



IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

In Deuteronomy today we hear that **God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet**, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day.

Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Hoy nos enteramos en Deuteronomio de que **las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero**, pero un profeta falso, en cierto modo, pone meras palabras mortales en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según San Marcos, vemos las enseñanzas de Jesús y la curación como obra de un verdadero profeta, uno lleno de la autoridad de la propia voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios.

La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de profetas, verdaderos y falsos. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy nos enteramos de que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; su autoridad no procedía de que Él fuera popular o famoso. También aprendemos de Él, en sus enfrentamientos en el desierto cuando fue tentado por Satanás, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Y hoy nos enteramos de que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que ocupaban los cargos oficiales de autoridad religiosa en aquella época.

Nuestro trabajo consiste en hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo para discernir los verdaderos profetas que hay en medio de nosotros, y también nosotros mismos ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no endurecer nuestro corazón cuando Dios habla. Si de verdad escuchamos a Dios, serán Sus palabras Dios las que llenarán nuestra boca.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) -
5:00PM -Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

SAT. JAN. 30TH

8:00AM + Allen Hoeschen and Frank Nicoletti

SUN. JAN. 31ST

9:00AM Ellenberger-Taffuri Family - Special Int.
10:45AM + Eduardo Rodriguez
12:30PM HM Parishioners
5:00PM Jake Earl Medeiros — Birthday

MON. FEB. 1ST.

8:00AM + Chuck Barr

TUE. FEB. 2ND.

8:00AM Paolo Querubin - 50th Birthday

WED. FEB. 3RD.

8:00AM Danielle Rose - Birthday

THUR. FEB. 4TH.

8:00AM + Benson Molina

FRI. FEB. 5TH.

8:00AM + Rosario Angeles



Go to our website to schedule your Mass intentions. You may schedule one per month and not exceed 12 intentions per year.

Vaya a nuestra página web para reservar sus intenciones de Misa(s). Puede reservar una por mes y no exceder de 12 intenciones para el año.

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Kay Aviani, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Coopoe,, Louise Delia, Anita Camera, Richard Grimes, Art Silvergleid, Jack Quackenbush, Bob Rushworth *****

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If You would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the parish office at (925) 634-4154 or e-mail: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. At the end of each month you must call to place the name again on the list.

Ud. quiere añadir un nombre en esta lista, por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia al (925) 634-4154 o mande un correo electrónico al: bulletin@ihmbrentwood.com. Al final del mes, usted debe llamar a la oficina si desea que el nombre aparezca de nuevo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 323: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 524: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: 325: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2,
13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 326: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-4,
9-11 Mk 6:7-13

Friday: 327: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 328: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: 74: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Lectura

Gloria

Gloria a Dios en el cielo,
Y en la tierra paz a los hombres
Que ama el Señor.

Por tu inmensa Gloria te alabamos,
te bendecimos,
te adoramos,
te glorificamos,
te damos gracias,
Senor Dios, Rey celestial,
Dios Padre todopoderoso.

Senor, Hijo unico, Jesucristo,
Senor Dios, Cordero de Dios,
Hijo del Padre;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Tu que quitas el pecado del mundo,
Atiende nuestra suplica;
Tu que estas sentado a
La derecha del Padre,
Ten piedad de nosotros;
Porque solo tu eres Santo,
Solo tu Senor,
Solo tu Altisimo Jesucristo.
Con el Espiritu Santo
En la gloria de Dios Padre.
Amen.

Primera lectura

Dt 18, 15-20

En aquellos días, habló Moisés al pueblo, diciendo: “El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes, entre sus hermanos, un profeta como yo. A él lo escucharán. Eso es lo que pidieron al Señor, su Dios, cuando estaban reunidos en el monte Horeb: ‘No queremos volver a oír la voz del Señor nuestro Dios, ni volver a ver otra vez ese gran fuego; pues no queremos morir’.
El Señor me respondió: ‘Está bien lo que han dicho. Yo haré surgir en medio de sus hermanos un profeta como tú. Pondré mis palabras en su boca y él dirá lo que le mande yo. A quien no escuche las palabras que él pronuncie en mi nombre, yo le pediré cuentas. Pero el profeta que se atreva a decir en mi nombre lo que yo no le haya mandado, o hable en nombre de otros dioses, será reo de muerte’ ”.

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

Ojalá escuchen hoy la voz del Señor: no endurezcan el Corazon.

Segunda Lectura

1 Cor 7, 32-35

Hermanos: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones. El hombre soltero se preocupa de las cosas del Señor y de cómo agradarle; en cambio, el hombre casado se preocupa de las cosas de esta vida y de cómo agradarle a su esposa, y por eso tiene dividido el corazón. En la misma forma, la mujer que ya no tiene marido y la soltera se preocupan de las cosas del Señor y se pueden dedicar a él en cuerpo y alma. Por el contrario, la mujer casada se preocupa de las cosas de esta vida y de cómo agradarle a su esposo.

Les digo todo esto para bien de ustedes. Se lo digo, no para ponerles una trampa, sino para que puedan vivir constantemente y sin distracciones en presencia del Señor, tal como conviene.

Evangelio

Mc 1, 21-28

En aquel tiempo, se hallaba Jesús a Cafarnaúm y el sábado siguiente fue a la sinagoga y se puso a enseñar. Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad y no como los escribas.

Había en la sinagoga un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo, que se puso a gritar: “¿Qué quieres tú con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros? Ya sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios”. Jesús le ordenó: “¡Cállate y sal de él!” El espíritu inmundo, sacudiendo al hombre con violencia y dando un alarido, salió de él. Todos quedaron estupefactos y se preguntaban: “¿Qué es esto? ¿Qué nueva doctrina es ésta? Este hombre tiene autoridad para mandar hasta a los espíritus inmundos y lo obedecen”. Y muy pronto se extendió su fama por toda Galilea.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre**; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading

Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:
"A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for
you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.
This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your
God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you
said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our
God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'
And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.
I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among
their kin, and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him.
Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in
my name, I myself will make him answer for it.
But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an
oracle that I have not commanded him to speak,
or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts, harden
not your hearts.

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:
I should like you to be free of anxieties.
An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the
Lord, how he may please the Lord.
But a married man is anxious about the things of the
world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided.
An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the
things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body
and spirit.
A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about
the things of the world, how she may please her
husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit,

not to impose a restraint upon you,
but for the sake of propriety
and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum,
and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and
taught. The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority and not as
the scribes.
In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit;
he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?
I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"
Jesus rebuked him and said,
"Quiet! Come out of him!"
The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry
came out of him.
All were amazed and asked one another,
"What is this? A new teaching with authority.
He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey
him."
His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole
region of Galilee.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Oración a Santa Corona en tiempo de Epidemia

Señor, Jesucristo, Tú viniste a este mundo para nuestra salvación.

Mira con buenos ojos a nosotros ahora, rezamos, para que nosotros, y todos los que te sirven, podamos estar a salvo de esta epidemia. Cura a los enfermos, consuela a los que sufren, y trae de vuelta a los que se han extraviado, y sobre todo, aumenta nuestra fe, oh Señor. Danos la gracia de seguirte y, como la mártir Santa Corona, que dio su vida por amor a Ti, de tomar nuestras cruces diariamente sin miedo ni vacilación. Señor Jesucristo, Hijo del Dios vivo, ten piedad de nosotros y del mundo entero. Santa Corona, patrona de las víctimas de las epidemias, ruega por nosotros. Amén.



Prayer to St Corona in time of Epidemic

Lord, Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation.

Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic. Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, and Bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord. Give us the grace to follow you and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. St. Corona, patroness epidemic victims, pray for us. Amen.

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, con el divino poder de Dios, arroja al infierno a Satanás y a todos los espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

St. Vincent de Paul continues to serve the poor

The mission of **all** St. Vincent de Paul Conferences is to serve the poor and Immaculate Heart of Mary continues to do just that. With Covid-19 restrictions, we now have our Food Pantry as a Drive through, which has some challenges, but does provide food for many families in our area. The help from IHM Youth Food Drives, grants from the City of Brentwood and monetary donations from parishioners we can give even more food than before to the families who come to us for help. As usual, we offer other support to families in need, and recently have seen even more requests. We have gotten creative in contacting those we serve while still following guidelines, but we get the job done. We have helped more families during this pandemic, than in the past.

Are you recently retired and looking for ways to fill up your day? Have you always wanted to do something to serve the poor, but just haven't found a way to start? IHM St. Vincent de Paul might be the answer. We particularly need people who can help with jobs such as picking up food from the Food Bank twice a week, which does include some lifting. We are here to help, but always need more workers to share the load.

For more information call:

Dale Masino 925-308-4710 or Joyce Ohanesian 925-513-7124

CONTRA COSTA FOOD BANK



The Contra Costa Food Bank Mobile Produce Distribution Program distributes FREE produce on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month in the IHM parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm to families in need. This program is only for low-income families.

For more information, please call Ralph at: 925-437-3509.



We have security cameras throughout the Church and facility grounds at IHM.

Tenemos camaras de seguridad en toda la Iglesia y las instalaciones de ICM.

Are you New to Immaculate Heart of Mary

We are a very vibrant and active parish in Brentwood whose mission is, "With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions." We do this in a variety of ways through our several sacramental prep programs, social outreach, as well as our active ministries, Bible studies, and an energetic youth program. We also LOVE new parishioners. Even though we are unable at this time to gather for ministry meetings many of the ministries are finding ways to stay connected through Zoom.

