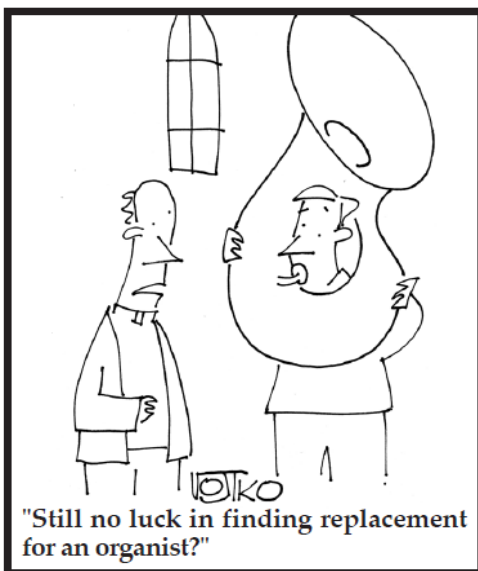


**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
**Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor**  
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*The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ.*

*I thank God it is for this reason I die.*

*- St Paul Mikki (1564-1597), Martyr, Feast Day February 6*



"Still no luck in finding replacement for an organist?"

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**Does God Exist?**

A college student was in Philosophy class, where a class discussion about whether or not God exists was in progress.

The professor had the following logic: "Has anyone in this class seen God?" Nobody spoke. "Has anyone in this class touched God?" Again, nobody spoke.

"Has anyone in this class ever heard God?" When nobody spoke for the third time, he simply stated, "Then there is no God!"

One of the students did not like the sound of this and asked for permission to speak. The professor granted it, and the student stood up and asked, "Has anyone in this class seen our professor's brain?"

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**NOTA:** La información debe recibirse el martes por la tarde antes del domingo.



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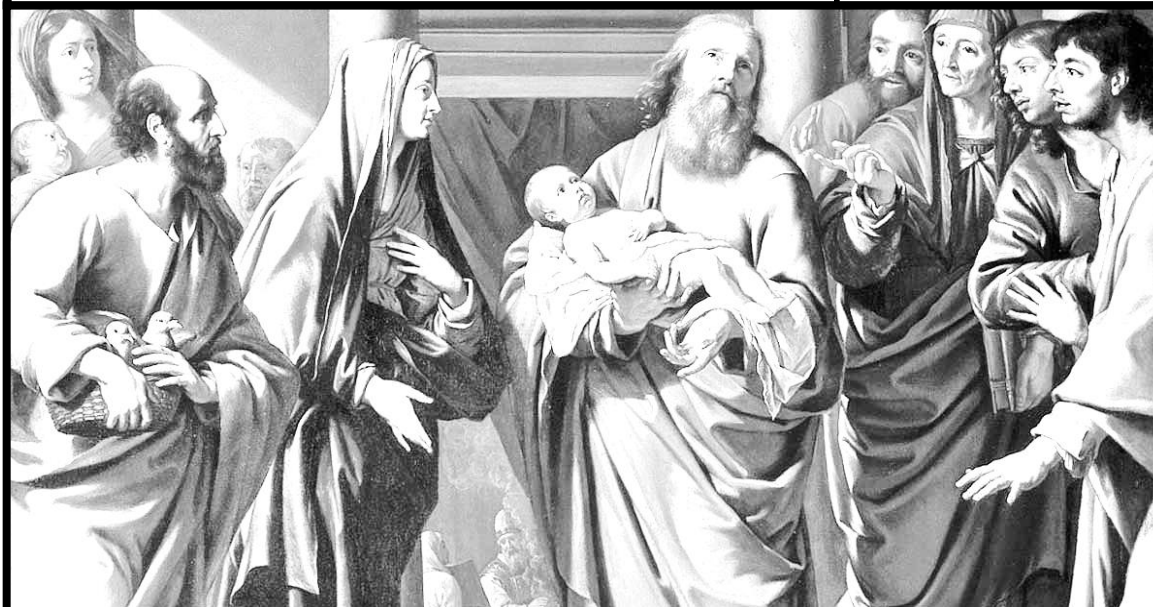
**Mass Schedule / Horario de la Misa**

