

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUN, FEB. 1

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

8:00 a.m. MassRose Ferguson †

10:30 a.m. MassTim Andrews †

MON, FEB. 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40

TUE, FEB. 3

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30,
31-32/Mk 5:21-43

WED, FEB. 4 - St. Joan of Valois

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

9:00 a.m. Mass Tommy &
Peggy Hamilton

THU, FEB. 5
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4,
9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13

9:00 a.m. MassJames &
Jane McNally

FRI, FEB. 6
Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/
Mk 6:14-29

9:00 a.m. MassBea Hilbrecht
SAT, FEB. 7

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mk 6:30-34

5:30 p.m. Mass

Altar flowers provided
by the Andrews Family

In memory of Tim Andrews,
Richard Andrews, Peggy Andrews
and Peg McMahon

If you would like to donate flowers in
memory of a loved one or special event,
please contact the parish office to
select a date.

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving

Financial Information thru the week of
January 24th & 25th:

Weekly Need:\$11,350.00

Weekly Actual:\$10,053.46

2nd Collection

(Church in Latin America):\$1,958.00

Attendance:

Church Debt Loan Balance: \$731,925.93

Property Loan Balance:\$471,661.85

(as of 12/19/14)

Catholic Man of the Month

Blessed Nikolaus Gross
(1898-1945)

The son of a miner, Nikolaus Gross was born September 30, 1898, in Niederwenigern, a small town in western Germany. At age 14, after attending Catholic primary school, he followed his father into the mines and worked for the next five years. Determined to further his education, Gross went to night school and joined the Christian Miner's Trade Union.

In 1923, Gross married Elisabeth Koch, also a native of Niederwenigern. In the course of their happy marriage, they were blessed with seven children in whom they instilled a deep love of Christ, the church and the poor.

In 1927, Gross joined the staff of the *Westdeutschen Arbeiterzeitung*, the newspaper of the Catholic Worker's Movement, and soon became its editor. He offered guidance on labor questions and on social and political issues, including the growth of National Socialism. Already in 1930, he wrote, "As Catholic workers we reject Nazism not only for political and economic reasons, but decisively also on account of our religious and cultural outlook."

Upon Hitler's seizure of power in 1933, the newspaper was banned for three weeks. When it was eventually outlawed in 1938, Gross joined the German resistance and published pamphlets to fortify the faith among workers.

Though not involved in the "July Plot" to assassinate Hitler in 1944, Gross was arrested in a massive roundup and imprisoned in Berlin. Through constant prayer, he remained serene and strong to the end. Two days before his execution, he wrote: "How amazingly good God is and how rich he has made my life. He gave me his love and grace, and he gave me a beloved wife and good children."

Gross was hanged at Plötzensee Prison on January 23, 1945. He was beatified in 2001, and his feast day is January 23.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2nd, 2015

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—Feb. 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to Feb. 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. (AmericanCatholic.org)

Blessing of the Throats

Catholics remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Monsignor will be celebrating the feast day by having a Blessing of the Throats after each Mass on Feb. 7th & 8th.



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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| Feb 2: Adult Bible Study 6:30 | Feb 4: RCIA 7:00 |
| Feb 2: Boy Scouts 7:00 | Feb 5: A.C.T.s Meeting 6:30 |
| Feb 3: Men's Group 6:30 | Feb 6: First Friday Adoration 9:30 |
| Feb 4: Wednesday Morning Ladies 9:30 | Feb 7: Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:30 |
| Feb 4: Youth Group 6:30 | |



PLEASE BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS TO BE BURNED AND USED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.

There will be a basket in the Narthex where you can leave them Thank You.



Daddy/Daughter Dance

Saturday, Feb. 7th (after 5:30 Mass)
 In the Parish Hall
 \$20 per family/\$5 per person
 Please sign up in the Narthex after Mass

DIocese NEWS



Middle School Rally!

Saturday, Feb. 21 - 10:30 am-8:30 pm
 6th - 8th Grade

Keynote Speaker - Steve Angrisano
 Most Blessed Sacrament

Catholic Church in Arlington

Cost is \$40 - includes Supper and T-shirt

Bring a sack lunch and drink

Registration Deadline is Feb. 8. Forms are on the Website.

Chaperones and Drivers are needed.
 Please contact Laura Clements.



Year of Consecrated Life

Please join Bishop Olson
 in a special evening
 of prayer, sharing and spiritual enrichment.

February 5th

St. Patrick Cathedral @ 6:30

COMMUNITY NEWS



Texans for Life

Volunteer speaker training workshop

Saturday, Feb. 7th 9:30-noon

Staybridge Suites 229 Clifford Center Drive, Fort Worth

RSVP to Terri at lifedecisionstx@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:

SAT, FEB. 7 • 5:30 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Rachel Knesek PS - Kyle Wilhite

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bobby Zeigler Steve Weaver

USHERS

Mike Barron Tom Merkley

Wayne Mohr Rose Young

SOUND BOARD

Dave Vandercook

SUN, FEB. 8 • 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Brian McGee PS - Michaela Mott

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Eloy Sanchez

USHERS

Loren Mott Duane Knesek

Kandi Smith

SOUND BOARD

Robert Florance

SUN, FEB. 8 • 10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Tanner Wheaton PS - Scott Tudor

LECTORS

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Arturo Sandoval Maureen Munson

Maria Sandoval

USHERS

Rene Chavez Caitlyn Andrews

Tom Edmonston Donald Woodall

SOUND BOARD

Noah Murphey

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT

Wednesday, Feb. 11 @ 6:00pm

To celebrate the feast day of

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sponsored by the Moms' Group

THANK YOU RIO MAMBO.

WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT THE BULLETIN WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS. SEE BACK OF BULLETIN.

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.

Remember in Prayer

Recuerde en Oración

Doris Alexander, Donna Newman
 & Todd Marks †