If you are not yet registered, please call the parish office at 925-634-4154 and ask for Ana. She will be happy to mail you a registration form or you can go on line and register at: ihmchurch@ihmbrentwood.com.

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Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of February 7, 2021, please bring Mac and cheese. THANK YOU!

Para el fin de semana del 7 de febrero, 2021, por favor traigan macarron con queso. GRACIAS!!!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 7, 2021 - Facility Improvement
February 21, 2021 - Maintenance Fund

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

7 de febrero, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento
de las Instalaciones
21 de febrero, 2021 - Fondo del Mantenimiento

St. Vincent de Paul Contact Free Canned Food Drive

Our Youth Ministry will be assisting St. Vincent de Paul with a drive through canned food drive.

DATE: Saturday, Feb 6th

TIME: 8:30am (right after morning Mass) to 11:30am

HOW (to Participate): Place donations in a bag or box in the trunk of your car. Drive up to the front doors of the main office - **DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAR** - Open your trunk remotely and one of our helpers will get the donation from your car.

ITEMS NEEDED: Cereal, Jelly, Canned meats and one pound packages of beans. Any food donations will be accepted - please check expiration dates - we can not accept expired foods.

WE ARE IN NEED RIGHT NOW!

We thank you in advance for your help! To help the day of the event please contact Julie Figueroa at ihmyouthbrentwood@gmail.com or call (925) 634-4154 EXT 107.

We now have a code for the website **FORMED.ORG** - Simply open a web browser and type in: www.formed.org. - Go to the lower right hand side and click on "Register" and follow the prompts. Our IHM code is: **CM7TFZ**.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	Presentation of the Lord 2	St. Blaise 3	4	5	6
	8:00 Fr. Quang	8:00 Fr. Arturo 6:00 Confessions	8:00 Fr. Quang	8:00 Fr. Arturo Benediction / Adoration 4:00 Benediction	8:00 Fr. Quang Benediction / Adoration 4:00 Benediction	8:00 Fr. Arturo 10:00 Bap. - Fr. Arturo 3:30 Confessions
5th Sunday 7	8	9	St. Scholastica 10	O.L. of Lourdes 11	12	13
9:00 Fr. Quang 10:45 Sp. Fr. Arturo 12:30 Fr. Quang 5:00 Latin-Fr. Arturo	8:00 Fr. Arturo	8:00 Fr. Arturo 6:00 Confessions	8:00 Fr. Arturo	8:00 Fr. Arturo Benediction / Adoration 4:00 Benediction	8:00 Fr. Arturo Benediction / Adoration 4:00 Benediction	8:00 Fr. Quang 10:00 Bap. - Visiting Priest 2:00 Wedd. Fr. Arturo 3:30 Confessions
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35 | Mk 1:21-28

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When was the last time you were “astonished” and “amazed”? Parents might point to the birth of their child. Space enthusiasts might recall Neil Armstrong’s walk on the moon. Perhaps we felt that sense of amazement the first time we saw the Grand Canyon or another natural wonder. For the people of Capernaum, Jesus had that effect. He taught with authority. He commanded an unclean spirit. In our modern society with the constant bombardment of news and social media, it can be easy to become numb to the wonder that surrounds us. Perhaps we think we’ve seen it all. Even Jesus and the words that turned ordinary people into extraordinary disciples of the early Church can be something we take for granted or only think about for 20 minutes on Sunday. Our Gospel challenges us to quiet the noise, and Paul encourages us to seek “adherence to the Lord without distraction.” Let us pray that the Lord rekindles our faith, so that we may hear his words again as if for the first time and engage ourselves anew in living according to his teachings.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It is very hard to keep exciting news to ourselves. We have an innate desire to share important information and extraordinary events with those whom we love. It could be the call to parents to announce an engagement. Or perhaps telling a friend that you have landed a job or been accepted to college. While these milestones are significant, they pale in comparison to what Jesus has done for us. Through him, we have experienced God’s love, mercy, and redemption, not to mention the direction and means to attain a good life: on earth and with him forever in heaven. Why not share that Good News as well? We don’t have to stand on a street corner to be effective. We can simply let our faith lives enter our conversations, just as our work and other interests do. It could be as simple as, “our priest said something Sunday that really stuck with me,” or “I just finished a remarkable book about Dorothy Day.” As we begin to talk about our faith and listen to others share their insights, we not only grow closer to one another, but can grow in faith together.

WITNESS Today’s psalm struck a chord: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” Next Sunday, make a conscious effort to listen to the readings and music with an open heart (and ears). If something strikes you, consider sharing that with others – be it around the dinner table, on a walk with friends, or during a video call.

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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.

Reflection

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.



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