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Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5 PM Sunday, 8 & 11 AM Daily Liturgy: Monday-Friday, 8 AM **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday, 8:30-7:30 PM Reconciliation: Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 PM Saturday, 3:30-4:30 PM First Fridays, 8:30-9:30 AM **First Friday Devotion:** Following Daily Mass on First Fridays

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"A light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel" (Lk 32)

Hello and welcome to "Opening the Word" for the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Here's the scene, it's forty days after Jesus is born, and Mary goes to present Jesus to the temple; a ritual for the presentation of the first born. While she goes up there a stranger, an old man, someone she has never seen before comes up to her. The man is named Simeon and he takes the child out of Mary's arms, raises him up, and says now at last your "servant can go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel (Lk 2:29-30, 32)." Just imagine the scene, Mary doesn't know this person. She is going up to the temple and suddenly this stranger takes this child and speaks these words, but for Mary, these words would have been comforting and encouraging. These are words that were taken out of the book of Isaiah where the prophet Isaiah (Is 49:6) foretold that there would be someone who would come, a redeemer figure who would be a light to the Gentiles; who would come and bring glory to Israel. Mary, hearing these words, would receive them as a confirmation that this is indeed the great promised child; the child that God foretold.

Simeon goes on to single out Mary and speak to her. He says to her, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed (Lk 2:34-35)." He uses an image of the sword, "a sword is going to pierce you also," or more literally, pierce your soul. Think about what that would mean for Mary, here Mary is receiving what John Paul II called her second annunciation. In the first annunciation (Lk1:26-38), way back in Nazareth she learned that this child of hers was going to be the great Messiah King, but now nine months and forty days later she gets a clearer picture of what she signed up for. She sees more clearly where the road is leading; that her son is going to be hated, opposed, and eventually be killed. That's what this imagery would point to, "the rise and fall of many in Israel" would describe the great turmoil surrounding Jesus' public ministry. Many people are going to love him, but there will be many people who will hate him and oppose him and they will be cast down, outside of his kingdom. He will be a sign that is spoken against or contradicted. In Luke's Gospel, this particular Greek word for spoken against or contradicted is used many times to describe the Jewish leaders plotting against Jesus, plotting to bring him to his death. So, we are already getting a foreshadowing of the violence and the opposition that will be inflicted upon Christ. But, the image of the sword is the most profound image. The image of the sword in the Bible denotes war, blood shed, even death and so Mary is hearing about her son's future death. Indeed when Jesus dies on the cross, he is going to be pierced by a sword as they take his body down from that cross and Mary is going to suffer profoundly in that as the mother watching her son die on the cross.

Now the spiritual take away point I want to focus on here at the end is this: Mary is being invited to participate in the sword, to participate in the cross; to participate in the suffering of her son. That is what Jesus invites all his disciples to do. He says to them all 'take up your cross and follow me.' Most of them won't do it; at least on Good Friday they won't. Most of them abandon Jesus on the cross. But Mary was there. She was faithful. She stands as a model for us. Will we follow Jesus just for all of the wonderful things he does for us or will we follow him and be faithful to him even when we experience the cross? Jesus is longing for someone to be with him in the midst of his suffering. Will you be with Mary and take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Transcript from the Opening the Word video presentation by Dr. Edward Sri, "Presentation of the Lord" produced by the Augustine Institute on Formed.org. https://watch.formed.org/videos/presentation-of-the-lord-february-2-2020

Note: You have free access to all Formed resources by going to olbh.formed.org and creating a login.



