

February Birthdays

Bob Burke (Feb 2)
 Biff Gilliam (Feb. 9)
 Helen Ravagli (Feb. 10)
 Zina Afram (Feb. 10)
 Barbara Luna (Feb. 11)
 Paul Harman (Feb. 14)
 Cecilia Chan (Feb. 18)
 Wyatt Siimonton (Feb. 18)
 Sandra Burke (Feb. 19)
 Kelsey Brown (Feb. 19)
 Carol Donato (Feb. 20)
 Ronnie Haney (Feb. 24)
 Caeli McCabe (Feb. 26)

February Anniversaries

Jose' Alvarado & Nuriam Garcia
 (Feb. 24)

Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: bonnie3871@gmail.com.

Dylan Anderson
 Robert Berry
 Patricia Bonnewitz
 Gloria Bowden
 Millie Budney
 Sandra Burke
 Julie Byron
 Toni Capute
 Deacon John Carey
 Riordan Cavoris
 Justin Curtis
 Alessia Destefano
 Carol Donato
 Islea Duncan
 John Evans
 Jack Fisher
 Linda Gardner

Elizabeth Gillam
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam
 Lynn Goss
 Mary Graf
 Kathleen Hamilton
 Jeanne Harper
 Holly Hewitt
 Jeannine Iannaco
 Pablo Ignacio
 Patrick Ignacio
 Meja Irvin
 Leslie Jarrett
 Marge Lent
 Paul Lent
 Carolyn Martin
 Kimberly Martin
 Greg Moore

Beverly Moyer
 Chris Moyer
 Ray Moyer
 Don Notestein
 Patsy Notestein
 Angel Ortiz
 George Perry
 Gary Peters
 Laurie Peters
 Frank Powell
 Nelson Sanchez
 Princess Sanchez
 John Seaquist
 Ray Servis
 Jane Sliwinski
 Margaret Smith
 YvetteTarsitano

Chere Tew
 Jim Tew
 Fred Toth
 Amy Tracy
 Charles Watson
 Danielle Weedon
 Laura Williams
 Louise Williams
 Michael Williams
 Travis Williams
 Betty Jo Wolfram

February 2, 2025 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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Holy Eucharist
Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM

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The Financial Corner

Collections:
 January 26: \$866
 Attendees: 72

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A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM

While Jesus is Lord and God, I enjoy the Gospel of Luke as he proclaims a Jesus that is relatable. In other words, Luke shares with us the humanity of Christ. Verse 40 of today's Gospel says: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him," Wow! The child "grew." We could talk for hours about that. Did Jesus know he was God and THE Son of God? Relatable to all of us, as we grow. As we realize who we are to ourselves, to others and to the Lord.

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation. And, there is a wealth of profound catechesis that is low hanging fruit and easy to grasp, yet profound. Anna was a prophetess. Helloooooo Vatican!!! A woman who is a prophet. Listen, you who struggle with opening the diaconate to women. She was married to her husband for seven years. Seven is a number of perfection. " Her marriage was holy and a blessing to both spouses. She was 84 years old. 7x12 equals 84. Seven, again, a blessing and 12 for the tribes of Israel. She was the "nice aunt" - probably of Jerusalem. That is one loaded term. The high priests were in Jerusalem. What do you think what Anna has to say?

Like any family, there are "Debbie Downers." That is the uncle or aunt or relative that sometimes lacks filters but will tell the truth. They will tell the good news and the bad news. "Uncle" Simeon has the good news. "My eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared in the sight of all peoples - a light for revelations to the Gentiles, and glory for your people of Israel." Then comes the challenging news. "Behold, this child is destined to be the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed."

So, even in the family of Jesus, light and dark sides are revealed - a relatable Son of God to you and me. The creche' is never too far from the cross. The cross is never too far from the empty tomb.

Every rose has its thorn. Every night has its dawn.

Jesus later chooses to be baptized by John at the Jordan so he could be fully immersed into your life and into mine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISMS



We are all privileged to share in the celebration as Wyatt Simonton and Wrenlee Simonton receive the Sacrament of Baptism at mass today. You are all invited to stay and celebrate following mass.

HEADS UP!!! Have you purchased your 50/50 tickets yet to support the fund raising campaign?? Please see Alice Doeeppe after mass. Plans continue as we prepare for the upcoming St. Patrick's Dinner in March and the Rummage Sale in April.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- February 4: Calendar Planning (after both morning and evening masses)
- February 2-8: Diocesan Youth Conference in Richmond
- February 8: Grief Workshop (12:30 - 3 pm)
- February 11: Parish Pastoral Council Executive Meeting (following evening mass)
- February 20: Liturgy Team Meeting (10:30 am)
- February 22: Fund Raising Meeting (11:00 am)

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECORY

Our church family is growing and it's time to update our church directory! Sheila Seaquist has agreed to take on this huge task. Please check the sheets on the table in the commons for your name(s). Add anything that needs to be added and change anything that needs to be changed. If everything is correct, please mark a checkmark by your name(s) and information so she will know it is correct. See Sheila with any questions.