



JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025  
+ *We are Pilgrims of Hope* +



**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE**

**February 2, 2025 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Sun., Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-----	'Coffee & Conversation' (after 10:30 am Mass)
Tues., Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Weekday Mass
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A.: Movie Night (in Rectory Meeting Room)
Wed., Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Feastday of St. Agatha, Martyr
Thurs., Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Feastday of St. Paul Miki & Martyrs of Japan
Fri., Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	First Friday Mass/Benediction/Anointing
Sat., Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 pm	VIGIL: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sun., Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>		MASS: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	12:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting (in Rectory Meeting Room)

**'COFFEE and CONVERSATION'**



Many thanks to Tim Horton's (Waterloo) for the coffee and to our bakers and volunteers.  
\* Join us this Sunday \*



**"CANDLEMAS DAY"**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> (40 days after Christmas) the Church celebrates the

Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. On this day, all the candles that will be used in our Church's Masses and Services for the coming year are formally blessed and dedicated as reminders of Christ, the Light of the World. It is because of this blessing of candles that this day is referred to as "Candlemas".

**BLESSED SACRAMENT DAY AT ST. AGNES**

Open to all women on  
February 19, 2025  
11:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Rosary, Mass, Lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, & 1 hour Presentation on the Eucharist by Msgr. Pat Stilla  
Call: Ann Femiak  
807- 577-2727  
by February 14<sup>th</sup>

**BISHOP'S ORDINATION**



**Rev. Alan Campeau**, who has been recently named as our new Bishop, will be ordained and installed in the Cathedral, on the evening of Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**"PHANTOM" BAKE SALE ENVELOPES NOW READY**

These have been placed at the Church entrances. This process is much simpler than baking. All you have to do is place your donation in one of the marked envelopes and place it in the collection. Envelopes will be available until the end of Mass on the February 16<sup>th</sup>. This initiative provides the League with funds for our various ministry projects. Many thanks to you!



**DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

Last Sunday's Collection .....	\$ 4,974.25
Online/Other Donations .....	370.00
Heating Fuel Collection (more)..	215.00
Missals/Calendars .....	25.00
Votive Candles .....	226.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund .....	34.95
+ Many thanks for your generous support +	

**"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK**

Free Will and Online Donations .....	\$ 245.00
In Memory of <b>Betty Gollat</b> .....	500.00
In Memory of <b>Sonny Manduca</b> .....	100.00
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Donation Totals this Week .....	\$ 845.00
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<b>TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE</b>	
*** \$ 1,358,089.00 ***	





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Our next gathering is on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:30 am. Mass. This meeting will provide us with valuable time for fellowship and for another opportunity to continue our planning to host the Diocesan Convention in our Cathedral at the end of April. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES RECEIPTS**  
Receipts are now available in the black C.W.L. small box at the front entrance to the Cathedral for those who have paid their 2025 dues. The contents of the box will be updated weekly.



**Knights of Columbus**



Council 1447 recently donated the 3rd, \$5,000. cheque to our Roof Fund, raised at the "Superior Shores Gaming" Bingos. Presenting the cheque here is Council Grand Knight, **Mike Spivak**. The amount will appear in next week's Campaign totals.



**Development and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA

D & P works with local organizations in the Global South to build interconnections of development work, humanitarian aid and peace initiatives.

Q. Are there any major celebrations in February, besides 'Candlemas'?

A. Yes, there are at least 4 major religious celebrations of note and 2 other secular ones which are observed in the month of February.

**February 2: 'Candlemas' Day**

This is the name given to the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas when the Church

celebrates two Gospel events which were inspired by Jesus' Jewish upbringing. The first is the "Presentation of the Lord" and the second is the "Purification of Mary". In many Parishes, including our own,



The Presentation

candles that will be used in Liturgies throughout the coming year, are blessed on this day to remind us that the many candles used are symbols of Christ, our true Light and that we



Cyril and Methodius

are called to be lights with Him. In Scandinavian and Latin American countries, candle-lit processions are also held to honour Christ and the Motherhood of Mary on this day.

**February 3: St. Blaise**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the feast day of St. Blaise, a traditional ritual of the blessing of throats often takes place. It is said that Blaise protects those with throat troubles because he once saved a child from choking. Little else is known about him except that he was a bishop in Armenia who was martyred for his Faith.

**February 14: Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

Many are surprised to learn that February 14<sup>th</sup> is no longer designated by the Church as St. Valentine's Day, although the day continues to be celebrated as a festival of love in the secular world. This

Saint's Day was removed from the Church's religious calendar in 1969 because Valentine is a Saint about whose existence there is little historical evidence. It was then that the Church re-

named February 14<sup>th</sup> as the Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, two 9<sup>th</sup> century missionaries whose biographies are recorded in historical manuscripts. These two introduced Christianity to the Slavic peoples of Europe.



St. Blaise

**February 22: Chair of Peter**

This feast recalls Christ's mandate given to Peter, to be a leader in the Church. On this



St. Peter's 'Chair'

day, we celebrate this mandate, which we symbolically represent by Peter's 'Chair' or Seat of Authority.

**2 Secular Celebrations This Month**

As mentioned above, one is Valentine's Day. The other, 'Family Day', is both secular and religious and will be celebrated on February 17<sup>th</sup>.