Introduction of the Homilies on the Eucharistic Prayer – The Eucharistic Prayer is the summit of the whole Mass. In the next six weeks of Ordinary Time, the priest will be offering an in-depth look at the Eucharistic Prayer. The hope is that we can then more fully comprehend what is happening and more fully enter this encounter with the Jesus that Jesus deeply desires for us. There are nine Eucharistic Prayers. Most often we pray I or III at Sunday Masses and occasional IV. Eucharistic Prayer II is prayed at daily mass and sometimes on Sundays. For these homilies we will focus on Eucharistic Prayer III. More information is available at http://bit.ly/EucharisticPrayer.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training

The second half of CGS Level II training is **March 14-16** and **July 11-13**. Please contact Rhonda for more information or to attend at rhonda.gehlsen@olbh.org.

Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat is fast approaching. The retreat will be held **February 7-8** at Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Please contact Rhonda for more details at 787-5168 or rhonda.gehlsen@olbh.org.

First Communion

There will be a First Communion parent and child meeting on **February 4** from 6:30-8 PM in the Parish Hall. Contact Rhonda for details at 787-5168.

Hearing Assistance



Don't forget, we have hearing devices located in the labeled drawer in the Narthex. You can use the provided head phones or use your own.

Ordination Survey

Did you miss the opportunity last weekend to respond to the Ordination Survey? If so, it is not too late to participate. Just complete a paper survey in the narthex or online at www.rapidcitydiocese.org/new-bishop-survey. This survey will let us know of your desire to attend and be involved in the ordination/installation of our new bishop, which will likely be sometime this year. Your input is vital to creating a meaningful and joyful celebration!

Traveling Chalice

[Please record your experience as you prayed with the Chalice of Vocations this week.]

"It was great." -Clarence, 3

"I liked playing Father and giving the Paten for bread" – Ella, 5

"It was great seeing my children working with the materials. I also enjoyed our evening prayer together with the guided prayers. After the payer of the litany day one I noticed my son following along with the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass!" – Maggie Whiteside

Blessing of the Throats

Fr. Andrzej will be available on Monday, February 3, the Feast of St. Blaise, following the 8 AM Mass to bless the throats of those gathered.

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Please prayerfully consider automatic contributions via electronic withdrawal, check service, or at www.olbh.org/donate. Please prayerfully consider including the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation and Our Lady of the Black Hills in your estate planning.

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Bottles of Hope	-	-	=		
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Catechist Appreciation	-		-		
Held for Others		1,075	1,075		
Total Contribution	1,637	6,795	8,431.10		

Weekly Schedule

Monday, February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop 8 AM Mass from Catholic Extension

Tuesday, February 4

8 AM Mass for the repose of Tillie Mullen 9 AM Mother's Bible Study

6:15 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

6:30 PM First Communion Parent and Child Meeting

6:30 PM Financial Peace University

Wednesday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

6:30 AM Early Bird Bible Study

8 AM Mass for Marvin Matthews

8:30-7:30 PM Adoration

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

5:30-6:30 PM Reconciliation

Thursday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8 AM Mass for Fr. Michel Mulloy

9 AM Just Men Bible Study

6 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting

7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, February 7

8:30 AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton School for Edward Kusser

Saturday, February 8

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM on Saturday

9-12 Noon Food Pantry Open

3:30-4:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5 PM Mass for Gracie, Liam, Brogan, Mackenzie, Noah, Kade, Theoren, Ryan, and Killian Rose- the great grandchildren of Walt and Judy Wilson

Sunday, February 9

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 AM Mass for all souls in Purgatory
11 AM Mass for the community of Our Lady of the
Black Hills and our sister parishes emphasis on
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechists
12 PM Discovering Christ

Intentions of the Holy Father for February

Pope's Intention: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

Joe Leutenegger (father of Shanesa Rhodes)
Verlan Erickson (father of Jenny Scherr)

Prayers for our Deployed Military Jeremy Reeve

Josh Kornmann (grandson of Larry and Margaret Taylor)

Prayer Chain Requests

To request an intention for the prayer chain, please contact Sue Colgan at 431-0310 or at ssacolgan@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

For information on Adoration or to sign up to Adore or to fill in as a substitute, please contact Dave Allardyce at 791-2303.

