

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun. February 2
8:00am - All Souls
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

Sun. February 9
8:00am - Mother's Day Remembrance
9:30am - Joseph Locke by Miriam Locke

2025 dates are now available to have Masses said for loved ones and special intentions. Please arrange with the church office.

February Lectors

8:00am Mass

February 2 - Steve Williams
February 9 - Andre Allen
February 16 - Barbara Smith
February 23 - Patricia Dyer

9:30am Mass

February 2 - Bridgette Satchell
February 9 - Holy Name
February 16 - Lurita Boyd
February 23 - Sr. Roberta Fulton

Readings for the Week of February 2, 2025

Sun., Feb. 2 - Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18
/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Mon., Feb. 3 - Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tue., Feb 4 - Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wed., Feb, 5 - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thur., Feb. 6 - Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Fri., Feb. 7 - Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Sat., Feb 8 - Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Sun., Feb. 9 - Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

The Women's Guild would like to recognize Doug "Trigger" Gaston during Black History month.

Doug is our long-time pianist and organist. He is a celebrated local Jazz musician who is a prolific composer, arranger, performer and teacher.

Special Intentions Prayer for Our Parish

- ◆ Our Deceased Members
- ◆ Our 1st Responders,
- ◆ Health Care Workers
- ◆ Our Military Personnel
- ◆ All those in need of our prayers especially our sick & shut-ins : Lula Bell, Robert Brown, Kathryn Chatmon, Shirley Hargro, Robert Harper, Susan Hutchins, Margie Lewis, Karl Magby, Jewel Marshall, Antionette (Tonie) Newton, Vanessa Newton, Louise Nolley, Mary Preston, Samuel Ruff, Benjamin Siegel, Helen Washington, & Josephine Williams.

Catholic Relief Services



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Your help is urgently needed!

Let your members of Congress know that you are deeply concerned about the Administration's recent decision to stop work on almost all U.S. foreign assistance programs.

This freeze will be detrimental to millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance.

<https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations>

Deacon Don

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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
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2025 Church Envelopes

If you have not picked up your church envelopes up yet. Please do so, they are available in the Gathering Space.

