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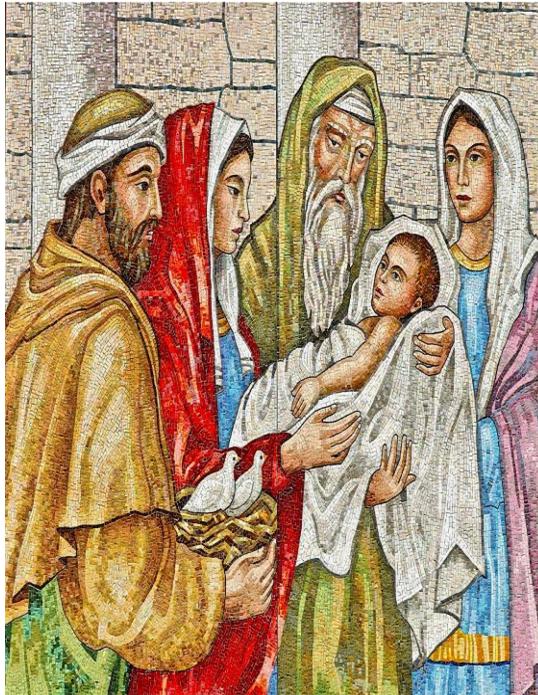
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## February 2, 2020 Presentation Of The Lord



## **Welcoming New Parishioners:**

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

## **Sunday Masses:**

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

## **Weekday Liturgies:**

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

## **Sacrament of**

### **Reconciliation:**

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

## **Baptism:**

Last Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

## **Marriage/Wedding:**

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

## **Sacrament of the Sick:**

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for

## **Emergencies Only**

780-645-9749.

## World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2

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 fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord” (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

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**CWL Memberships** Are now due for 2020 Membership is \$35.00 and can be paid cash or cheque to St. Jean Baptiste CWL Council, dropped into the collection basket (please mark on the envelope CWL Membership) or you can contact Simonne Chevalier Thank you to those already paid.

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## Marriage Preparation 2020



There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at [louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca](mailto:louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca) Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30

There are registration forms at the back of the church.

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## Pembina Prolife

Conceived in Rape

Pembina Prolife is pleased to announce that international speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, will be coming to Barrhead to speak at the AGM on February 7, 2020 Rebecca, who is an attorney, wife, and mother of five, is passionate about the prolife cause, especially as it relates to the rape argument, since she herself was conceived through rape.

This year the AGM will be held in the **Barrhead Elementary School Gym**. This event includes a delicious catered meal, with a silent auction. Tickets are available at the Neerlandia Coop Home and Farm Centre, the Barrhead Flower Shoppe, and Greig Printing & Stationery in Westlock. Please purchase tickets before January 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information call Ryan (780-305-1926).

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## Sacrament Preparation Registration

We invite any students who are in grade 2 or older and their parents to join us in beginning the faith journey in the preparation of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist to join us on...

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

6:30 – 8:00 pm Downstairs of the Rectory

Please note that this will be the only registration session and will include registration for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. The parent meeting will be very short and Session 1 will follow the meeting.

We are accepting pre-registration; the form is available on the parish website or at the office. Completed registrations can be dropped off at the office or placed in the collection basket at the church.

## **The Story of the Presentation of the Lord**

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name:

Candlemas.(franciscanmedia.org)

## **Saint Blaise Feast Day February 3**

If you are already familiar with St. Blaise, it is probably because of the blessing of throats—a Catholic custom on his feast.

According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

Blaise is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints who were patrons for almost every aspect of life. People in the Middle Ages showed devotion to these saints as a group. (loyolapress.com)

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Feb 1 Saturday	5:00 pm	Deceased Champagne Relatives - Lorette	Presentation of the Lord
Feb 2 Sunday	9:00 am	Special Intention For a Friend	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	
Feb 3 Monday	9:00 am	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of St. Paul	
Feb 4 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Therese McCaffrey – Her Sister Marie	
Feb 5 Wednesday	10:00 am	(Lodge) RIP Michelle Goulet - Mom	
Feb 6 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Robert LeBlanc – Dave Maslyk	
Feb 7 Friday	8:30 am	RIP Margaret Rousseau – Bernie & Denise Hittinger	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Emilienne Dostie, Braden Rowland, Colette Klein. All those who are sick or struggling and who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.

## First Friday Adoration

On the **First Friday of February** we will have a day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The church will be open between 9:00 am to **11:00 am** and everyone will be able to come for longer or shorter period of time to spend with Eucharistic Jesus. We begin with Mass at 8:30 am, then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration and prayer. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church so that at least 2 people sign for each hour to make sure there is always someone present in the church with Blessed Sacrament exposed.



**We invite everyone** to come during a day to spend some time with our Lord.

## Tax Receipts for 2019

The tax receipts for 2019 are ready this weekend please pick up your receipt at the back of the church the Hospitality people will give you your receipt.

## Envelopes

There are still some envelope boxes at the back of the church to be picked up Ask the Hospitality people to help with your envelopes if you need assistance. If you currently do not have envelopes and would like some please call the Parish Office.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES	January 26 <sup>th</sup> \$ 3347.00 Restoration \$ 45.00	THANK YOU! MERCI!
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Dust Angels</b>	- February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 8:00am Monday	- Church
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