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# "Do This in Remembrance of Me" A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannage



It's time to pass the basket for the **Offertory**. For many people, the word offertory might make us think simply of the money offerings we place in the collection basket. While that certainly is part of the typical Sunday offertory, this is also an important spiritual moment for uniting ourselves to the offering on the altar.

#### The Collection in the Early Church

The practical details of this part of the Mass have looked different at various points in history. In earlier times, the gifts would typically be things that people brought from their homes. People would bring all sorts of food, along with bread and wine, and gifts for the poor (money or otherwise). These gifts would all be brought up and then sorted. The bread and wine were used for the Mass, some food and money were given to the priest to provide for him, and the remainder of the food and money were divided up and given to the poor. So, one can see that even in the earliest times, this part of the Mass was about offering and giving. In our modern day, to simplify the offertory, the ushers collect money. This money still symbolizes our gift: what we give to God for the Mass (bread, wine, candles, etc., are purchased for the Mass), what we give to provide for the needs of the priest and the upkeep of the church, and what we give to provide for the needs of the poor and those less fortunate. As the ushers prepare to collect the offerings, we can take a look at our lives, all that we have, all that the Lord has provided for us. We can show our gratitude and thank the Lord by offering a portion of what we have back to him for the good of the Church and others.

Along with the collection, the bread and wine (and water in some places) are brought forward, just as in the days of the early Church. Around the year 150 A.D., St. Justin Martyr describes this part of the Mass by saying simply: "bread, water, and wine are brought" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 109). The gifts are brought forward by members of the faithful. Whether it is the ushers, family members who requested the Mass intention, or other parishioners, whoever brings the gifts forward represents the whole congregation, bringing forth our offerings to God.

#### **An Offering of Spiritual Gifts**

As we think about our practical or material gifts during this part of the Mass, we should not overlook the opportunity to also offer spiritual gifts. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was known for asking priests to leave room on the paten for her intentions. One priest also recalled her saying that she would place her heart on the paten so that it would be near Jesus in the Mass. If we think about this part of the Mass, offering the gifts we have in thanksgiving to God and in union with Jesus, it is true that one of the best offerings we can make is ourselves! Along these lines, Charles Belmonte teaches, "Together with Christ, we offer everything that we are and all that we possess, all that we have done or try to do. We offer our memory, intelligence, and will; our family, profession, hobbies, success, sufferings, failures, and worries; and our aspirations, [joys and hopes], and spiritual communions. Likewise, we offer our small and big mortifications: all those acts of love we performed yesterday and as many as we plan to perform today" (Understanding the Mass, p. 110).

If you haven't thought about the offertory in this way before, I encourage you to think about including your personal spiritual offering along with whatever you drop in the basket. It certainly is a great way to join to the prayers the priest offers at the altar spiritually and a great way to deepen our unity with the perfect offering of Jesus!

#### For Reflection:

- 1. Respond to Father Luke's invitation by considering what spiritual offering(s) you will offer at the next Mass in which you participate.
- 2. At least once a year, take time to reflect on the portion of your material or financial wealth you give during the Offertory. Compare this offering to various expenses in your life. Ask Jesus to help you identify what you can generously give. In addition to your financial offering, consider how Jesus may be inviting you to give of yourself to parish life in other ways.
- 3. Have you ever been privileged to represent the congregation by bringing forward the gifts during the offertory procession? Thank God for that experience. If not, pray about the opportunity to do so and inquire at your parish about how you can participate in the offertory procession.



St. Catharine February 2024

# FEASTING

Celebrate the feasting and fasting of our Catholic Faith with your family all year long!

# 2/2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas

There is always a food associated with feast days - for Candlemas, it's crepes!

#### 2/3 St. Blaise

Have your throat blessed on Sunday 2/4 after Mass.

#### 2/8 St. Josephine Bakhita

Learn the beautiful story of St. Josephine and pray for victims of slavery with your family.

#### 2/11 Our Lady of Lourdes

Stay around after the 11am Mass to learn about Our Lady of Lourdes and enjoy a candlelight procession around the Church. For dinner, try a French inspired meal prepared as a family.

#### 2/14 Ash Wednesday

Go to Mass and fast today. Talk about your lenten sacrifices. Have children help prepare a prayer space in your home with a purple cloth, crucifix, and prayer cards.

# 2/2 the Presentation of the Lord

Celebrate the day Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple, 40 days from His birth. This is also the day when candles are blessed by the Church and then used for the rest of the year. Why candles? Because Jesus is the Light of the World!



The Scene of Christ in the Temple - Fra Bartolomeo

Consider adding candles to your dinner table tonight, pray a family Rosary by candlelight (the Presentation in the Temple is one of the Joyful Mysteries), or read the story of the Presentation in the Gospel of Luke 2:22-38. We've also created a Candlemas playlist for you to enjoy scan the Spotify QR code to listen>>.

