

BIDDING PRAYERS
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2nd February 2025

- Priest:** Just as Jesus was presented to the Father in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, we ourselves come with confidence to present our prayers to our Father in Heaven.
- Reader:** We pray for the Church; may she be a beacon which radiates the light of Christ to our world, presenting Him to all people as the light of goodness, justice and truth.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For our Holy Father, Pope Francis; may the Lord bless him with courage and wisdom that he may continue to shine the light of Christ on those who are weakest and most affected by the darkness in our world.
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- Reader:** For our country and all people of our nation; may we seek ways of building unity and communion rather than division and self-interest.
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- Reader:** We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith and religious beliefs; that those who have a passionate belief in their own faith respect the rights of others to follow an informed conscience and to live out their own response to the love of God who created us all.
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- Reader:** This Tuesday is World Cancer Awareness Day, thus, we pray for all those who are affected by cancer; we pray for the success of any treatment they are receiving that they may recover full health; also in their moments of darkness may their faith in the love of Christ bring them hope and peace.
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- Reader:** Let us remember the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend. Also, all the faithful departed especially those who have died recently including Paul Mather, Florence Hunt, Mildred Corcoran, Brenda Walmsley, Kathleen Taylor and Jean Rishton; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, we thank you for revealing your Son to us as the true light of the nations through whom we can gain salvation. We make these prayers through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen