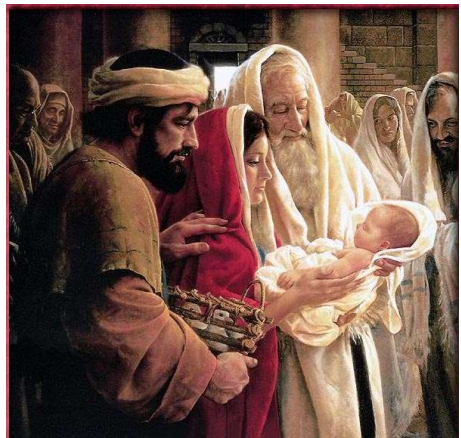


Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This special feast day was first celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in the 6th century. It was first called the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was accompanied by solemn blessings and processions with candles; hence, it was popularly called Candlemas.

In the Bible, according to the Mosaic law, a woman who had given birth to a male child was considered unclean for seven days; in addition, she has to observe a period of purification of blood for thirty-three days. Hence, after a total of 40 days, “she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a yearling lamb for a burnt offering and a pigeon or a turtledove for a purification offering.” (Leviticus 12:1-6)

Candlemas also commemorates the presentation of the baby Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem; at the time of her purification, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22; cf. Leviticus 12:2, Exodus 13:2,12)

While they were at the temple, they met Simeon, a man to whom the Holy Spirit has revealed that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord (cf. Luke 2:26). Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and blessed God saying, “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 sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” (Luke 2:29-32)

Through Simeon, Jesus was first revealed as the “Light of the world.” Hence, the blessing of candles is central to the celebration of Candlemas, because the light from these candles represent the Light of Christ, who is the “Light of the world.”



The blessed candles are meant to be brought home by the faithful to be used for devotional purposes; for example, these candles are to be placed on the family altar, to be lit during family prayer, etc. Traditionally, families have saved these candles to be lit during storms and times of trouble, especially near the bed of a dying family member as a reminder of the Light of Christ and to pray for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer List: Liu Guifang, Lydia Chen, Lu Shumi, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing, Pan Bohao and Xu Taicheng.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Before Mass, we invite everyone to write the things of the past year that you want to leave behind and drop it in the basin of water before the altar. Then write your spiritual offering to the Lord for the new year on red envelopes and drop it in the basket. The basket will be brought up during the Offertory.

After Mass:

- We will have the solemn tribute to our ancestors,
- After the solemn tribute to our ancestors, we will give out a blessed candle to each family and “hong pao” to each person.
- We will have our family potluck.

During the potluck:

- Fr. Bill will minister the Anointing of the Sick at the front of the Sanctuary.
- We invite our children to put on the lion dance costumes, two at a time, and go from table to table to get “hong pao” from the adults.

2025 Year of the Snake



We will not have Sunday School class today.

The 2024 contribution statements are now available. Please pick up your statement at the church foyer.

February 3 is the Feast Day of St. Blaise. We will have the blessing of throats after the noon Mass on Monday.

Reserve the date: Due to the cancellation of the Eucharistic Congress of the Archdiocese of Atlanta this year, Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Catholic Church will hold a week-long Eucharistic Renewal event from June 18 to June 24, 2025. Our invited guests include Most Reverend John Lee Juo-wang, Bishop Emeritus of the diocese of Tainan, Taiwan and Fr. Francis Ching of the Companions of the Cross based in Toronto, Canada, as well as a Chinese band led by Mr. Jianren Zhu from Los Angeles. Come, participate and make the most of that week with our special guests. They are coming to Atlanta especially for you, in order to inspire and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist!



Attention all volunteers for “Helping Mamas,” the volunteer date has been rescheduled to March 8, 2025.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	Anointing of the Sick	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		