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Dear Brothers and Sisters, In his account of the infancy of Jesus, St Luke emphasizes how faithful Mary and Joseph were to the Law of the Lord. They profound fulfilled with devotion all prescriptions prescribed following the birth of a firstborn male. Two of them were very ancient prescriptions: one concerns the mother and the other the newborn child. The woman was required to abstain from ritual practices for forty days, after which she was to offer a double sacrifice: a lamb as a burnt offering and a turtle-dove as a sin offering; but if she were poor, she could offer a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons (cf. Lev 12:1-8)....

It is important to note that these two acts - the purification of the mother and the redemption of the son - did not require a visit to the Temple. However, Mary and Joseph wished to fulfil all the prescriptions in Jerusalem, and St Luke shows us how the entire scene converges on the Temple and thus focuses on Jesus who enters it. And it is here, precisely through the prescriptions of the Law, that the principal event is transformed, namely, it becomes the "presentation" of Jesus in the Temple of God, which means the act of offering the Son of the Most High to the Father who sent Him (cf. Lk 1:32, 35). The Evangelist's account is confirmed by the words of the Prophet Malachi which we heard at the beginning of the First Reading: "Behold", says the Lord, "I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming... he will purify the sons of Levi.... Then the offering... will be pleasing to the Lord" (3:1, 3, 4).

These words clearly make no mention of a child and yet they are fulfilled in Jesus because, thanks to the faith of His parents, He was taken to the Temple "immediately"; and in the act of His "presentation", that is, the "offering" of Him in person to God the Father, the themes of sacrifice and of the priesthood clearly transpire, as in the passage from the prophet. The Child Jesus, who is immediately presented in the Temple, is the same person who, as an adult, would purify the Temple (cf. Jn 2:13-22; Mk 11:15, 19ff). Above all He would make Himself the sacrifice and the High Priest of the new Covenant. This is also the perspective of the Letter to the Hebrews, a passage of which was proclaimed in the Second Reading, to strengthen the theme of the new priesthood: a priesthood — inaugurated by Jesus — which is existential: "For because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted" (Heb 2:18). So it is that we also discover the topic of suffering, very pronounced in the Gospel passage in which Simeon imparts his prophecy concerning both the Child and the Mother: "Behold, this Child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is

spoken against (and, [to Mary], a sword will pierce through your own soul also)" (Lk 2:34-35).

The "salvation" that Jesus brought to His people, and which He embodies in Himself, passed through the Cross, through the violent death that He was to vanguish and to transform with the sacrifice of His life through love. This sacrifice was already foretold in the act of the Presentation in the Temple, an act without any doubt motivated by the traditions of the old Covenant, but that was deeply enlivened by the fullness of faith and love, which correspond to the fullness of time, to the presence of God and of His Holy Spirit in Jesus. Indeed, the Spirit moved over the whole scene of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and in particular over Simeon, but also over Anna. The Spirit "Paraclete" brings consolation to Israel and motivates the steps and moves the hearts of those who await Him. He is the Spirit who prompted the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna, words of blessing and praise of God, of faith in his Annointed One, of thanksgiving, for at last our eyes could see and our arms embrace "your salvation" (cf. 2:30). "A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel" (2:32). With these words Simeon describes the Messiah of the Lord, at the end of his hymn of blessing. The topic of light, that re-echoes the first and second songs of the Servant of the Lord in the Deutero-Isaiah (cf. Is 42:6; 49:6), is vividly present in this liturgy. It was in fact opened by an evocative procession, in which the Superiors and General Superiors of the Institutes of consecrated life represented here took part and carried lit candles. This sign, specific to the liturgical tradition of this Feast, is deeply expressive. It shows the beauty and value of the consecrated life as a reflection of Christ's light; a sign that recalls Mary's entry into the Temple. The Virgin Mary, the Consecrated Woman par excellence, carried in her arms the Light Himself, the Incarnate Word who came to dispel the darkness of the world with God's love....

On this feast I express in a special way to you, consecrated people, the hope that your lives may always have the flavour of evangelical *parresia*, so that in you the Good News may be lived, witnessed to, and proclaimed and may shine out as a word of truth (cf. Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei*, n. 6). Amen. *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 2 February 2013*

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN:

In Thanksgiving Holy Souls in Purgatory

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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

(Sunday, February 2nd) Today's feast recalls the day that Jesus was brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph and presented to God in accordance with the law. It was Simeon who acknowledged Jesus as the light to all the nations. On this Feast, candles are blessed. A limited number of Presentation Candles will be available at the Chapel of Our Lady. Suggested offering for the boxed candles: \$3. For parishioners who would like to have their own candles blessed, the blessing will take place at the beginning of each Holy Mass.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Feb. 5th, St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr. St. Agatha was martyred in Catania, Sicily in the year 251. Her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon.

Thursday, Feb. 6th St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs. The Japanese Martyrs were killed for the Faith in Nagasaki in 1597. St. Paul Miki was the first Japanese priest, a Jesuit.

Friday, Feb. 7th First Friday of the Month. We honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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<u>CWL</u> General Meeting is on Tuesday, Feb 11 at 7 PM. All Members and Women Parishioners are encouraged to attend & get involved in the upcoming events.

BLESSED JOSEPH ALLAMANO FAMILY DAY On Monday, Feb. 17th at the Consolata Missionaries, 2671 Islington Ave., 1:00 p.m. Mass. 2:00 p.m. Lunch. \$45/person. For info, please call 416-749-8907.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO AND NEW BEGINNINGS invite you to a talk "Presence: Opening Up to God's Love in Our Experience of Loss." with Maureen McDonnell, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Regis College. on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre: 1155 Yonge St 4th Floor, Pre registration is NOT required. For info, please contact Deacon James Shaughnessy MSW., RSW., Psyn.D. at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or by email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

Presentazione del Signore al Tempio - 2 febbraio 2014

"Offri tuo figlio, Vergine consacrata e presenta al Signore il frutto benedetto del tuo seno. Offri per la riconciliazione di noi tutti l'ostia santa, che piace a Dio. Dio Padre accetterà certamente l'offerta nuova e preziosissima ostia, di cui egli stesso dice: Questi è il mio Figlio diletto, nel quale mi sono compiaciuto (Mt 3,17). Ma questa offerta, fratelli, sembra abbastanza delicata: è presentata al Signore, è pagata con uccelli, ed è subito riportata a casa. Verrà il giorno, che non sarà offerta nel tempio, né tra le braccia di Simeone, ma fuori le mura e sulle braccia della croce. Verrà il giorno, che non sarà riscattato da sangue altrui, ma riscatterà gli altri col suo sangue, perché Dio padre lo mandò come riscatto del suo popolo. Quello sarà il sacrificio vespertino, questo è il mattutino. Questo è più giocondo, ma quello è più pieno. Questo è dell'infanzia, quello della pienezza dell'età. Dell'uno e dell'altro puoi sentire ciò che il profeta predisse: Fu offerto, perché lo volle lui (Is 53,7). Anche ora, infatti, non è stato offerto, perché ce n'era bisogno, non perché egli fosse soggetto alla legge, ma perché lo volle lui. E in croce ci fu innalzato non perché l'aveva meritato, non perché il Giudeo riuscì a crocifiggerlo, ma perché lo volle lui. Ti farò sacrifici volentieri, o Signore, perché tu ti sei offerto volentieri per me, non per tuo bisogno.

Ma che cosa offriamo noi, fratelli, o che cosa gli diamo per tutto quanto lui ci ha dato? Per noi lui ha offerto la più preziosa ostia che aveva, anzi, così preziosa che non ci poteva essere niente di meglio; anche noi, dunque, facciamo quanto possiamo, offrendo a lui il nostro meglio, offriamo ciò che noi siamo. Lui diede se stesso; tu chi sei, che indugi a offrirti? Chi mi aiuterà a far in modo che la tua maestà accolga la mia offerta? Ho due spiccioli, Signore, il mio corpo e la mia anima. Magari potessi offrirteli degnamente in sacrificio di lode! Sarebbe, infatti, tanto bene per me e tanto più glorioso essere offerto a te, che essere abbandonato a me stesso.

Poiché l'anima mia, lasciata a me, si turba, in te invece il mio spirito esulterà, se ti viene offerto sinceramente. Fratelli, al Signore che doveva morire, il Giudeo offriva vittime morte, ma ora: Io vivo, dice il Signore; non voglio la morte del peccatore, ma che si converta e viva (Ez 33,11). Il Signore non vuol la mia morte; e non gli darò volentieri la mia vita? Questa è, infatti, l'ostia che placa, l'ostia che piace a Dio, l'ostia viva. Ma in quell'offerta del Signore leggiamo che c'erano tre persone, nella nostra offerta son richieste tre cose. Nell'offerta del Signore c'era Giuseppe, sposo della madre del Signore, del quale Gesù era ritenuto figlio; c'era la stessa Vergine madre e il bambino Gesù, che veniva offerto. Ci sia dunque anche nella nostra offerta la costanza virile, ci sia la continenza della carne, ci sia l'umile coscienza. Ci sia, dico, nel proposito l'animo virile di perseverare, ci sia castità verginale nella continenza, ci sia la semplicità e l'umiltà del bambino nella coscienza. Amen. (S. Bernardo di Chiaravalle, De purificat. B.M., Sermo III, 2-3

AVVISI

- 1. Vi si invita a prelevare le buste per le offerte per il 2014.
- 2. Ogni venerdì, alle 3pm., si espone il Santissimo

Sacramento e si recita la Coroncina della Divina Misericordia. L'ora santa eucaristica comincia alle 6, con le devozioni al Sacro Cuore e la Benedizione eucaristica, seguita, alle 7, dalla S. Messa.

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MASS INTENTIONS		Feb. 2-8
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Giuseppe Renda
		+Vincenzo e Anthony Cosentino
		Special Intention
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Vicnent Lai Tyam
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Kee Wong
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 p.m.	In Reparation to the Sacred
		Heart of Jesus
		+Members of the Paxton Family
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		+Sabrina Corrado
		+Kinny Lukman
		Intentions of Richard Wong
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		+Concetta Granata
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Reparation to the
		Immaculate Heart of Mary
		+Fong Yiv Tam
		+Holy Souls in Purgatory
		Intentions of SMI priests

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