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**2 February 2025 Sunday of Zacchaeus / Encounter of our Lord and Simeon**

Sat 1 Feb	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+David Lewis Jr by Diana, Jim, & Michael O’Hare
Sun 2 Feb	9:00am	+ Michael & Betty Stigura by Daughter Fay and Family
Wed 5 Feb	11:00am	Funeral Service +Michael Kriczky at Warker-Troutman
Thr 6 Feb	9:00am	HGB Mary Glatz by the Glatz Family
Fri 7 Feb	9:00am	Parishioners of St. John’s
Sat 8 Feb	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+Lucy Mikula by Ron Mikula
Sun 26 Jan	9:00am	HGB Philip Thees by Mary Glatz

**7 Branch Candles** are given for the repose of the soul of +Elisa Nocella by her Family

**Parish Income** 26 January Offertory \$1,292; Loose \$117; Candles \$23; Initial \$20; Fuel \$155; Sp. Donations \$20; All Souls \$190; Rent \$850; Maintenance Fund \$277; Bishop’s Appeal \$20; Cemetery \$250; Wild Fires Collection \$1,065 Total \$4,339  
Month to date: \$16,356

**Divine Liturgy This Weekend**

Red Book: ; Opening Hymn O Mary Mother of our God p. 167

Green Book Tone 4 p.141 / Meeting of our Lord p. 321

Green Book: Beneath your Compassion p. 454 #B

**Please remember in your prayers:** parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery:  
**Arcadia at Limerick:** Nancy Erdek; **Frederick Living:** Sarah Roshoa, and also: Fr. Nicholas de Prospero, Audrey Gluszyk, Anna Marie Hunter, Keith Hunter, Daniel Mc Laughlin, Pat McLaughlin, Dillon Richard, Maksym Stetsenko, Earl Stong

**Our Parish Cemetery** is both a privilege and a challenge. We are fortunate that we can go and visit our loved ones buried there, bring them flowers and pray for their souls. Our challenge is keeping up with the never ending maintenance of the grounds. Witness that the fence has been breached for the third time, this year. The perpetual care of the cemetery is our responsibility and we ought to shoulder it by our donations to the Cemetery Collection which this year was under \$1,000 toward an annual, ordinary expense of about \$25,000. Please donate if you can.

**The Feast Day of the Meeting of our Lord and Simeon** is being celebrated this weekend. From the Gospel for this feast comes the Cantic of Simeon “Now You Shall Dismiss Your Servant” which is sung daily at Vespers. On this Feast Day we bless candles remembering the words of Simeon who spoke of our Lord as a Light of Revelation. In the little hours of the Divine Office we pray this prayer: “ O Christ true Light who enlighten and sanctify everyone in the world, mark us with the Light of your Countenance, that we may see your unapproachable radiance, let our lives be straight along way of your commandments, through the prayers of your Mother all pure and of all your Saints.” What is to give light, must endure burning. May Christ our Light save us from the darkness of selfishness and help us to bring His Light to our times.

**The Blessing of Candles** will be held following the Vigil Liturgy. Newly blessed candles will be available for you to take home. Every Catholic home should have blessed candles. They make a wonderful gift also.

**Eternal Memory** Please remember in your prayers the soul of +Michael Kriczky who died last week. Please pray also for his Family in their time of mourning.

**Los Angeles Wild Fires Collection** amounted to \$1,068. May the Lord bless and reward all who donated so generously.

**2025 Easter Bake Sale** Dates have been updated, please note, the bake will be held on the weekend of March Sunday 30 Monday 31 March. Dough preparation will be done on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 March beginning at 8am, baking on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> will begin at 7am. Please save the dates by marking your calendars and plan ahead to volunteer your help to make our bake sale a success.

**2024 Church Contribution Statements** will be mailed to all who request them. Please sign up on the list provided in the church vestibule by **printing** your name May the Lord bless and reward all who donated to support His Church.

**2025 Jubilee Holy Year** The New Year will be filled with spiritual gifts and blessings for those who have Faith enough to keep its observances. One characteristic observance of a Holy Year is the pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome to visit the Holy Shrines and have our Faith renewed and strengthened. Check the ECL for notices about our Eparchial Pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Kurt. A Holy Year is a time when God grants special graces. If you need help with a huge problem, this the time to petition God’s mighty help.

**2025 Church Envelopes and Calendars** are available in the church hall this weekend. If you need church envelopes please fill out the information requested on the sign up sheet and they will be provided. If you do not use church envelopes, it is difficult to make a statement of your donations needed for IRS purposes. Whether you use them or not, everyone should be registered as a parishioner of our parish. Parish registration forms are available for your convenience, completed forms can be placed in the collection basket.