Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila’s Parish Community
We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

Name: ______________________________________  Phone: ____________________________
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☐ New Parishioner  ☐ New Address and/or phone  ☐ Send Sunday envelopes  ☐ On-Line Giving

AAA 2020
We have recently been notified that our goal for 2020 is $28,860. We are kicking-off the campaign this weekend.
You can donate now through the Archdiocese of San Francisco website: https://sfarch.org/aaa
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ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM
Hosting a Superbowl party? Make proper waste sorting easy for your guests by setting out clearly marked compost, recycling, and trash bins. Consider using reusable flatware and plates that can be washed and used again. Just put out a bin for them with a sign so guests can identify where you would like for them to go. Friendly reminder that pizza boxes, napkins, and paper towels should go into the compost bin!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GREEN TEAM?
Call in on Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm:
PHONE: 1-773-231-9226
MEETING ID: 149 514 1945

UPDATE
THANK YOU to all our generous parishioners! You helped us to surpass our goal. We will publish the final totals in next week’s bulletin.
Due to your generosity, there will be warm, dry feet for those served by The Presentation Day Labor Program, Martin de Porres and The Catholic Worker Hospitality House. Socks will be delivered next week, any socks brought this weekend will be added to the delivery.

PASSINGS
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Enjoy outstanding classical music by gifted young local musicians at two upcoming benefit concerts for families and individuals:
February 7, 2020, 7:30 PM, Zion Lutheran Church, 495 9th Avenue, San Francisco. Featuring husband and wife Chamber musicians: sopranoist, Amy Foote and guitarist, Matt Linder. Suggested donation of $20 for individuals and $30 for families; wine and cheese reception.
February 23, 2002, 4:00 PM, Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco. Notes for Nourishment concert featuring teen pianist Josephine Chan, violinist Pierce Wang, and cellist Robert Howard. Admission is free, however, suggested donations of $10 to $20 will be collected at the entrance and exit. Free parking behind the Basilica (enter from Church St.).

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Thanks for your support!
St Teresa of Avila Church
February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

This year February 2nd falls on a Sunday, which means that the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord takes precedence over the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel for the feast is taken from the Luke infancy narrative, and it describes how Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem where he was presented to the Lord. This was done so as to be in compliance with the ritual and practice demanded by Jewish Law.

Luke’s narrative tells us that, at that time, there lived in Jerusalem a man named Simeon, to whom it was revealed that he “would not experience death until he had seen the Anointed of the Lord.” When Simeon sees the infant Jesus, he takes the child in his arms and blesses God with the Canzone of Simeon, the hymn which concludes the shorter form of today’s Gospel.

That’s a simple, on-the-surface summary of what this feast is about. However, as the feast made its way into the liturgical calendar, it evolved over the centuries with a change and metamorphosis that is not only curious but is also complicated and fascinating.

To start with, February 2nd is forty days after Christmas, and as we all know there is a biblical fascination with the number “40”. Originally the Christmas season lasted forty days, from December 25th until February 2nd. During this season, the readings – as a group – might be characterized as “manifestations of the Lord”: angels in the sky proclaim his birth; wise men and shepherds do him homage; a star rises in the East to announce his presence; a voice of approval booms from heavens at Jesus’ baptism; and Simeon bursts into song in today’s Gospel reading. This expanded, 40-day Christmas season remained in effect until the Second Vatican Council. It was only after the Council that the reformed liturgical calendar moved the Baptism of the Lord to the First Sunday of Ordinary Time, bringing the Christmas season to an end with the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.

During the 11th century the feast took an unusual turn. Simeon’s Cantico contains the phrase, “a revealing light to the Gentiles,” and a custom developed in the West of blessing candles and processions. After the blessing, two lit candles were carried out of the church and thrice around the building. The blessing of candles and processions rarely takes place in the United States, since Candlemas Day is still an important feast in many European countries.

An interesting “twist” regarding this day surrounds the dual purpose of the original Jewish celebration. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and, for this reason, the parents had to “buy him back” on the 40th day after his birth. This was accomplished through a presentation of a sacrificial offering (a “pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons”… thus the “presentation” of the offering “buys back” the child). On that same day, the mother would be “ritually purified”. Jewish Law demanded this purification because childbirth rendered a woman ritually unclean. Christianity picked up on this Jewish notion and, for a time, this feast was also known as Purification of the Virgin. In some cultures, this ritual purification following childbirth became known as “churching,” and it is unfortunate that both Judaism and Christianity attached such negative connotations towards pregnancy and childbirth. Fortunately, such associations are not made today, yet they remain as a historical embarrassment in our shared religious history.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.