**Saturday** 6:00 PM (Spanish)  
**Sunday** 8:30 AM (Spanish)  
 10:00 AM (English)

**Weekdays** 8:00 AM M-W-F (English)  
 7:00 PM Tu-Th (Spanish)

**Confessions / Confesiones**

Tuesdays  
 following 7PM Mass  
 or by appointment





***Feast of the Presentation of the Lord***  
***February 2, 2025 / 2 de Febrero de 2025***

### Why do Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Presentation?

This feast day celebrates both the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary, which was required by the Mosaic Law 40 days after the birth of a child. The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, also called Candlemas for the custom of using lighted candles. In the early Church, it was often celebrated on February 14, 40 days after the Epiphany, in keeping with the practice of celebrating Christmas on that date in the East. Among the Orthodox, it is known as the Hypapante ("Meeting" of the Lord with Simeon).

### ¿Por qué los católicos celebran la Fiesta de la Presentación?

Esta fiesta celebra tanto la Presentación de Jesús en el Templo como la Purificación de María, que la Ley Mosaica exigía que se produjera 40 días después del nacimiento de un niño. La Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor el 2 de febrero, también llamada la Candelaria por la costumbre de utilizar velas encendidas. En la Iglesia primitiva, se celebraba a menudo el 14 de febrero, 40 días después de la Epifanía, en consonancia con la práctica de celebrar la Navidad en esa fecha en Oriente. Entre los ortodoxos, se la conoce como Hypapante ("Encuentro" del Señor con Simeón).

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| <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-large; font-family: cursive;">Marriage Anniversary Mass</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">SUNDAY<br/>FEBRUARY 16 11:30 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH<br/>2229 Hampton Street<br/>Columbia, SC 29204</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">PLEASE REGISTER<br/><a href="https://bit.ly/2025-marriage-mass">https://bit.ly/2025-marriage-mass</a></p>  | <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">CELEBRA TU MATRIMONIO</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-large; font-family: cursive;">Misa de Aniversario de Matrimonio</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">DOMINGO<br/>FEBRERO 16 2:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">con el obispo Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">OUR LADY OF THE HILLS CHURCH<br/>120 Marydale Lane<br/>Columbia, SC 29210</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">POR FAVOR REGÍSTRESE<br/><a href="https://bit.ly/2025-marriage-mass">https://bit.ly/2025-marriage-mass</a></p>  |
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## Parish News / Noticias

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) kicks off this month - more information will be coming, with the pledge weekend on February 16th. Stay tuned!

La Campaña Católica de Carolina del Sur (CASC) comienza este mes. Habrá más información disponible durante el fin de semana de donaciones, el 16 de febrero. ¡Estén atentos!

### Women's Reflection Group

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. For more details, please contact Sister Julie at 314-825-2969.

### Our Deepest Condolences

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Agustin Ensaldo-Martinez**, son of Agustin and Yuritzi Ensaldo, and for **Annie Ruth Black**, Carolyn Temple's sister.*

*We pray for both families and their friends as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.*

### Happy Birthday / Feliz cumpleaños

*Marcos Segura Flores – February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Steve Rodgers – February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Samuel Bedenbaugh – February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Maria Perez – February 8<sup>th</sup>*

### Congratulations and Prayers for all receiving Sacraments

- Teens Michelle Camarillo, Lucero Contreras, Santiago Contreras and adult Alejandra Flores received their First Communion in January.
- On February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, twelve teens from St. William will celebrate their Confirmation at St. John of the Cross, Batesburg.



**2025 Jubilee Holy Year**



# Welcome / ¡Bienvenidos!

*Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 – Presentation of the Lord*  
*Domingo 2 de Febrero de 2025 – Presentación del Señor*

**United in Christ**



**Unidos en Cristo**

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has spoken to you in the depths of your soul. Too often we ignore His gentle voice as it speaks, preferring instead to live only in the sensory world.

