

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

— Hebrews 2:17a



A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	February 3 † Richard Capurro
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 4 † Carmel and † Efemia Agius and Family
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	February 5 Communal Service † Miriam Muscat
Thursday 8:00 am	February 6 † Vincent Gagliardo Sr. † Maria and † Giuseppe Mazzaferro
Friday 8:00 am	February 7 † Dahlia Johnson
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	February 8 † Valentina Agius St. Paul of the Shipwreck
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30	February 9 People of the Parish † Josephine Winant † Angelo Cerri

†Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your written intention and stipend.

Sunday Collection January 26, 2020

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$
Over/Under	\$
Second Collection	\$

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Year-end Contribution Statements for 2019

We have closed the books on 2019. Please contact the parish office **in writing, or email** stelizabethchurchsf@gmail.com if you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using **Sunday envelopes**. Contributions made to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal are acknowledged through the Archdiocese Office of Development. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

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ST. ELIZABETH MALTESE SOCIETY THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL

ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK FESTA
SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 8, 2020
MASS: 4:30 pm
ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Dinner: 6:00 pm in Cantwell Hall
Menu: Rotisserie Chicken, Salad,
Mostaccioli, Wine and Dessert
Wayland and Gottingen Streets
San Francisco

ADULTS: \$25.00
CHILDREN: (12 and under) \$10.00

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The Parish office will be closed on Monday, **February 17th** in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday.