

# Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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## The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

### Presentation of the Lord

In the "1962 Extraordinary Form Calendar", the feast for February 2nd is officially entitled as "Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary." This name dates back at least to the Council of Trent calendar reform (1568). The Purification is not an ideal title, and can be easy to misunderstand. Mary is completely sinless, so why would she need to be purified? The current calendar (reformed in 1969) went back to the ancient name of the "Presentation of the Lord", which makes it more clear that this is primarily a feast of the Lord.

Pope Saint Paul VI in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Marialis Cultus* explains in further detail the emphasis of the traditional name: *The feast of February 2, which has been given back its ancient name, the Presentation of the Lord, should also be considered as a joint commemoration of the Son and of the Mother, if we are fully to appreciate its rich content. It is the celebration of a mystery of salvation accomplished by Christ, a mystery with which the Blessed Virgin was intimately associated as the Mother of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh, as the one who performs a mission belonging to ancient Israel, and as the model for the new People of God, which is ever being tested in its faith and hope by suffering and persecution (cf. Lk. 2:21-35).* So while on the Liturgical Calendar the "Presentation of the Lord" is ranked as a "feast of the Lord," it's not to the exclusion of Mary. We recognize and honor Mary's role in this feast.

The Presentation of the Lord is a pivotal point in our celebration of the Liturgical Year. This feast points back to Christmas, as it is the last of the Infancy Narratives. It ends the unofficial "40-day period" since Christmas. But this feast also brings us closer to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. We think of the Light revealing Himself to all nations, bringing us through Lent, Good Friday and Easter, He returns as Christ Our Light!

With the Presentation falling on a Sunday, this raises our feast, and potentially gives more time to celebrate and contemplate the mystery of the Presentation of the Lord. Enjoy this elevated feast!

~ Jennifer Gregory Miller, primary developer of  
*CatholicCulture.org's liturgical year section*

### Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

A Jubilee Year occurs every 25 years in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis opened this special Year on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and the Church will continue this pilgrim journey throughout each day of this year until January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

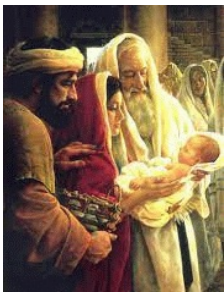


As Pilgrims of Hope, we journey together, nurturing a spiritual experience that will enrich the life of the whole church. We gather together each Sunday to be strengthened at Mass, inspired and fed by God's Holy Word and the Eucharist, for the good of the world.

Just as the Bible envisions a jubilee year to be a special time when relationships are put into right order with God, with others, and with all creation, so too does the Mass renew us to heal brokenness and restore unity in Christ.

It is important to consider what hope means for disciples of Christ: speaking in terms of faith, the understanding of "hope" is to trust with expectation. Our God is here with us – Emmanuel hears, acts, inspires and moves in our lives. We strive to follow God's will with hope and faith that God will make all things well and good, even when we experience challenges, trials, struggles, loss and grief, helplessness, and whatever life brings. Let us live in hope, trusting in our God's great and deep love for each one of us. Jesus Christ our Lord came to heal and save, and take the sin of all the world to death on the cross. We are called to believe in the hope that his life promises us.

There are Jubilee Year 2025 **prayer-cards in our pews**. Right after the Prayers of the Faithful/General Intercessions, let us join our hearts together as Pilgrims of Hope, and pray fervently for God's grace to invigorate and inspire every person to live a faithful life of trusting expectation - hope – in Christ Jesus.



On this fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** in the temple. Jesus experienced everything humanity experiences, and is able to help and guide us with grace and mercy.

**FIRST READING** (Malachi 3:1-4) ~ Malachi predicts the coming of the messenger who will prepare the way of the Lord. He then predicts the sudden coming of the Lord in the Temple, promising that God's presence will be wondrous, yet overwhelming: "Who will endure? ... Who can stand? ... Like a refiner's fire ... and fullers' soap", He will bring purification and just judgement to all, making a pleasing offering to the Lord.

**SECOND READING** (Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18++) ~ Jesus was born of Mary and took flesh, becoming human in every respect. He is able to help those who are being tested. Through first hand experience, He experienced joy and grief, celebration and suffering, temptation, testing, and even death, yet, He is Divine, and without sin. As the faithful high priest in service of God, His life becomes the ultimate sacrifice of redemption for all who believe in Him.

**GOSPEL** (Luke 2:22-40) ~ Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph comply with the precept of the law of Moses, and present the first-born male child Jesus to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. Both the Prophet Priest, Simeon and the Prophet Anna recognize the truth: this Child is the One destined to bring redemption, revelation and salvation to the world.

When we choose to walk closely with others, especially those who are ill, isolated, oppressed or marginalized, this choice most often comes with suffering. In our compassion and sensitivity, our hearts break for one another. In prayerful hope, we remember that Jesus' heart broke too, for God's people. Jesus walks this pilgrim path right alongside us, often carrying us in our pain and struggles. As we cling to his cloak, we trust in his healing power, and wait and watch in joyful hope. Never give up hoping in the Lord Jesus. God's will be done!

