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February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



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OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Mon. Wed. Thu, & Fri. at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Cynthia Sinn, Alicia Ritter, Joe Solis, Kelly Molendyke, Donna and Bill Molendyke, Grace, Morgan and Eli – Loretta Schutten's family members, Fritz Stubenrauch, Willie Helwig, Mary Reynolds, Debra Lee, Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop and his children, Ashley Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Ron Annen, Connie Millhollen, Jerome Bader, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcara, Art Pieretti, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy birthday to Chris Bloom.

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Saturday	February 1
1 st Saturday Mass 8:30 am	People of the Parish
Mass 5:00 pm	Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	February 2
Mass 8:30 am	Max Ferry
Mass 10:30 am	Steve Lahtinen and Darrell Davis
Sunday School	10:30 am
Confirmation Class	after the 10:30 Mass
Monday	February 3
NO Mass	
Tuesday	February 4
NO Mass	
Wednesday	February 5
NO Mass	
Celebrate Recovery	at 5:30
Thursday	February 6
NO Mass	
NO Adoration	
Circle of Caring	at 10 am
Friday	February 7
NO Mass	

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER NICHOLAS ERIAS KORO: We welcome and thank Father Koro for being here the last two weeks while Father Akuti is in Uganda visiting his family.

FATHER AUGUSTINE MANYAMA will be helping with the weekend Masses for the next two weeks, until Father Akuti returns on Friday, February 21st. He will not be here during the week so there will be no weekday Masses or Adoration for the next two weeks.

CIRCLE OF CARING; If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from substance abuse, we all carry wounds, wounds from our own doings or those inflicted by others. No one should carry their pain alone. CR is for all of us. For more information call Steve Bloom 503-318-2370.

BOOK DISCUSSION of Dr. Michael Barber's book, "Salvation, What Every Catholic Should Know". Join us on Thursday, at 6:00 PM in the Parish hall. This weekly series will conclude with our last session scheduled on Thursday, February 20th.

ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER: Meals for Seniors will be serving a 5 course meal of Pasta, Soup, Salad, Bread, Beef on creamy Polenta, and dessert. Join them on Sunday, February 16th. It will be by reservation only, so choose which seating, 2pm or 4pm, and call 503-317-8967 to make your reservation. The cost is \$30 per person.

DAVID'S CHAIR: You may have noticed the shed in the parking lot behind the Parish Hall. That is housing a chair that handicapped people can use to ride on the beach. They have to make a reservation and be able to sit in the chair. The first reservation will be February 14th on Valentines Day. The city is in charge of this project but they are looking for volunteers to help those who register get the chair. If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Sandy at 530-604-4131.

WALKING WITH POPE FRANCIS booklets will be available next weekend. Please read the first two reflections at the top of the next page.

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL REFLECTIONS – *Dilexit nos*

1. PAUSING TO REFLECT

We all need to rediscover the importance of the heart.

We live, says Pope Francis, in a world of frenetic speed, dizzying complexity, and so much noise from all sides that it's impossible to find quiet space just to gather our thoughts. We're constantly at the mercy of marketing campaigns designed to make us consume every more things that we don't really need and that don't satisfy us once we have them.

The pope reminds us that the heart has long been a symbol for the love of Christ – especially the image of the Sacred Heart. When we take time to be still within ourselves, we can rediscover the love that is waiting for us.

PONDER: What one distraction in my life can I remove today to make room to heed God's voice?

PRAY: God of love and goodness, open my heart to accept yours.

2. START BY LOOKING WITHIN

Instead of chasing the superficial and playing a role for the benefit of others, think about the really important questions of life.

Pope Francis suggests that we take time to consider life's deepest questions: Who am I for God? At the end of my life, how have I treated others, and how have I treated myself? All these questions, the pope says, lead back to the heart. We find God's love when we remember that God is present with us. Then we can peel back the superficialities that often shield us from seeing who we really are.

PONDER: Have I pondered whether God finds in me someone worthy of love?

PRAY: God of love and goodness, shine your light of love in my heart.

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Gift Donation	\$00.00

"A BIG THANK YOU to all who have donated to the needs of CARE and Helping Hands in Tillamook. As you know both of these programs serve our neighbors in need throughout Tillamook County and your generous donations were greatly appreciated.

January 29th is the annual homeless connect event and will be held again this year at Sacred Heart parish. It's an amazing time to provide services, needed items, resources and community connections for those who are currently houseless and in great need.

Helping Hands shared that they have a new family with 4 children and are in need of help with "pull ups" of various sizes. As always, I'm glad to deliver if that helps. Prayers and blessings, Dia"