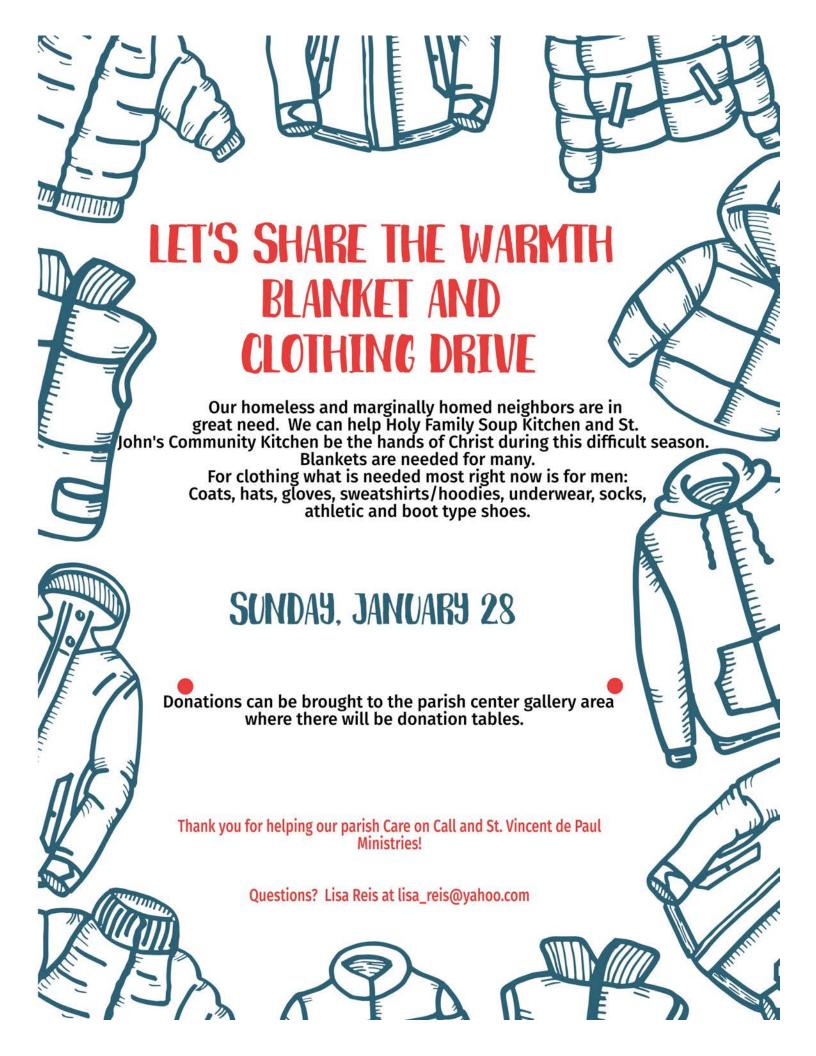




#### 2/3 Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise was a physician, bishop, and finally a martyr in Armenia. One of the more familiar legends involves Saint Blaise healing a boy with a fish bone stuck in his throat. Another story tells of a kind woman who brought him candles to dispel the darkness of the prison cell where he was held after being arrested. Celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, the patron Saint of throat illnesses with your

family on Sunday, February 4 after the Masses when St. Catharine will invite parishioners to receive the blessings of throats.





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Thursday, Feb 1st



8:00pm

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- Enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday through Jewish eyes and experience the Triduum like never before.
- Embrace the call to lay down your life in loving sacrifice, bring joy into your home and manifest the merciful love of God the Father.
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Spring Session Begins January 13 (Come to any or all!)

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7:15 Light Breakfast 7:30 Program 8:00 Small Group Discussion 8:30 Program Ends - Optional Mass

#### **REGISTRATION:**

For more information, contact Paul Wills at 614.266.2249 or email pkawills7@gmail.com Register Online at https://paradisusdei.org



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# St. Valentine's DATE NIGHT