But the spiritual reality within us must become the center and foundation of our lives.

It is there where God speaks, and it is there where we, too,  
will discover the central purpose and meaning of our lives.

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Reflexiona hoy sobre todo lo que nuestro Señor te ha dicho en lo más profundo de tu alma. Con demasiada frecuencia ignoramos su suave voz mientras nos habla, y preferimos vivir sólo en el mundo sensorial. Pero la realidad espiritual que hay en nuestro interior debe convertirse en el centro y el fundamento de nuestra vida. Es allí donde Dios habla, y es allí donde también nosotros descubriremos el propósito y el significado central de nuestra vida.

### Collection / Ofertorio

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| January 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> | \$2809.00 |
| January 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> | \$1982.00 |
| Church in Latin America                     | \$105.00  |

### Second Collection Schedule

#### Segundo cronograma de recolección

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| February       | Catholic Appeal of South Carolina  |
| February 8 / 9 | Maintenance Fund                   |
| March 5        | Church in Central & Eastern Europe |
| March 8 / 9    | Maintenance Fund                   |
| March 15 / 16  | Black & Indian Missions            |
| March 29 / 30  | CRS                                |

### Dates to Remember

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday, Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | PRESENTATION OF THE LORD |
| Friday, Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>  | VALENTINES DAY           |
| Monday, Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | PRESIDENTS DAY           |
| Wed. March 5 <sup>th</sup>     | ASH WEDNESDAY            |
| Sunday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>  | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT     |
| Monday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> | ST. PATRICK'S DAY        |

### God's Housekeeper Schedule

|       |               |
|-------|---------------|
| 02/09 | Josie Rodgers |
| 02/16 | Rose Rodgers  |

## Prayer List / Lista de Oración

|                  |              |                 |                   |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Fr. Vince        | Don Able     | Corine Bailey   | George Barton     |
| Emma Susie Black | Linda Clubb  | Adalyn Cochran  | Kathy Galloy      |
| Marcel Galloy    | Beth Huff    | Donna McCormick | Betty Jean Miller |
| Raymond Miller   | Larry Moore  | Rebekah Robeson | Dale Rodgers      |
| Gena Turner      | Jane Vagnoni | Joy Waters      | Judy Wootton      |

Let us also pray for our servicemen and women, for the unemployed and the homeless, for our nation, and for all the deceased members of St. William's.

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Oremos también por nuestros hombres y mujeres militares, para los desempleados y las personas sin hogar, por nuestra nación y por todos los miembros fallecidos de San William.

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*Please contact Sister Paula if there is anyone who is sick or homebound who would like to receive Communion, or simply a friendly visit. Sr. Paula: 315-272-7227*

### Offertory Envelopes

If you would like to begin receiving offertory envelopes by mail, or need to make any changes to your address, please contact Becky Elders (contact information on back of bulletin).

### Sobres de Ofertorio

Si desea comenzar a recibir sobres de ofrenda por correo o necesita realizar algún cambio en su dirección, comuníquese con Becky Elders (información de contacto al dorso del boletín).

### Never Lose a Sense of Joy Courtesy of Minute Meditations/Franciscan Media

Joy sees the world as God intended; it is a reaction to all God is doing in our lives now and in the future. It is a choice we make based on the knowledge that God loves us and is with us through all our life experiences.

One simple way to increase joy is to smile more. You may feel awkward at first, but it works. Start by imagining yourself smiling happily, like a child playing on a swing set or jumping in the ocean waves. Then practice it in the mirror — a great big toothy grin. A genuine smile involves the eyes and the mouth. It releases stress-lowering neurotransmitters like serotonin and dopamine into the bloodstream. This means that smiling begets more smiling. It reminds us that there is still joy in life.

— from St. Anthony Messenger's "How to Grow in Holiness" by Colleen Arnold, MD