**Our sincere condolences to George & Arlette Schamber & their Family & Friends grieving the death of his sister, Isabelle Muehlbauer. †**

**Our sincere condolences to Aime Meilleur, Suzanne & Dave Sheedy & Family & Friends grieving the death of his wife, Laura Meilleur. †**

**Our sincere condolences to James & Teresa Graham & their Family & Friends grieving the death of their son, Jon-Thomas Graham. †**

Pope Francis' Intention for the Month of February ~ Let us unite our hearts together as Pilgrims of Hope: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life - Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## Parish Schedule

**Saturday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025** Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
**Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord**  
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.  
 > Special Blessing of Candles.

**Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes.  
 9am Mass ~ For Dad Marc Dureault+.  
 By his daughter Rachelle & Family  
 11am Mass ~ For John Doiron+. By Bob & Josephine Mots  
 > Special Blessing of Candles.

**Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Weekday of Ordinary Time**  
 No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.  
 Rosary is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday to Friday, followed by 10am morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to come.  
 Fr. Chrys is available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance after Mass Tuesday to Friday.

**Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday of Ordinary Time**  
 10am Mass ~ For successful recovery for Rose Rogers.  
 By Cathy Topp

**Wednesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>** **St. Agatha**  
 10am Mass ~ For successful recovery for Rose Rogers.  
 By Cathy Topp  
 10:30am C.W.L. General Meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** **St. Paul Miki & Companions**  
 10am Mass ~ For Siobhan Van de Keere+.  
 By the Moore Family

**Friday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>** **First Friday**  
 10am Mass & Anointing ~ In Remembrance of Henry Dooley+.  
 By Diane & Family

**Saturday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** **Vigil of Fifth Sunday of OT**  
 4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

**Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes  
 9am Mass ~ For Dad Marc Dureault+.  
 By his daughter Rachelle & Family  
 11am Mass ~ For Simone Dequier+. By Marielle & David Brennan

**NOTE** > Wednesday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> ~  
 Rosary will be at 9:00am & Mass at 9:30am.

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Bonnie Guarino, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Eamonn O'Reilly, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet...for all the suffering who seek healing & comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation & forgiveness among all peoples & nations... for peace between all peoples and nations... for forgiveness & reconciliation in relationships... for Youth & Young Adults to grow in faith & integrity... for a reinvigoration of our Parish Family of Christ the King...



**Did you bring your Candles to be Blessed?** This Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the **Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord**, also known as “Candlemas” which marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. This



Christian festival commemorates the presentation of Jesus by Blessed Mary and Saint Joseph in the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel, and of the world. Immediately after the singing of our Gathering Song at the beginning of Mass, our Pastor, Fr. Chryst will lead the prayer of special blessing of all the candles.

### **World Day for Consecrated Life - February 2<sup>nd</sup> -**

Today, the Church also celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life – a celebration of those who have received and accepted the invitation to live a celibate, vowed life. Anna in the Temple might be the first patron of religious life as one whose life of prayer made her a prophet impelled to proclaim what she had seen and heard. Saint Pope John Paul II (1997), said: “The purpose of the day is “to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels” as well as “to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.” (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE (C.W.L.) NEWS**

~ CWL is recruiting Ladies of CTK Parish to join our CWL Council....come join us at a monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. Florence thanks the 41 members who have renewed their membership for 2025. Anyone can learn about The League by googling cwl.ca We need to put all of our voices together giving us direction to a deeper faith and our work for God and Canada which is a gift from The Holy Spirit. Hope to see you on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 - for more information on membership and The Day of Celebration please call Florence Friesen at 204 - 256 9242. Thank you for the donation of toiletries for Street Links.

### **CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS**

1/ **Next General Meeting** is Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, the second Tuesday of the month.

2/ **Last Opportunity ~ 50/50 Draw** is open until this Monday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. To purchase tickets, go to **Funding Change Manitoba**. Click on “Buy Tickets”, scroll down to Knights’ page on the list, and buy tickets. For help, see one of the Knights after Mass. Please tell Family & Friends, because the higher the prize, the more you can win.

3/ **ICCD (“Inter-Council Charity Drive”)** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tickets for \$10.00.

4/ **Pancake Breakfast**- Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> in the gym - \$20.00 per person; children under 8 yrs old no charge. The Knights invite everyone to come !

### **Weekend Charitable Offerings**

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$2,397.75
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$787.00

*Thank you for your faithful generosity of heart.*

**2024 Income Tax Receipts** are printed & ready for pick-up at the parking lot entrance.

### **PARISH LENTEN RETREAT ~ Horizons of Hope: 4-week Palliative Care Program from CCCB (“Catholic Conference of Canadian Bishops”) during Lenten Evenings:**

- > Wednesdays, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, ending Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- > Time: 6:30-8:30pm
- > Where: downstairs in our CTK Lennox Hall.
- > Who is invited: Parishioners & Friends
- > No charge, however, **please Register by signing-up** on the sheet at the parking lot entrance.



