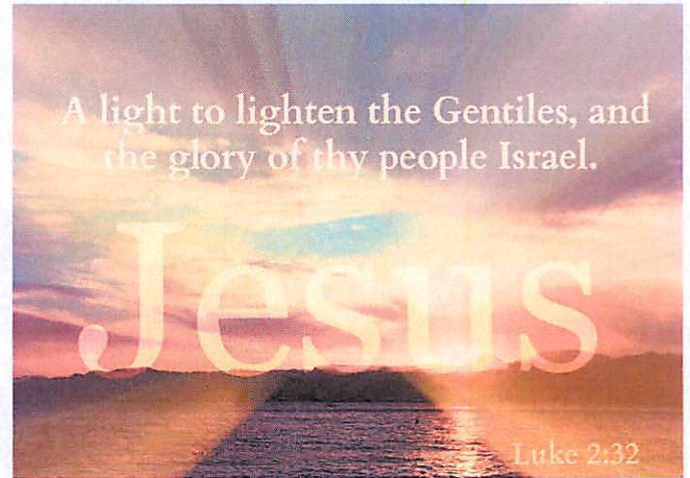


"Young man, I say to you, arise!" Lk 7:14

## FEAST OF PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- Reading 1: MAL 3:1-4
- Responsorial: 24:7, 8, 9, 10
- Reading 2: HEB 2:14-18
- Alleluia: LK 2:32
- Gospel: LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32

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## Jesus is Presented to God in the Temple

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Baby Jesus in the Temple. All the Jews presented their first-born sons to God in the Temple forty days after they were born. So Mary and Joseph obediently went to Jerusalem to offer Jesus to God in the Temple, even though He was Himself God!

That day God inspired a holy man named Simeon to go to the Temple and meet the Holy Family as they came to present Jesus there. Simeon told them that Jesus would be the cause of great changes and that Mary would be pierced by a sword. We know that he meant that she would have to suffer greatly because of what would happen to Jesus.

Every day we should offer our own lives to God. We should tell Him every morning that we offer this day, and all that happens in it, to Him. We should be ready, like Mary was, to joyfully accept whatever suffering God allows for us and offer it up with the sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross.

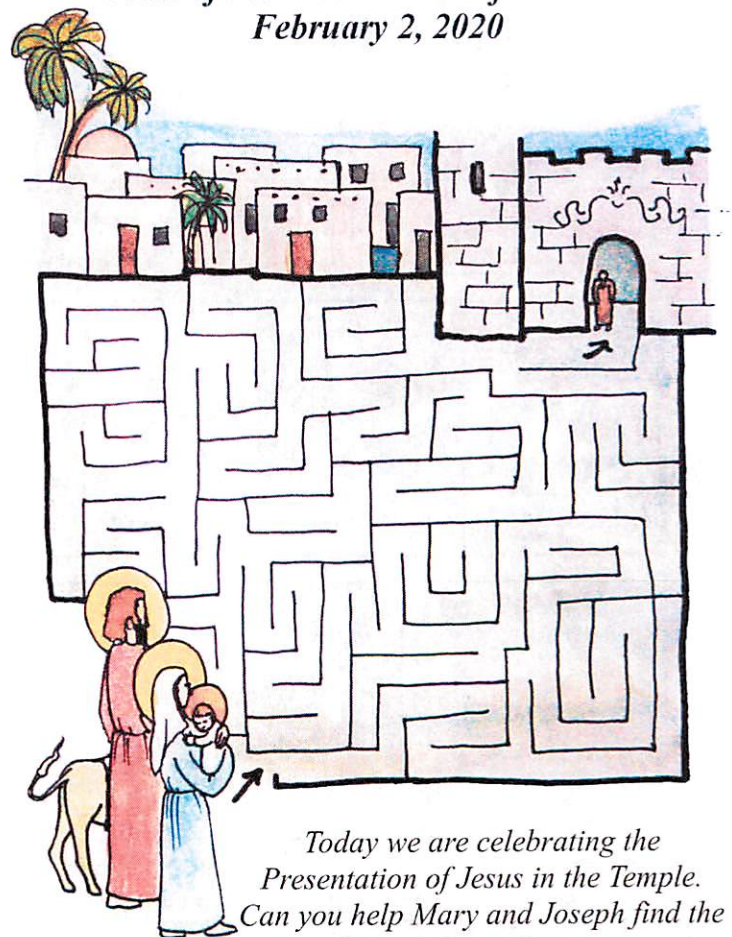


Can you try every morning to offer your day to God?

