

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.”

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 1, 5:00 p.m. Mass – Prayers, Blessings and for the personal intentions of Glislaine Bernard by Joanne and Jean – Robert Bernier

Sunday, February 2, 10:30 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

Monday, February 3, No Mass

Tuesday, February 4, No Mass

Wednesday, February 5, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Jane LeBreton

Thursday, February 6, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

For the benefit and intentions of Bishop Yvan Mathieu by Karine Langley

First Friday, February 7, 8:00 a.m. Mass Prayers and Blessings for all Priests in our archdiocese by a parishioner

Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 8, 5:00 p.m. Mass - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Karine Langley

Sunday, February 9, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

+ For the repose of the Soul of Bobby McDonald by Joanne and Martin Elsaesser

11:00 a.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD REFLECTION:** On today’s Feast we contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple “to present him to the Lord” (Lk 2:22). Simeon identifies him as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32) and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory (cf. Lk 2:32-35). This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New. Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus bringing to fulfilment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation. In the great comings and goings of many people, busy with their work: priests and Levites taking turns to be on duty, the numerous devout people and pilgrims anxious to encounter the Holy God of Israel. Yet none of them noticed anything. Alone two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, discover this great newness. Led by the Holy Spirit, in this Child they find the fulfilment of their long waiting and watchfulness. They both contemplate the light of God that comes to illuminate the world and their prophetic gaze is opened to the future in the proclamation of the Messiah. The prophetic attitude of the two elderly people contains the entire Old Covenant which expresses the joy of the encounter with the Redeemer. How does this feast reconnect us with the Christmas mysteries? What deeper significance does Jesus’ coming to the Temple contain? Consider on this feast of Candlemas how light is a recurring theme in Bible and liturgy. We pray for all fathers and mothers that they may treasure their children as gifts of God.

**Collection – January 25 and 26, 2024:** Envelopes: \$1, 950.00., Loose: \$440.00;

St. Vincent de Paul: \$160.00; Nigerian Community: \$250.00; Clergy Support: \$250.00; New Year’s

Collection: \$260. 00; Mass Intentions: \$380.00; Votive Lights: \$40.30, Initial offering: \$25.00;

Grand Total: \$3,755.30. THANK YOU for your generosity and support.

**QUO VADIS?** Where are you going? Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. The next session will be held on February 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O’Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at [vocations@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:vocations@ottawacornwall.ca)

**World Day for Consecrated Life:** This Sunday, February 2, 2025 is designated as **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**, a day of thanksgiving for the religious vocations in the Church. All Catholics are asked to pray for those who dedicated themselves in religious life — for their sincere and holy vocations.

**SACRAMENTS: REGISTRATION PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IS NOW OPEN.** Parents who wish to have their child(ren) prepare for any of these Sacraments are asked to visit the parish office to pick up a registration form after Mass or call the parish. Please note that your child must be a Baptised Catholic in order to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is important that you bring a copy (not original) of your child's Catholic Baptismal certificate with you. Parents information meeting for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. here at the church.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY:** Welcome to Sunday Mass and fellowship. We will be starting our first Hospitality Sunday, this weekend following the mass in the parish social space area. All are invited for food, fun and fellowship with our parish family and friends.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 2025:** Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and marks the start of Lent. A special Mass with the distribution of Ashes for the parish community will be held 7:00 p.m. here at St. Peter's. All are welcome to attend. Please note that there will be No 8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated on that morning. Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross, 6:30 p.m.

**OCSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** If your child was born in 2021, it's time to register them to start Kindergarten 2025 at the Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB)! All their schools provide a nurturing, innovative, and faith-filled environment with rich French programming, making it an excellent choice for your child as they start their schooling journey. Registering is easy; simply complete the online registration form and upload your documents. If you have questions, the OCSB admissions team ([admissions@ocsb.ca](mailto:admissions@ocsb.ca)) will be happy to help. Visit [ocsb.ca/register](https://ocsb.ca/register) to register today!

**GOD IS IN CONTROL:** God allows you to face situations beyond your control to remind you that God is in control. What you fear most often reveals where your trust in God is weakest. These moments are designed to grow your faith and teach you to depend fully on God. Trust doesn't come from comfort, but from uncertainty—when relying completely on God is your only option and you experience God's faithfulness in the process. God has you exactly where you need to be—in the trials, the waiting, the changes, the challenges, and the growth. God cares far more about shaping your heart and soul than about meeting your timelines or fulfilling your plans. Out of love, God may withhold what you want if the timing isn't right. The waiting that builds trust in God is always better than the rushing that leads to regret.

**The Jubilee Prayer:** Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.