These educational sessions will be offered on end-of-life and palliative care resources. There will be opportunities for learning, listening, discussion, reflection and sharing.

### **Christ the King School OPEN HOUSE > THIS Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the gym.**



Parents & Guardians, you are invited and encouraged to participate in CTK School's **Open House** this Thursday.

Come to see what the School has to offer, and consider enrolling your child(ren) for the 2025-26 year.

\*\* Full-time Junior Kindergarten & Full time Kindergarten... Flexible Before Care at 7:00 am and After Care Program until 6:00 pm to help working parents. Band... Smart Technology. Bus transportation is also available in most areas of the city.

Phone 204-257-0027 or

email [office@ctkschool.ca](mailto:office@ctkschool.ca) for further info.

**Development & Peace Share Lent Workshop ~ NEXT Saturday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 and 12:00pm at St Boniface Cathedral. Enter 180 Cathedral from the back facing the parking lot. Inspired by Jubilee Year this campaign is called "Debt into Hope. The focus is on Peru and Tunisia. Snacks and lunch will be served. Registration is open to all and is required, as simultaneous translation will be offered. To register for the workshop, click here <https://forms.office.com/r/5NSzsk3zqQ?origin=lprLink> Questions? Contact Jason at [jcegayle@devp.org](mailto:jcegayle@devp.org) or (204) 231-2848.

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page >

[www.ctkp.ca](http://www.ctkp.ca)

CTK School > [www.ctkschool.ca](http://www.ctkschool.ca)

St. Boniface Archdiocese > [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

*“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.” – Hebrews 2:18*

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole stewards feel in their hearts. ~ St. Boniface Archdiocese Newsletter



## Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Jesus is our light, and our salvation. As a human being, yet our Divine God, he experienced everything we did. He and His parents, Blessed Mary, and Saint Joseph followed the spirit of the Laws, and were an example of faithfulness and willingness to love God. Let us imitate them in our faith, hope, and love of God.



**AMAZED CHILD DESTINED DEVOUT FALLING  
FAVOR GREW HOPE INNER LAWS LIFE  
LIGHT OFFERING PIERCE PONDERED PRESENT  
PROPHETS PURIFY REDEMPTION REVELATION  
RIGHTEOUS RISING RULE SALVATION SOUL  
SPIRIT STRONG SWORD TEMPLE THOUGHTS  
TRUTH WISDOM**

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## CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.

*(Matthew 28:18-20)*

### VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

### VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach  
Building Relationships  
Faith and Worship  
Compassion and Generosity

## Faith Formation News

- > **Catechism Classes** ~ Sunday mornings, from 9-10:45am. Families are warmly invited to come to the Church right after Catechism to celebrate and praise God at the 11am Mass.
- > **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-3pm.



- > **Youth Group** (12-18 yrs) held every third FRIDAY from 7-9pm downstairs in the Hall. All Youth are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community.

Watch the Bulletin for news. Questions? Please email [suzette@ctkp.ca](mailto:suzette@ctkp.ca) or phone 431-373-0572.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ~ **Faith Formation journey for Adults**. Let us continue to hold in prayer the *Catechumens* (Individuals preparing to celebrate the Church's Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist at Easter) & *Candidates* (Individuals already Baptized, preparing to be fully initiated in the Roman Catholic ("RC") Church through the celebration of the Church's Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist at Easter). Dear People, as you meet each week, may you grow in your faith, love and relationship with God who loves and delights in you. May you build community together with one another. And may you hear and respond actively to the Lord's call to serve God and God's people in need.

Thanks & Blessings, too, to the RCIA Team Members journeying and growing with you as Pilgrims of Hope!

What is remarkable in the scripture today is the faith, hope, and response of two elders – the aged prophet Simeon, who followed the Spirit's prompting to go to the Temple on the very day that Mary, Joseph and Jesus appeared there. The revelation that he would not see death before seeing the Christ depicts him as another representative of all of Israel who never lost hope in God.

Simeon's prophecy indicated that the road ahead would be full of conflict and pain. *"The Child would bring the rise and fall of many; there would be great sorrow and people's inner thoughts would be revealed."*

Anna, serving in the Temple, represents all who would accept Christ. A prophet herself, she foresaw what this Child signified. Unlike Simeon who spoke directly to Jesus' parents, she *"spoke about the child to all who were hoping for God's future."* We are encouraged to recognize Anna as the first evangelist; a prophet who saw fulfillment and was thus the first to be preaching, *"The reign of God is at hand!"*

~ Unknown Source

**Go to the Temple** ~ We are gathered here today because we have heard and responded faithfully and willingly to the Lord's loving invitation, trusting in His grace and mercy. We come together as uniquely gifted individuals, united together as one body of Christ to be nurtured, strengthened, and graced to bring hope and healing, joy, acceptance and forgiveness to one another. As we celebrate and praise our God, may we, today, present consciously our whole Selves as an offering acceptable to the Lord God, for God's glory and the good of all.

