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**TEACHING AND OBSERVATION OUR FAITH**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast - and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the "Holy Parents." Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord." Later in the passage we read that, "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth." The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His "growing up" years.

Those of us entrusted with the care of children - whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students - have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

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**Pastor**  
Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.

**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

**Weekday Masses**  
Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00am

**Office hours**  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Administrative Assistant**  
Sandy Johnson

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Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

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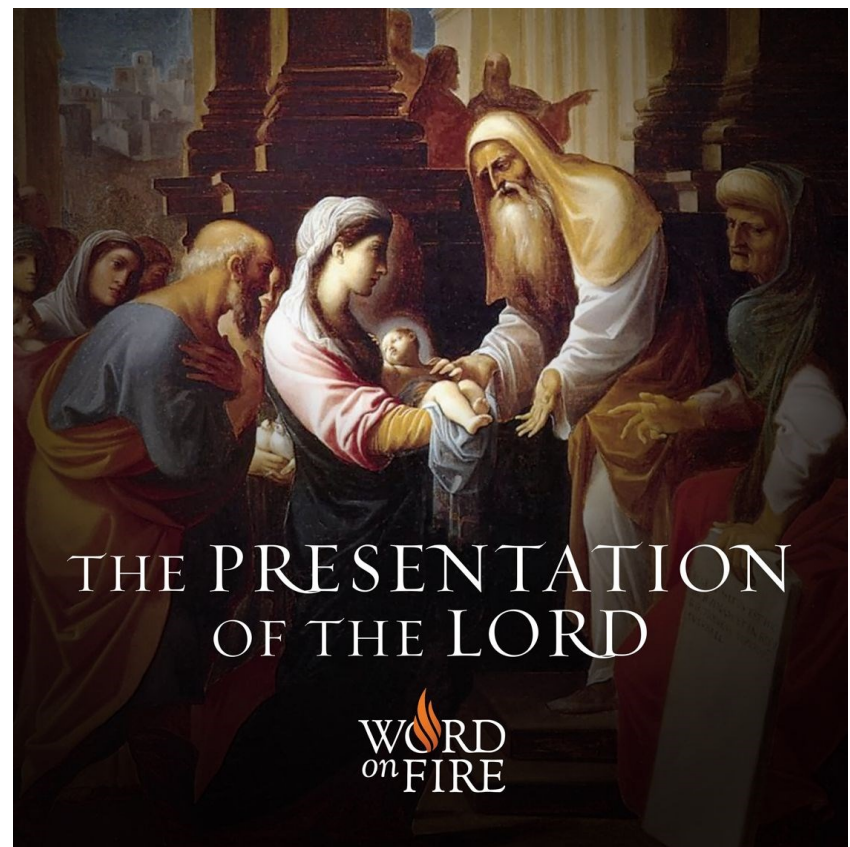
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**Ministry Schedule - Feb 8/9**

**Hospitality Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Dossen & Claudette S.  
10:00 am - Pat Wirth & George Y.

**Altar Servers**  
5:00pm -  
10:00 am -

**Children's Liturgy**  
Michelle & Alisha

**Next Hospitality Sunday**  
February 2

**Feb 2, 2020**

**The Feast of the  
Presentation  
of the Lord  
Year A**

**Lectors**  
5:00 pm #1 - Youth Reader  
#2 - Youth Reader  
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson  
#2 - Sue Armstrong

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**  
5:00 pm - Yolanda Baldasaro  
10:00 am - Helen Lipiec

**Stewardship Counting**  
Beth Davis & Antonella Presta

# February 2, 2019

## The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Year A MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS, PARISH CALENDAR

Mon	Feb 3	<b>NO MASS TODAY - Fr. Christopher's Day Off</b>	
Tues	Feb 4	9:00 am +John Mulder For God's blessings upon Koshy Alex	by Joan Wisniewski by Rose Koshy
Wed	Feb 5	<b>NO 9:00 am MASS</b> - Sorry for the inconvenience.	
		10:30 am Mass at Gethsemane Centre	Father Christopher
		<b>6:30 pm</b> For the special intentions of Giselle & Lorenzo Marrella & Family	by Cathy & Frank Cartaginense
		7:00 pm Knight of Columbus General Meeting parish hall	
Thurs	Feb 6	9:00 am For the special intentions of Anita & Bernie Duggan	by Martha Devlin
		9:30 am - 10:30 am Scripture Study Group in parish hall	
Fri	Feb 7	9:00 am For the special intentions of Martha Devlin	by Pauline Lewis
		9:30 am - 10:30 am. First Friday Eucharistic Holy Hour followed by Benediction	
Sat	Feb 8	<b>The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		5:00 pm +Angelina Medeiros	by the Melo & Mikhail Families
Sun	Feb 9	10:00 am For the special intentions of Julie Notarianni +Jose Martins	by Martha Devlin by Maria Martins & Family

### CATHEDRAL RESTORATION APPEAL CONTINUES IN 2020

[www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal)

Cathedral Appeal Update We are now at the midpoint of our 18-month Cathedral Appeal. As of January 15, 2020 our appeal has raised \$777,399.49 in cash donations and \$97,068.72 in outstanding pledges. This brings our total raised to \$874,468.21 or 73% of our \$1,200,000 goal. THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF SO MANY who are playing a part in the restoration of the mother Church of our Diocese. Still thinking about making a donation? There is no better time than now! Visit [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in the church foyer today. Thank you.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Charities Lottery. Tickets will be sold after each Mass.

### INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Have been mailed to you. Some have returned as we don't have your postal address. Please inform us if you have a change of address. We need to update your info. Many others are not registered.

### PARISH EVENTS GROUP

Dear Parish Family, once again the Parish Events Group is preparing an authentic Italian Pasta Dinner. It is prepared for your enjoyment and fellowship. It will take place on **Saturday, Feb 15th in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 6pm and Dinner at 6:30pm.**

Tickets will be sold after every Mass the weekends of February 1/2 and 8/9.

Adults \$20 and children 12 and under \$10

### SACRAMENTS IN 2020

**First Reconciliation - March 10, 7:00 pm**

**First Holy Communion - May 3, 1:00 pm.**

**Based on numbers we now only require one celebration for First Holy Communion.**

Registration forms are to be returned no later than February 11, 2020.

### WEST LINCOLN LOAF OF BREAD 2019

#### Host Churches

March - St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic  
February & April - Smithville Canadian Reformed Church

May & June - St Ann's Community Church.

### FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

On the First Friday of every month we begin our Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **9:30 am, following the 9:00 am morning Mass.** A quiet time for prayer and reflection. We conclude with Benediction. Please consider joining us for Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Next Sunday, February 8, the "new" Executive of the Catholic Women's League will be installed at the Sunday morning Mass following the homily.

### "TASTE AND SEE"

Food & Wine Tasting

Fri, Mar 6 (7:00-10:00 pm) The Grand Olympia, 660 Barton St., Stoney Creek

Tickets \$75 per person;

**All proceeds go to Wells of Hope projects in Guatemala.** Go to [www.wellsofhope.com](http://www.wellsofhope.com), or call 905/920-2117.

### WHAT'S ON AT GETHSEMANE MINISTRIES

**84008 Wellandport Rd.**

The night vigil is every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:00 pm Sat. to 6:00 am Sun. and includes praise and worship, silent adoration, Divine Mercy, Rosary, and Holy Mass.

The weekly Prayer meeting is every Wednesday (7:30- 9:00 p.m.) and includes praying the Rosary, praise and worship, sharing the word of God, and fellowship. Wednesday morning Mass at 10:30 am, which is followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 7:30 pm. For more information about these events, call 905-386-1111 or visit:

[gethsemaneministries.com](http://gethsemaneministries.com)

### THE POWER OF CHOICE IS REAL

We can "Choose" to love--rather than hate. Choose to smile--rather than frown. Choose to build--rather than destroy. Choose to persevere--rather than quit. Choose to praise--rather than gossip. Choose to heal--rather than wound. Choose to give--rather than grasp. Choose to act--rather than delay. Choose to pray--rather than despair. Choose to forgive--rather than curse. Each day brings a new opportunity to choose.

**What kind of choices will you make today?**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

January 25 /26, 2020

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### MOUNT CARMEL SPIRITUAL CENTRE LET GO OF WORRIES AND FIND YOUR PEACE

Saturday, March 7, 2020

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9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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[reservations@carmelniagara.com](mailto:reservations@carmelniagara.com)

Stress has always been a part of the human condition. Today, in our busy and fast-paced world, this is more of an issue than ever. Fortunately, great thinkers of the past have provided us with time-tested ways to minimize worry and maximize peace and joy. This workshop will be looking at how some of these ancient principles can help us to find our peace today.

### UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- Wednesday February 5, Knights of Columbus Mass and Meeting. 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm.
- Sunday February 8, 10 am Mass, Installation of the 'new' Executive of the Catholic Women's League.
- Wednesday February 12, Haldimand Deanery Meeting at St. Helen's Beamsville 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- Wednesday February 12, Catholic Women's League Meeting parish hall 7:00 pm.
- Saturday February 15, 6:00 pm annual Pasta Dinner parish hall.
- Saturday February 22 Diocesan Share Lent Launch St. Alfred's 9:30 am - 12 noon.
- **Ash Wednesday, February 26, 9:00 am Mass and 6:30 pm Mass. School Mass 1:00 pm Distribution of Ashes+ at all Masses**
- Tuesday, March 3, Priests Lenten Day of Recollection Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Niagara Falls.
- Tuesday March 11, First Reconciliation 7 pm
- March break - 16 to 20.