Prayers for Life and Health Concerns

Names will be left for three months; please call to r if you would like to request prayers for someone.

- Edwin Weaver (father of Bob Weaver) Dean Antonsen
 - Blanche Rieth Jobie Berger Bernard Wiehl
 - Dennis Schumacher Bette Stebbins
- Tom Ryan (father of Lorinda Collings) Lowell Amiotte
- Mike Knecht (son of Larry and grandson of Rose Knecht)
 - Jean Schacher Randy Oberle Ivy Held
 - Norita Rice (aunt of Brenda Flottmeyer)
 - Tony Corbine (son-in-law of Patty Cariveau)
 - Robert Forest (father of Cathy Long)
- Mike Rhode (father of Rhonda Gehlsen) Wayne Gamroth
 - Rita Berg (sister of Phyllis Sour) Jean Schubauer
 - Peggy Laurenz (niece of Cap and Arlene Holzer)
 - Cheryl Pederson (sister of Debra Jensen)
 - Christy Marie (sister of Linda Schacher)
 - Alicia Castor (niece of Kathleen and Lowell Amiotte)
 - Nila Serfling (mother of Jason) Moneik Stephens

February 8-9	Saturday, 5 PM	Sunday, 8 AM	Sunday, 11 AM
Celebrant	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej	Fr. Andrzej
Altar Server	Luke Schacher - Lead Keegan Blaha Victoria Carlin	Westin Edwards - Lead Emmett Edwards Hannah Hood (sub req.)	Andrew Denekamp - Lead Cole Guthrie Evan Juelfs
Eucharistic Minister - Blood	Jacque Blaha Pauline Stoffel John Usera Bernadette Usera	Barb Erickson Gary Erickson Brenda Flottmeyer Jeremy Thompson	Jean Hohm Stacy Tate NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Eucharistic Minister - Body	Duane Riedlinger	Mary Antonsen	Brad Blauvelt
Hospitality	Tracy Cook Kimberly Darata	Mike Coyle Barb Coyle	Cheridyn Held Lennon Held Rachael Held Benjamin Moulton
Lector	NOT FILLED - 1st Reader Sue Colgan - 2nd Reader	Diane Clarke - 1st Reader Marty Quinn - 2nd Reader	Mary Blauvelt - 1st Reader Cathleen Denekamp - 2nd Reader
Sacristan	Linda Schacher Joe Schacher	Barb Erickson Gary Erickson	Stacy Tate
Cantor	Jessi Bergeleen	Marty Quinn	Brad Blauvelt

† Necrology †

To remember in prayer for the repose of their souls, those whose deaths are recorded in the parish; and the bishops, priests, and deacons that have served the Diocese of Rapid City.

Dr. Tom W. Miller (2008)

February 3	Anne Croy (1975)
February 4	Rev. Leo S. Feuerbach (1978)
February 5	Kathleen Morgan (1987)
	Helen Chilarski (2017)
February 6	Rev. Charles E. Quinn (1978)
February 7	Rev. Patrick W. O'Dowd (1989)
February 9	Jerome D. Robinson (2002)

Safe Environment

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator. In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. Victim Assistance Coordinator - Barbara Scherr 605.209.3418

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers please contact Katie. Safe Faith Environment Coordinator. at

Daily Readings

Monday: 2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; MK 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30–19:3; PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; MK 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 SM 24:2, 9-17; PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; MK 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 CHRONICLES 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD; MK 6:7-13

Friday: SIR 47:2-11; PS 18:31, 47 AND 50, 51; MK 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 KGS 3:4-13; PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; MK 6:30-34 **Sunday:** IS 58:7-10; PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 COR 2:1-5; MT 5:13-16

The weekly readings can be found anytime online on the USCCB website or by clicking: Weekly Readings

Diocesan Social Justice Commission

The Diocesan Social Justice Commission continues to request prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers."

