

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

**Presentation
of the Lord**

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SACRED HEART -LOON LAKE

ST. ANTONINUS-PIERCELAND

ST. BONIFACE -GOODSOIL

	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	DONOR
Mon Feb 3			No Mass Scheduled	
Tues Feb 4	7:00 pm	Pierceland	+For Our Parents	Bernard/Joan Kesenheimer
Wed Feb 5	10:00am	Care Home	+Viola Schewalje	Larry/Barb Nachbaur
Thur. Feb 6	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Leonard Hofer	Marion Hofer and family
Fri Feb 7	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Clara Hankey	Leo/Louise Hetlinger
Sat Feb 8	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	+Hudsyn Anuszewski-Wilson	Marg Klarenbach
Sun Feb 9	9:00 am	Goodsoil	For All Parishioners	
	11:00 am	Pierceland	+For our parents/family members	Merlin/Chris Wild

ST. BONIFACE

MINISTERS LIST—Feb. 9

ST. ANTONINUS

Commentator- Gail B.

Rosary— Barb

Readers- Louise H. Joan H.

Eucharistic Minister— Susan

Greeters - Trevor & Collette H.

Readers - Chris Andrea

Gift Bearers - Larry & Barb N.

Music- Angie **Mono**— Debbie

Eucharistic Minister— Barb N

Gifts - Merlin & Chris

Rosary— Lorraine D.

Servers— Shannon **Greeters**— Bev

Servers— Nadyne G.

Sun. School—Pam **Breakfast**—Valentines



Reconciliation—A Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a “favorable time” (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:2) for **conversion**. We are called to put God at the center of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own holiness.

As Pope Francis recalled in the 2015 Bull proclaiming the Extraordinary Holy Year, “*Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. [...] God’s justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Cross of Christ is God’s judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certainty of love and new life*” (Misericordiae Vultus, 21).

In practical terms, reconciliation involves receiving the **sacrament of Reconciliation**, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and experiencing God's personal words of forgiveness. There are some Jubilee churches that stay open continuously to make available the sacrament of Reconciliation. You can prepare yourself to receive the sacrament by following a guide.



DISPOSAL OF PALMS - Palms are not the only objects routinely blessed by the Catholic Church. Holy water, oils, rosaries and relics also have a special religious significance. Combustible items like palms may be burned, while everything else should be buried in an area where people are not likely to walk, such as under a tree. Should you wish to dispose of your palm, **you may bury it or burn it and spread the ashes outside**.



The Church will collect old palms to burn and use them for the Ash Wednesday service of the following year. Because the Palms have been blessed by a priest and therefore are holy objects, the palm branches used for Catholic Church services, especially those used on Palm Sunday, **should not be disposed of in the regular fashion**. Once an object is blessed, it is considered to be in the service of God and should be treated with respect.

GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Palms—Please bring in your old palms to be burnt, and used for Ash Wednesday service or properly disposed.

Warm Coat Drive for the Door of Hope —Clean gently used items .. Jackets .. Mitts .. Toques .. Scarves ..

Drop off at **Larry's Place**

Cleaners for February—**Brian/Charlene Chamber**, Ken/Diane Chamber, James Degenhardt, Rudy/Isabelle Weber, Reese Shortman Family, Gloria Foley, Sylvia Bender-Rongue, Bev Lutter

PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleaning for February—**Keri Kohut 306-839-4424** Theresia Grundner, Maureen Currie, Marvel Taphorn, Melissa Frolick, Tracy Lodoen, Eileen McRae, Wendy Aguilar, Melissa Stacey

Vocation Corner ~Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

Prayer: For those called to celibacy for the sake of the kingdom as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord, faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord

Action: Since the call of the first disciples, some followers of Jesus have sought a different way to live their faith. In the early church groups of widows gathered to dedicate themselves to prayer and good works. Others craved solitary prayer, so they fled to the desert to commune with God and guide others in the pursuit of holiness. Monasteries, cloisters, and religious houses eventually came into being, and religious life as we know it began to take shape. Reflect on your call. .



Presenting the Present- Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Presentation

Today's feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after He was born. As the firstborn, He belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take Him to the Temple and "redeem" Him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.



So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer seems to be redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

However, the Gospel story nowhere mentions Jesus' "redemption," but seems to describe instead a religious consecration—such as a priest might undergo. Saint Luke tells us that Jesus is "presented" in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice (see Romans 12:1). Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel (1 Sam 1:24-27) to the Temple as a priest.

The drama surrounding Jesus' conception and birth began in the Temple—when the Archangel visited Mary's kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus' infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple. All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service—and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood. Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that Jerusalem is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as "The LORD of hosts... the king of glory."

Christ now arrives as the long-awaited Priest and Redeemer. He is also the Sacrifice.

Indeed, as His life will show, **He is the Temple itself** (see John 2:19-21).