# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 02/16/25

## Presentation of Our Lady Church





6th Sunday of **Ordinary Time** YEAR C



Saturday Mass

<u>4:30 pm (English)</u>

Sunday Masses

8:30 am (English) 10:30 am (Bilingual) 12:00 pm (Spanish)

5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

8:00am

Tuesdays

8:30 am

Psalm 1:1-4,6 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 uke 6:17. 20-26

For Religious

Education, Adult

Inquirer's classes,

Baptism classes, or

Marriage preparation

call the Parish office

for more information.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

CHURCH 42 noilul. 298

PARISH OFFICE

665 Irving St.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am to 12:30 p.m.

Fridays 8:30am to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

Closed-Sundays & Mondays

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Presentation of Our Lady/Presentación de

Nuestra Señora

WELCOME NEW

MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

Moving?

Please notify the parish office.

SACRAMENTAL

Rev. Israel

Perez Lopez

Ext II9

Deacon

Pahla Salas

Ext II7

Deacon

Edgar Valle

Ext ---

Max Lopez,

Office Mgr.

Ext II9

**EMERGENCIES** 

Anointing of the sick

Lost Rites

Please call

720-473-9053 anytime

### Christian Liturgy and Jesus' School of Prayer

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Last Sunday, we meditated on the profound necessity of a School of Prayer and anticipated that the liturgy of the Church is a privileged pedagogical tool for shaping the Christian heart and introducing it to the familiar conversation with God of supernatural charity.

The Church is built in this world in dialogue with the Blessed Trinity, which happens in the celebration of the liturgy, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist. The conversation with the Triune God is the most vital nerve providing life to the Church.

Pope Benedict beautifully explained this idea in a meeting with the priests of Rome on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. He stated: "In the Liturgy, the Lord teaches us to pray, first of all giving us his **Word**, then introducing us through the **Eucharistic Prayer** to communion with the mystery of his life, the Cross and the Resurrection." (Pope Benedict XVI, *Lenten meeting with the Clergy of Rome*. Hall of Blessings. Thursday 22 February 2007.)

Ratzinger highlights two elements. First, the Word of God is mentioned. Mental prayer must be fed entirely by the Scriptures and Christian Tradition. How could we get to know God, meditate on, and contemplate Who He is without His Word revealing the mystery? Mystery means secret, and secrets are proper to personal life. Rocks, vegetables, and brute animals have no secrets, but humans, angels, and Divine Persons do.

A person's interior life is always a secret to the rest of the created persons. Evidently, there are no secrets for God. However, the rest of the persons, humans, and angelic persons, have no access to the intimate life of others. How are the secrets of the intimate life of someone made open to others? The answer is common sense, by words.

We can indeed get to know something about someone by his exterior actions. Nonetheless, for the most part, we do then guess who that person is and what is in his interior world. To certainly know someone's interiority, words are needed. This affirmation applies much more to God. Without God's Word, we cannot have access to the intimate, familiar conversation of supernatural charity.

The second element mentioned is the Eucharistic Prayer. This is the prayer of the Church, which she proclaims as a response to what she receives in the liturgy of the Word. It introduces us to the communion of the Divine Life and teaches us what and how to ask, according to the mind and heart of the Bride of Christ. It is worth reading the explanation Pope Benedict added to this fundamental affirmation.

St Paul once said we do not even know what to ask for: "we do not know how to pray as we ought" (Rom 8: 26); we do not know how to pray or what to say to God. God, therefore, has given us words of prayer in the Psalter, in the important prayers of the Sacred Liturgy, and precisely in the Eucharistic liturgy itself. Here, he teaches us how to pray. We enter into the prayer that was formed down the centuries under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and we join in Christ's conversation with the Father. Thus, the Liturgy, above all, is prayer: first listening and then a response, in the Responsorial Psalm, in the prayer of the Church and in the great Eucharistic Prayer. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Lenten meeting with the Clergy of Rome*. Hall of Blessings. Thursday 22 February 2007.)

Participation in the liturgy is an invitation to enter Jesus' School of Prayer. In the end, we are to enter the familiar conversation of charity with the Father, united in Jesus as members of His Mystical Body by the grace of the Holy Spirit. But we are to enter this conversation as

active participants. Thus, we need to learn how to converse with the Father. We do not know how to do so, and we do not know how to pray. We need to be educated. The Church, who is Teacher and Mother, offers us the Word of God in the Scriptures and Christian Tradition. The rite of the liturgical celebrations, especially the Eucharist, are structured in such a pedagogical way.

Let us ask God for the grace to be aware of the liturgy's pedagogical value so that we may grow in our desire to understand more of the words the Church teaches us to address to the Father. May those words shape our hearts to conform them to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord.

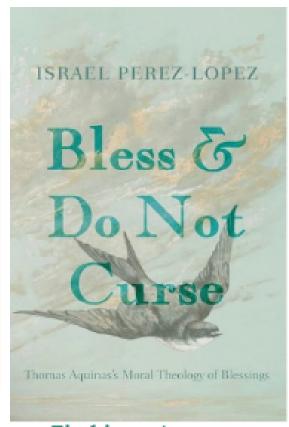
#### **Father Israel**





Ordinary Time								
Day	Date	Time	Intentions	Offered by				
Sat.	Feb. 15	4:30 p.m.	For our Parishioners living and deceased	The Parish				
Sun.	Feb. 16	8:30 a.m.	†Gilbert Martinez & Martinez Jr	Martinez Family				
		10:30 a.m.	†Filomena Marroquin Tobar	Max Lopez				
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	†Maria del Rosario Villalpando	Esmeralda Santana				
		5:00 p.m. Spanish						
Mon.	Feb. 17	8:00 a.m.	Birthday of Liliana and Viviana Padron Luna	Esther Luna				
Tues.	Feb. 18	8:30 a.m.		i				
Wed.	Feb. 19	8:30a.m						
Thur.	Feb. 20	8:00 a.m	Birthday of Palemon Luna	Esther Luna				
Fri.	Feb. 21	8:00 a.m.						
Sat.	Feb. 22	4:30 p.m.	†Ronald Lopez	L				

We invite you this
Saturday, February 22,
to the altar servers
meeting at 10:30 am.
All children are invited.
Presentation of
Our Lady
Catholic Church
The altar boy is a servant
and witness of Jesus



Find it on Amazon.





WE INVITE YOU TO PRAY THE ROSARY AND THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY, EVERY FRIDAY. IN THE CHURCH. AT 5:00 PM.