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, WINTER WORKSHOP 2020

Mental Wellness—What Does it Mean & How Can I Help? Saturday, **February 29**, from 10-4 PM. Registration \$15, Students \$10 at Terra Sancta Retreat Center.

www.terrasancta.org/SJCworkshop

Married Sweethearts:

Holy Hour, Mass, Dinner & Dance

What better way to celebrate National Marriage Week than a date with your beloved? Pray together, renew your vows, then dine and dance the night away! Save the date, **February 8**. https://terrasancta.org/event/married-sweethearts-4/

Marriage Matters Retreat

Terra Sancta and CSS present a retreat for married couples **February 15-16, 2020**. Led by Jim Kinyon and trained counselors, the retreat offers couples a chance to strengthen and enrich their marriage using principles based in faith and psychological science. This is an investment which could have lifelong rewards.

https://terrasancta.org/event/marriagematters-4/

Connected Catholics

For single Catholic adults to connect and fellowship. Join us: Wed., February 5 – Disney Movie Trivia & Bingo – Wobbly Bobby's 5 PM. Tuesday, March 17 – St. Patrick Day – Murphy's – Dinner 5:30 PM. Thursday, April 16 – Old Chicago Pizza at Rushmore Crossing – 5:30 PM.

2020 JourneyMen Mens Conference

March 14 at Terra Sancta from 7-4:45 PM. Speaker Dr. Mario Scasa will discuss the Virtues of Fatherhood, Rethinking Meekness, and Men of Hope. Listen to RPR February 5, 9:40-10 AM to hear about the JourneyMen mission. Register through Terra Sancta or contact Bob Weaver at 389-6934.

Rapid City Catholic Schools 2020-2021 Registration

Returning Family and New Sibling Registration – January 24-February 7

New Family Registration – Begins February 19

Preschool & Kindergarten Open House – February 28 4-6 PM

For a tour or more information contact Marcia Werner at 605-343-8484 x

1203 or mwerner@rccss.org. Visit us online at rccss.org.

New Podcast Series

During this Year of the Eucharist, parishes have been provided with short teachings to help parishioners explore the Mass intended to help us understand how we encounter Jesus in the celebration of the Mass. Those teachings are now available as podcasts. Listen to one, three, or all of them. Visit www.rapidcitydiocese.org/podcasts or search "Official Podcast for the Diocese of Rapid City" on your favorite podcast player!

Pastoral Ministry Days - Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

March 29-31 at Terra Sancta. In this Year of the Eucharist, we are excited for the great opporunity to grow in our understanding and love for the Eucharist. The keynote speaker, Deacon James Keating, is the Director of Theological Formation a the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE. He has delivered over 700 workshops and lectures internationally, authored over 100 essays and 12 books including "The Way of Mystery: Eucharist and Moral Living." If you register prior to March 1, the early bird rate is \$65; after March 1 the cost is \$80. Please register online at pmd2020.com.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: A YEAR OF SERVICE

March 25, 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Evangelium Vitae, or The Gospel of Life. In that landmark encyclical, Pope St. John Paul II provides a challenge to us: "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth." — Evangelium Vitae, 95. With this exhortation, we are called to assess our efforts in assisting pregnant moms in need and to improve our responses, where needed, especially at the local level—in short, to truly accompany each pregnant woman in need. Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer woman in need.

opportunity to assess, expand, and communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need. We are inviting parishes, through the support of their bishop and pastor, to join a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021 entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service." For this Year of Service, the Pro-Life Committee is developing educational, pastoral, and actionoriented resources for parish use, such as: Tools for documenting an inventory of local resources for pregnant mothers in need. Ideas for improving parish responses. Prayers for building a culture of life and a civilization of love. Reflections on the teachings of Evangelium vitae, Evangelii gaudium, and Laudato si'. http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/walking-with-moms-in-need.cfm

The 25th anniversary year of Evangelium Vitae gives us a wonderful

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