

The Culmination of a Life of Faith

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Luke 2:29–32

At the time of Jesus’ birth, there was a man named Simeon who had spent his whole life preparing for one significant moment. Like all faithful Jews at the time, Simeon was waiting for the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would indeed see the Messiah before his death—and so this happened when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple to offer Him to the Lord as an infant.

Try to imagine the scene. Simeon had lived a holy and devout life. And deep within his conscience, he knew that his life on earth would not come to an end until he was privileged to see the Savior of the World with his own eyes. He knew this by a special gift of faith, an interior revelation of the Holy Spirit, and he believed.

It’s helpful to think about this unique gift of knowledge that Simeon had throughout his life. Normally we gain knowledge through our five senses. We see something, hear something, taste, smell, or feel something, and as a result come to know it to be true. Physical knowledge is very reliable and is the normal way we come to know things. But this gift of knowledge Simeon had was different. It was deeper and was spiritual in nature. He knew he would see the Messiah before he died, not because of some external sensory perception he had received but because of an interior revelation from the Holy Spirit.

This truth begs the question, which type of knowledge is more certain? Something you see with your eyes, touch, smell, hear or taste? Or something that God speaks to you in the depths of your soul by a revelation of grace? Though these types of knowledge are different, it’s important to understand that the spiritual knowledge that is given by the Holy Spirit is far more certain than anything perceived through the five senses alone. This spiritual knowledge has the power to change your life and direct all your actions toward that revelation.

For Simeon, this interior knowledge of a spiritual nature suddenly united with his five senses when Jesus was brought into the Temple. Simeon suddenly saw, heard and felt this Child Whom he knew he would one day see with his own eyes and touch with his own hands. For Simeon, that moment was the culminating moment of his life.

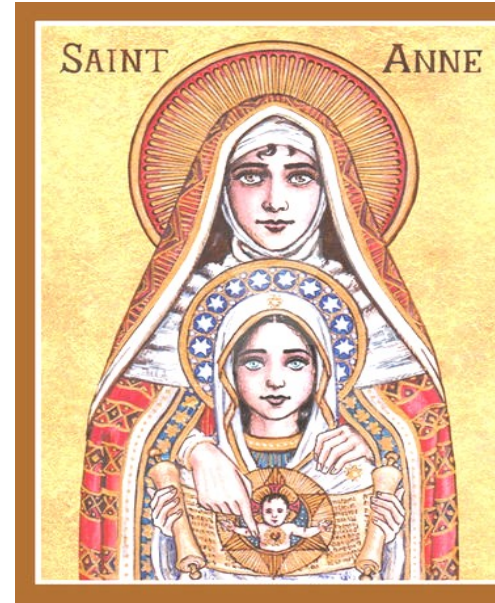
Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world. But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives. It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too, will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

My spiritual Lord, I thank You for the countless ways in which You speak to me day and night in the depths of my own soul. Help me to be always attentive to You and to Your gentle voice as You speak to me. May Your voice and Your voice alone become the guiding direction of my life. May I trust in Your Word and never waver from the mission You have given to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. Anne Catholic Parish

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Daily Mass: Mondays & Fridays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 9:00 am
First Saturday’s ONLY @ 9:00 am

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Mondays and Fridays 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30-10:30 am

Baptism and Holy Matrimony: The family should be registered and active at St. Anne Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Father Ishida.

Parish Office: Please email or leave a voice message.

Parish Staff

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Pastoral Council

(meets 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm)

Fr Ishida, Theresa Reisenauer, Linda Pearson,

Evie Noder, Jeff King, Larry Jay,

Monica Schindler, Marlayna Smith

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(meets 1st Tuesday quarterly @ noon)

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Fellowship—Betty Patterson

Hall Rental—Mary Morrison

Meditation Garden—

Parish Guilds

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(Intensions can be kept anonymous if requested or needed.)

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welcome
to our Parish

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Lectionary #524 - Liturgical color: white

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

The Gloria and the Creed
 Blessing of Candles

Today's Feast: In his prophecy, Simeon both tells of the "light of revelation" and the sword that will pierce Mary's heart (Lk 2:35). We know that Christ's death will not overshadow the brightness of his light. We live the eternal spring — the new life that is Christ. Through his light, we can help dispel the darkness in this world.

Ponder, today, your soul being the new temple of the Lord, and acknowledge your need to be purified and offered to the Father in Heaven. As Christ continues to enter into the temple of your soul, pray that He will shine forth for others to see so that, like Simeon and Anna, they will encounter our Lord within you.

My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law. In that offering, our souls are purified and offered to Your Father. May my soul always radiate Your light from within me. Jesus, I trust in You.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JAN/FEB

26	Sunday	Pro Populo
27	Monday	
28	Tuesday	
29	Wednesday	
30	Thursday	Paul DeVore
31	Friday	Robert Bachtel
01	Saturday	
02	Sunday	Pro Populo

St. Anne ... Pray for us!
Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!



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08 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 5:30PM

THE DAVENPORT GRAND

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LIVE AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE A PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE



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Please join us for our

Monthly First Friday Charismatic Mass



On February 7, 2025 & following months

At Our Lady of Fatima
 3327 S Perry St, Spokane

Praise time at 7:00 p.m.
 followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship following.
 You are welcome to bring a snack to share.
 For more information call or text Arlette 509-979-2255.



Welcome to St. Anne Parish To all visitors who are joining us for worship today. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones today and every day. Pax et Bonum (Peace & Happiness)

St. Anne Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturdays @ 5:00 pm—confession @ 4:30 pm
 Sundays @ 9:00 am - confession @ 8:30 am

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
 Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays & Fridays— 6:00 pm Mass
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 9:00 am Mass

ADORATION

Mondays & Fridays @ 5:00 pm;
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays—following Mass

CONFESSION

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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 8:30 am

PRAY FOR our priests & Bishop Daly!



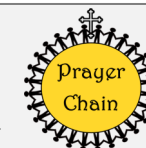
Schola Cantorum—Choir

Please join our new schola (Choir). We would love to have you assist us with singing the Holy Mass. Please contact Linda at 509-879-0753 or email at sookisue@msn.com

All voices are welcome!

PRAYER CHAIN

INTENTIONS can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please request prayers to Theresa Reisenauer at: lovinretirement@gmail.com



St. Anne Events!

Join us for FELLOWSHIP immediately following
 Sunday 9:00 am Mass in St. Anne Hall.

Wednesday, January 29 @ 9:45 AM
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall

First Saturday Mass—February 1
 8:30 am Confession, 9:00 am Mass
 9:30 am Rosary

Wednesday, February 5 @ 9:45 AM
 Quilting Group @ 9:45 am in the Hall



Seven Sisters Apostolate

That our prayers may find the heart of every priest and bishop.

Please contact Linda Pearson
 if you are interested in joining at
 509-879-0753
 Or email sookisue@msn.com

We need you!

Please prayerfully consider helping St. Anne's Parish with your gift of time and talent.

Parish Council:

If you are interested in being part of the Parish Council, please talk to Father Ishida. Two members' terms are up at the end of the school year. Parish council members have a unique opportunity to build our parish community. Please prayerfully consider and talk to Father.

Thank you.