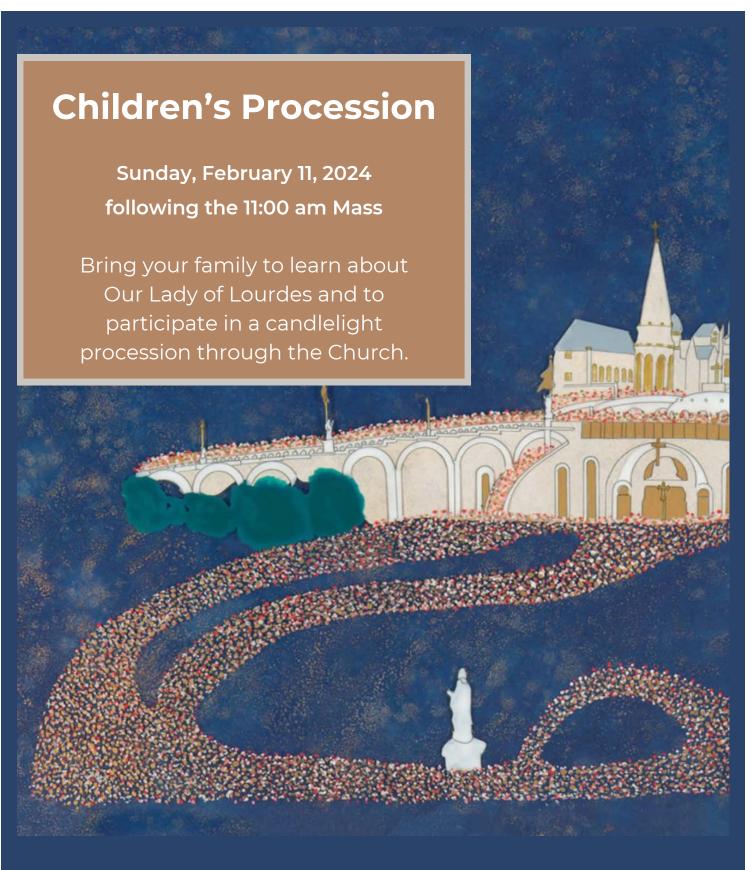
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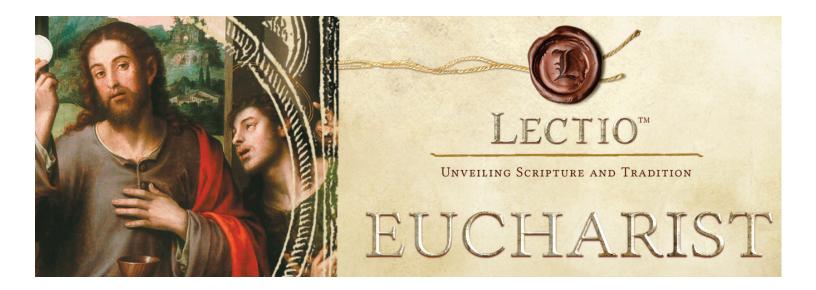
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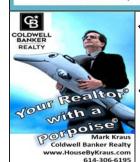


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#### The Next Two Weeks...

Week of January 28th
Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Week of February 4th
Fifth Week of Ordinary Time

#### Sunday, January 28th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (The People of the Parish)
9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30am First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
11:00am Holy Mass (Margaret Petrosky)

5:00pm Holy Mass (Mary O'Reilly)

6:00pm High School and Middle School Youth Group

#### Monday, January 29th

8:00am Holy Mass (Richard Steele)

6:30pm Family of Faith 6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir Practice

#### Tuesday, January 30th

7:00pm Holy Mass (Stephen Gilmore)

7:30pm Confessions

#### Wednesday, January 31st

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

9:00am Holy Mass (Intentions of Men's Rosary Group)

#### Thursday, February 1st

8:00am Holy Mass (Tom Easly)

9:30am Little Saints

3:15pm Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist

5:30pm Squires of St. Catharine

7:00pm ADORE Revival Night (Confession & Adoration) 8:00pm Women's Holy After Hour Galentine's Party

#### Friday, February 2nd

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00am Holy Mass (Bill Diehl Jr. and Sr.)

#### Saturday, February 3rd

6:30am Women at the Well 7:15am That Man Is You!

8:30am Holy Mass (Richard Lumpe)

9:00am Confessions

#### St. Vincent De Paul Society January Food Pantry Need

Canned Meals

Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.

#### Sunday, February 4th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (The People of the Parish)
9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30am First Communion/Reconciliation Prep

9:30am Family of Faith

11:00am Holy Mass (Mary Agriesti Gall)
5:00pm Holy Mass (Rose Adamescu)
6:00pm High School Jesus Night

#### Monday, February 5th

Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr 8:00am Holy Mass (Paul Hysell) 6:30pm Family of Faith

6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Choir Practice

#### Tuesday, February 6th

Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs 7:00pm Holy Mass (Carlota Posada)

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7:30pm Confessions

#### Wednesday, February 7th

9:00am Holy Mass (Jeanne Herbert)

7:00pm Baptism Class

#### Thursday, February 8th

Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 8:00am Holy Mass (Dennis McCarthy)

3:15pm Society of St. Clare 3:15pm Confirmation Retreat

7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)

7:30pm Knights of Columbus

#### Friday, February 9th

8:00am Holy Mass (Emma Petrosky) 2:15pm All School Adoration

#### Saturday, February 10th

Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin 7:15am That Man Is You!

8:30am Holy Mass (Intentions of the Burkhardt Family)

9:00am Confessions

6:00pm St. Valentine's Date Night

#### Sunday, January 21st

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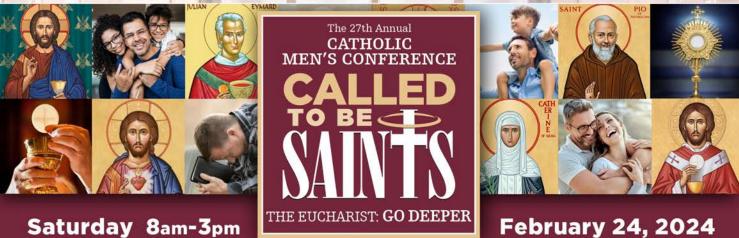
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