Answers to True or False: 1. False; (40 days) 2. True; 3. False; (Simeon) 4. True; 5. True; 6. False; (She thanked God and spoke about Jesus); 7. True.

## The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord  
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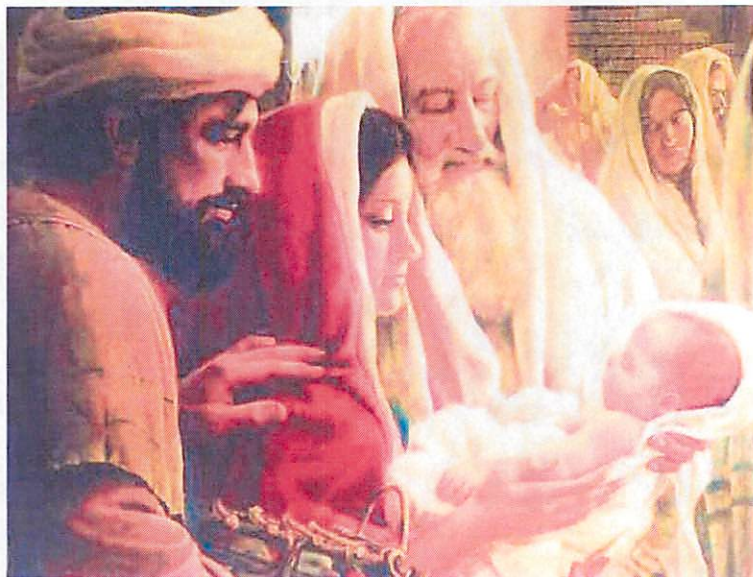
Today we are celebrating the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Can you help Mary and Joseph find the way through Jerusalem to present Baby Jesus in the Temple?

## Background on the Gospel

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the prom-

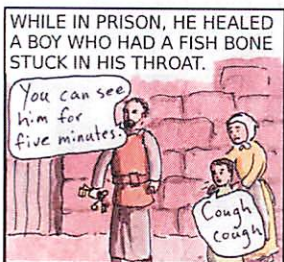
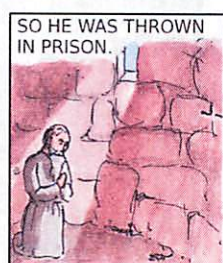
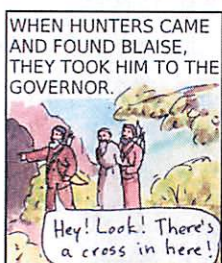
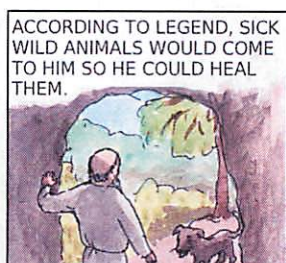
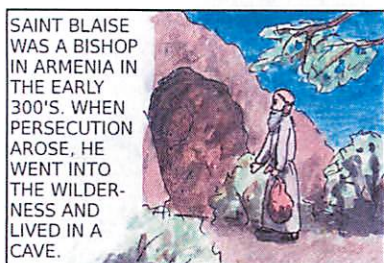


ised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

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## SAINT BLAISE

FEBRUARY 3



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## True or False? The Presentation

*How well do you know the story of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple?*

*Can you figure out which of these are true and which are false?*

1. Fifty-five days after Jesus was born His mother Mary and St. Joseph took Him to the Temple. True or false?
2. Mary and Joseph offered two doves as a sign of their offering of Baby Jesus, since that is what the law required. True or false?
3. A holy man named Solomon came to meet them in the Temple. True or false?
4. When he had seen Baby Jesus, Simeon said to God that now he was ready to die in peace, since he had seen God's salvation. True or false?
5. Simeon said, "This Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted." True or false?
6. A holy widow named Anna who was in the temple came and looked at Baby Jesus but did not say anything. True or false?
7. When Mary and Joseph had done what the law required they went home to Nazareth. True or false?