SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

The Presentation of the Lord | Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22 -32

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This week we celebrate The Presentation of the Lord. In this Gospel from Luke, we learn how Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem to fulfill their duties as parents by presenting their son Jesus at the temple. In those days, people would come and go from the temple all day long. In this Gospel, we hear of two elders who often were at the temple praying everyday – waiting for the Messiah. When Simeon hears the name of Jesus, he takes Him from Mary and announces for all to hear, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” (Luke 22)

Mary and Joseph are amazed at what they hear. It is further evidence of what they already know in their hearts – Jesus is the Promised One! He is the one foretold by the prophets in the Old Testament. Jesus is God’s son.

★ Mary and Joseph fulfill a custom of their Jewish faith by journeying to Jerusalem with Jesus. As Catholics, we have many customs and traditions – as well as sacraments. What sacrament does the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple remind you of in our Catholic faith?

★ Simeon and Anna in this Gospel are good examples of faith-filled servants. Each has been moved by the Holy Spirit to be present in the temple. By their prayers and communion with the Holy Spirit, they are able to see Jesus for who he is – not just a baby, but the “Light for all the nations.” Prayer leads them to this place and event in history. Little did they know that their names would be inscribed in the Bible for generations – they simply obeyed what the Spirit moved them to do. Prayer is how we communicate with God. Be sure to take the time to pray each and everyday.
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M____ and Jo____ took their son J____ to the temple. They wanted to thank G____ for their beautiful son.

S____ and A____ were elderly people who went to the t____ to p____ every day. They were happy to see J____.