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FEBRUARY 2, 2025



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34

National Day of Prayer for the African American Family

February 2, 2025



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

*Here is the first thing to know about the
Jubilee Year of Hope*

1. A jubilee year, also known as a “holy year,” is a special year in the life of the Church currently celebrated every 25 years. The most recent ordinary jubilee was in 2000, with Pope Francis calling for an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016. Jubilee years have been held on regular intervals in the Catholic Church since 1300, but they trace their roots to the Jewish tradition of marking a jubilee year every 50 years.

According to the Vatican website for the jubilee, these years in Jewish history were “intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields.”

A Jubilee of Hope

“Hope does not disappoint”

Pope Francis

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 2, 2025

Presentation of the Lord

Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God’s power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary’s soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which “the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant’s injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary’s pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary’s pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son’s divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir



• FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During this month, an Interactive Memorial Exhibit on the second floor of the Community Resource Center Library is available for your viewing. Many schools are visiting. Come and see what the Library has to offer.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What do we call the successors of the apostles in communion with the pope? PAGE 7)



JOIN US EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR DIVINE MERCY SERVICE AT 3 P.M.

AND EVERY SATURDAY IN THE ST. KATHARINE DREXEL ADORATION CHAPEL 9 A.M. UNTIL 2:30 P.M.

– THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It’s not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

The Thoughts of Many Hearts: When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God’s promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way “the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Perhaps you’re like me. Perhaps you don’t enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don’t like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don’t enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It’s exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

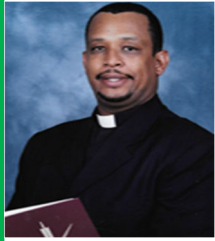
The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It’s not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid’s dance recital and next week’s busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?.

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REV. HENRY J. Davis SSJ
 Lord, God, whose mercy and faithfulness are never-ending and unending, we beseech you now to look with favor upon your servant, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ. We ask you please rain down your graces and blessings upon him in abundance for the healing of his body, his mind, and his spirit. We ask, if it please you, Lord, to restore him to full health, that you might be glorified once more to witness him presiding at your Eucharistic table and shepherding again the faithful flock that you have entrusted to his pastoral care. We know that you have invited all your faithful ones to partake of your suffering by sharing in your cross and bearing daily our own crosses with grace and dignity, so we implore you that his acceptance of this cross might bring your glory. We know that through his priestly ordination he declared his willingness to drink whatever chalice the Father might call him to imbibe. Our trust in you is complete, as we make this prayer through, with and in Christ, you Son, our loving, merciful and obedient Savior. Amen



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**TICKET SELLERS ARE:
 4:00 P.M.- JUDD WILLIS
 LINDA ANDREWS
 7:30 A.M. ANGELA RATTLER
 10:00 A.M. GLADYS STEVENSON**

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

First Reading: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. (Mal 3:1)

Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

Second Reading: Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God. (Heb 2:17)

Gospel: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

GOD OF MERCY AND LOVE

WE place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

CELEBRATING OUR
BLESSED ASSURANCE
THIS IS OUR STORY
THIS IS OUR SONG

IN LOVING TRIBUTE TO
FR. JAMES E. GOODE, OFM, PH.D.
FOUNDER OF THE
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY

REMEMBERING SOME FR. GOODE SPIRITUAL WISDOM

He met us where we were in life... Just like Jesus. Fr. Goode was always reaching out to folks. He especially reached out to those who needed a touch of kindness, a handful of hope and a covering of prayerful song. That touch reminded us all not to give up for there is a blessed assurance that JESUS is OURS. Fr. Jim would be the first to say that knowing Jesus can change your history and because God created you, the human spirit is more powerful than anything. Mercy, Mercy Me! Through his relationship with Jesus, Fr. Goode understood in a deep way, that Jesus' role on earth was to serve as the face of God, the Father drenching us with God's mercy. He wanted us all to know that God's mercy endures forever and that my God is for Me! Mercy, Mercy Me!

When you were with Fr. Goode, you always left him with a clearer outlook on life, a stronger spirit and a deeper connection with God who continues to dwell among us. He knew that when you are connected to God and when you praise God you can be transformed and re-formed. That is why Fr. Jim spent so much time praising God in word and in action! Mercy, Mercy Me!

On this National Day of Prayer for African and African American Families let's practice this spiritual wisdom from Fr. Goode... reach out to others, sturdy your relationship with Jesus for it strengthens the Family as you seek God's mercy and keep praising God because He alone can transform and re-form. Thank you Fr. Goode. Fr. Jim... pray for us!

THERESE WILSON FAVORS

HOW TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

WORSHIP together at the Eucharistic Table and pray as a family on the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.

Celebrate a meal together and tell your Family Story

Set aside some time to read the Family Bible

Say a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, for the needs of all families throughout the world.

As a family let us prepare and give a meal to a family in need in your Church or local community in this the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.

Join in Solidarity with our African sisters and brothers in the Motherland, as we pray for their needs and their families.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Stanley Cuillier, Jr. by family, Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Alma Miller, memorial, by Family, Russell F. DeGruy, memorial, by Linda Bordenave, Souls in Purgatory, by Jourdain/Willis Families, People of the parish

Sunday, February 2, 2025
7:30 a.m.

Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife and family, Charles Jude Larche, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Bernice Granado, memorial , by family, People of the parish

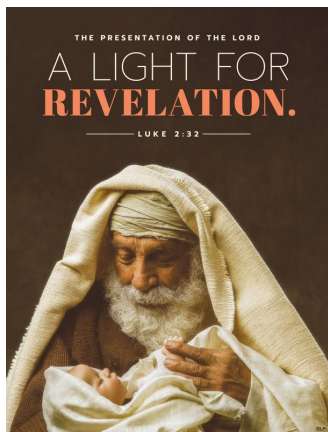
Monday, February 3, 2025
Sick and Shut ins

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Special Intentions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Intentions of the priest

Thursday February 6, 2025
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 7, 2025
For the Josephite priests and bothers of the Sacred Heart.



***SICK & SHUT-INS**
PRAY FOR THEM

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, Warren Bastien, Jennifer & Walter Bonam, Niley Bieniemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers Charlotte Butler, Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Lawrence & Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, V.F.**, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Leo Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Rosie Francis, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Jewel Hunter, Assunta Jackson, Dolores Jett, Avery Johnson, Gwendolyn Lampkin, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Louise Maldonado, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Corey Peters, Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, , Michelle Robair, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Lorraine Smith, Rochelle Saunders, Shirley Ward, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield,
Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.

GOD BLESS



PRAY THE ROSARY



SANCTUARY CANDLE IN HONOR OF OUR ANCESTORS



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 2) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 3) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 4) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 5) Howard Howze, Debra Frazier, Taylor Rivers
- 6) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 7) Mark Brooks
- 8) Aletha Laurent, John Morgan
- 9) Alexandria Willis, Wayne Joseph, Joseph Howard, Jr.
- 10) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 11) Shirley Brown
- 12) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 13) Collin Reid, Janice Eugene
- 14) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 15) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 16) A. L. Williams
- 17) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 18) Tyronisha Johnson, Tyrenesha Johnson, Jude Barbarin. Ashton Lyons
- 19) Alwyn Dowell, Meaghan Triplett, Edward Jacob
- 20) Joseph Narcisse, Carolyn Jasmin
- 21) Aaron Smith
- 22) Evangeline Mitchell, Numa Woods, Elmo Duronslet, Jr.
- 23) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 24) Phyllis Calvin, Desiree Jones
- 25) Melanie Powell
- 26) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 27) Ralph Saunders, Oscar Peters
- 28) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*
- 29) *"Happy Birthday to you..."*

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

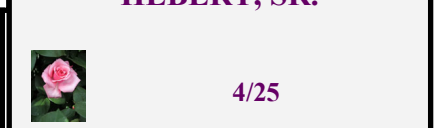


In loving of memory of our loving husband, father, & grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss you, Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and grandsons

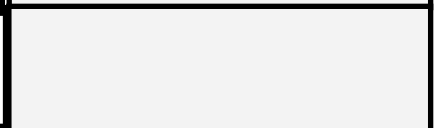
In memory of my dear friend, Nadine Laurent, Love, Angela

In Memory of
PATRICIA & PHILIP HEBERT, SR.

In Memory of Alvarez and Onelia
RODRIQUEZ



DECAY REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory of **Granny & Papa,** Love Kelly & Kids



Mr. & Mrs. Selma & Donald Nicholl by their children



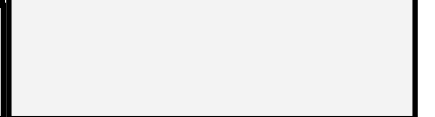
Mrs. Monica Reeves, Nicole & Larry, Jr. by Husband & Father, Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.



Terrance & Osborne "Mike" Demas by their family



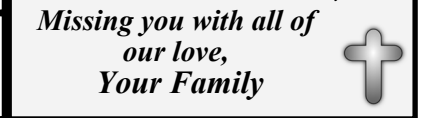
Brian DeCuir, In loving memory, By Abbie Fazande



Victor Duvernay, Jr. Memorial by lifelong friend, Abbie

In memory of our husband and father
EMANUEL A. MAIRE
Missing you with all of our love, Your Family

In Memory of Paul, Jr. & Patricia Johnson By the Family(825)



In Loving Memory of My best Friend, Dina M. Lemus (Ms. Mike) Missing and loving you, Thais

In memory of Charles Jude Larche

Protection and Prayers for Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ by Mom, Ms. D and Sis

IN MEMORY OF THE FAVRE FAMILY

For Healing and Complete recovery from cancer, Therese Peyroux Arroyo

In Loving Memory of our ancestors; Severin, Demas, Washington, Nicholl & Grant Families



Louis "Big Lou" Carre, Jr., by Demas Families

PRAY FOR US

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

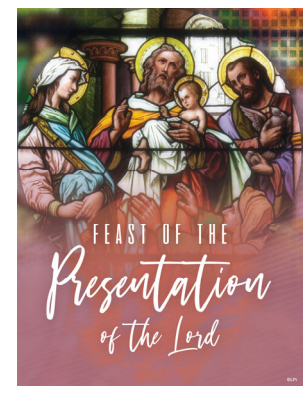
Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

Ministries/Organizations

◆ Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers	Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #60
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◆ C.C.D	Garden	Legion of Mary
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◆ Counters	Knights of Peter Claver #60	Men in Christ
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◆ Music Ministry	RCIA	Sodality of the BVM
◆ Grief Share Ministry		
◆ Society of St. Vincent de Paul		

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00pm. Sunday Morning 7:30am and 10:00am.

Daily Masses: Monday -- Friday at 7:00am (In Church).

Novenas: Tuesday; Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena, Wednesday; St. Joseph Novena Friday; Sacred Heart Novena, after the 7:00am Mass.

Adoration: Saturdays in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel (Building D) 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

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