend to domestic affairs during this time. (*The Catholic All Year Compendium* by Kendra Tierney, pg 132-133)

The Blessing of Candles

“For my eyes have seen your salvation/which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, /a light for revelation to the Gentiles, / and for glory to your people Israel” ~St. Simeon (Luke 2:30-32). Jesus is the Light of the World, so this is the day when the Church blesses candles for use throughout the year. Traditionally, families would bring their own candles to Candlemas to be blessed and used in their own homes. Candles used in the Liturgy must contain 51 percent beeswax but unless one is using them for sacramentals in one’s own home beeswax is not required. (*The Catholic All Year Compendium* by Kendra Tierney, pg 133-134)

One example of what occurs during a Candlemas celebration is the priest offers five prescribed orations before he blesses beeswax candles by sprinkling and incensing. The candles are then distributed while the Canticle of Simeon is sung with the antiphon “Lumen ad revelationem gentium et gloriam plebis tuæ Israel,” “A Light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel,” repeated after every verse. Then follows the procession, and at which all the partakers carry lighted candles in their hands, the choir sings the antiphon “Adorna thalamum tuum, Sion”, composed by St. John of Damascus. The solemn procession represents the entry of Christ, the Light of the World, into the Temple. (Candlemas as described by fssp.com)

Mass Schedule:

St. Bridget

Wednesday – 8 am
 Saturday – 9 am
 Sunday – 9 am
 Latin Mass – 2 pm 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

St. Thomas the Apostle

Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri – 8 am
 Saturday, Vigil Mass – 4 pm
 Sunday – 7 am & 11 am



Upcoming Feast Day Celebration:

- Blessing of the Throats during our daily mass – Thursday, 8am at St. Thomas the Apostle