

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

03/03/2024

Presentation of Our Lady

Church



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

Moving?

Please notify the parish office.



3rd Sunday of Lent
3 March 2024

Sunday Masses

8:30 am (English)

10:30 am (Bilingual)

12:00 pm (Spanish)

5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday Mass

4:30 pm (English)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday

8:00am (Bilingual)

You need confession, spiritual guidance, or just talk?

Call the office to schedule your appointment.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

695 Julian St

PARISH OFFICE OFFICE HOURS

665 Irving S

Mon.- Fri. 8:30 am to 12:00 p.m

1:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m.

(303) 534-4882

FAX: (303) 893-5056

Web Page: www.presentationdenver.org

Official Facebook page:

Presentation of Our Lady Off.

For Religious Education, Adult Inquirer's classes, Baptism classes, or Marriage preparation call the Parish office for more information.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Anointing of the sick

Last Rites

Please call

720-473-9053 anytime

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Ext 119

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Ext 117

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God's Law and Our Purification as God's TemplesMarch 3rd, 2024

The 3rd Sunday of Lent 2024

Today, the Lord says to us: "Take these out of here and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." The second reading tells us that Jesus is the power of God and the wisdom of God. Well then, with both His wisdom and His power, He desires to purify His Father's house.

Probably, we are surprised by Jesus' attitude in this Gospel. We usually think that to love implies always being nice with the people we love. As we have seen in the Gospel, this is simply false. True love involves exactly that, *truth*, and if it is necessary, *correction*. We are talking about the correction that is made precisely out of love. The Holy Love of Jesus' Sacred Heart is both the source of the clarity and strength in His rebuke and the tenderness of His mercy.

The first reading and the psalm tell us about God's Law. We have prayed with the psalm in a very interesting way. We have said that the law of God, His decrees, His precepts, His commands, and His ordinances are perfect, trustworthy, right, clear, true, just, more precious than gold, and sweeter than honey. We have also said that Jesus' precepts and commands refresh the soul, give wisdom to the simple, rejoice the heart, and enlighten the eye of our soul.

Why then do we sometimes feel that Jesus' words, actions, or commands are something that threaten and hurt us? The answer is simple. There is something in us that has to die so that we can live as children of God. Today's Gospel is not about condemnation, but rather about hope, purification, and salvation.

Jesus wants to purify God's Temple. The Father's House should be a consecrated building dedicated to the praise and worship of God. For that reason, it cannot be transformed into a den of thieves.

What Temple are we talking about? Where is the Father's House? The first answer we can take from the Gospel is that Jesus' humanity is the Temple of God. His Body is the Temple where true worship is given to the Father. However, this is not the only answer. We know, in connection with that answer, the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ and that the Christian soul, by grace, is a Temple of God. For this reason, all of us are called to be the Father's House. Especially during this time of Lent, God is calling us to conversion, to be purified, so that our souls become a House of Prayer, of worship, and praise to God.

Bearing this in mind, we can understand today's Gospel with a new light. Our sins make the Father's House a marketplace within our souls. However, we are called to worship God in spirit and truth. This true and spiritual worship is done in charity, that is

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to say, by loving God above all things and offering Him all we are, all we have, and all we do. The problem is that in the temple of our souls, we have built different altars to false gods, namely money, success, pleasure, honor, fame, and at the end of the day, we have built the biggest altar within our souls to our very own self. That disordered self-love to the point of despising God is the root of every sin and every corruption of our interior Temple of God.

To become aware of the spiritual situation of our souls as sinners, I'd like to give a simple example. We are celebrating the Mass, here in this temple. All of us understand that this place is dedicated to God, and that it is not allowed to perform just any kind of activity here. Let us do a mental experiment. Imagine for a second that you enter into the church and you hear Father Ángel singing reggae, you see Deacon Antonio making cocktails and serving them in chalices, Rich and Mina dancing and offering food in patens, seminarians selling drugs, and so forth. How would you feel? Today, I would like to remind both you and myself that *we* are the Temple of God, even more so than this building.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are destroying God's Temple with our sins. This means that with our sins, we destroy the Church and ourselves. Sin always presents itself as something good, but in reality, it is the greatest evil. For that reason, today's Gospel is filled with hope. Jesus has the power to raise up this destroyed temple again. He is the power and wisdom of God. He can purify His Church and our souls. Today, we are called to open our hearts to God's grace, and let Jesus enter into the temples of our souls with His wisdom and power. In this Lent, let Jesus purify us from our sins and rebuild us through grace.



Day	Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Sat.	Mar. 2	4:30 p.m.	† Genoveva Montoya	Dolly Lopez
Sun.	Mar. 3	8:30 a.m.	† Rudy & Maeve Cordova	Cordova Family
		10:30 a.m.		
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	Jenny Aguilar's birthday & for the Aguilar Family	Aguilar Palato Family
		5:00 p.m. Spanish		
Mon.	Mar. 4	8:00 a.m.	For all our Parishioners living and † deceased	
Tues.	Mar. 5	8:30 a.m.		
Wed.	Mar. 6	8:00a.m.		
Thur.	Mar. 7	8:00 a.m.		
Fri.	Mar. 8	8:00 a.m.		

Presentation of Our Lady Offertory Weekend of Feb. 24 & 25, 2024.

4:30 Regular Collection Mass \$865.00
4:30 Second Collection Mass \$75.00

8:30 Regular Collection Mass \$573.00
8:30 Second Collection Mass \$138.00

10:30 Regular Collection Mass \$788.00
10:30 Second Collection Mass \$196.00

12:00 Regular Collection Mass \$1,133.79
12:00 Second Collection Mass \$163.00

5:00 Regular Collection Mass \$377.00
5:00 Second Collection Mass \$107.00

Regular Collection Total:\$3,736.79
Second Collection Total:\$679.00

Candles Total: \$170.00
Special needs Total: \$23.00

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STATIONS OF THE

CROSS

STARTING FEBRUARY 16, 2024
EVERY FRIDAY IN THE CHURCH

6PM BILINGUAL THROUGHOUT LENT



Prayer Group
Wednesdays
7pm-9pm



Home Homilies Resources Pilgrimage Sites Events

CONVENCION
EUCARISTICA

Evento del Avivamiento Eucarístico para adorar,
celebrar y crecer en la fe y en el amor a Jesús Eucaristía

PROGRAM

Solemn Mass presided over by Bishop Aquila, Archbishop of Denver, life testimonies, Eucharistic adoration, conferences and religious music concert.

TICKETS SALE

Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish

6690 E 72nd Ave

Commerce City, CO

80022 303-289-6489

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$20 per adult,

\$10 (14-17 year olds)

*There will be no tickets for sale at the event



Mons. Jorge Rodríguez

Obispo auxiliar de Denver

Bishop Jorge Rodríguez invites the entire Catholic community of the Archdiocese of Denver to participate in the **Archdiocesan Eucharistic Convention**, an occasion to better know our faith in the sacrament of the Eucharist, celebrate it with our archbishop and priests, and worship it. in a climate of faith and prayer.

Gaylord of the Rockies Resort and Convention Center
Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Don't miss the largest local Eucharistic event of the year!

For more information visit:

archden.org/revival/convencion-eucaristica

Join us before the stations of the cross at 5pm

FRIDAY
HOLY ROSARY



SORROWFUL MYSTERIES