

## St. Therese Parish

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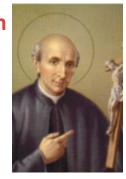
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We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

## St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

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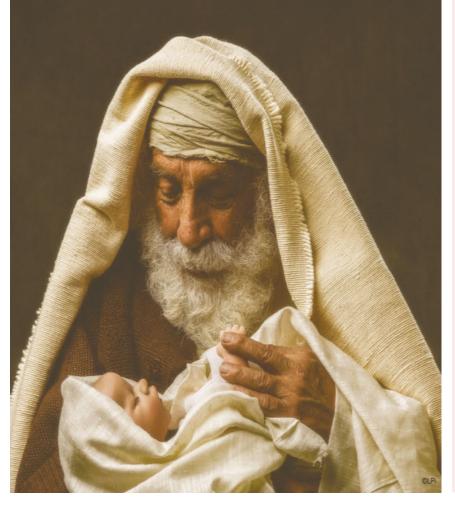


A Community of disciples, nourished by the Eucharist, caring for each other and reaching out to others.

## February 2, 2025

# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD A LIGHT FOR REVELATION.

LUKE 2:32



#### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Sunday 7:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East 9:00AM - St. Therese 10:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:25AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East Tues: 8:45AM - St. Therese Tues: 12 Noon - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Wed: 6:00PM - St. Therese Thurs: 12 Noon - St. Vincent Pallotti - West First Friday: 5:30PM – St. Vincent Pallotti - West

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15-3:45PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Sunday 6:45-7:15AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East First Sunday of the Month - 8:15AM - St. Therese Or by appointment on weekdays

#### **Pray the Rosary**

Saturday : 3:15PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Sunday: 7:00AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East Third Sunday of the Month -10:00AM - St. Therese

#### **Adoration**

First Friday 6:00PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Wednesdays 5:30PM - St. Therese Thursdays 11:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West

#### **Blessing of the Sick**

After Mass on the First Full Weekend of the Month. You can also contact either Parish Office or Fr. Tom PC on his cell phone (414) 308-6238 to arrange a visit.

#### Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call either Parish Office. Preparation can take nine months or more.

**Funerals** Contact either Parish Office to plan.

Parish Pastoral Council

#### 1st Wednesday of the Month at 7:00PM

To contact a Parish Pastoral Council Member, send an email to council@sttheresemke.org or leave a message for them in either parish office. Meeting minutes are available in the parish offices.

Chairperson

Art Nennig Vice Chairperson

Brett Surinak

Secretary Jennifer Tierney

#### Trustees

Dennis Ferger – STP (414) 546-7330 Christopher Gauthier – SVP (414) 302-1033 Kathy Hubrich – STP (414) 839-2669 Lenny Schaefer – SVP (414) 534-1450

#### Members-At-Large

David Helterbran Linda Okruhlica Sr. Marilyn Metz Tom Ratkowski Mary Noeske

> Saint Vincent de Paul (414) 462-7837

## Hospital Visits

The Federal Privacy Regulation (HIPAA— Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact either Parish Office.

#### **Prayer List for Mass**

It is our privilege to pray at our weekend masses for those in need. If you would like to add a name to the list, please contact either Parish Office.

> Need Prayer? Call the Prayer Network at (414) 810-9844

Need Holy Communion? Call either Parish Office

#### Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 8:00AM

Announcement Deadline: Thursday, 8:00AM

All submissions must be in writing to either Parish Office; email preferred.

#### Pastor of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish & St. Therese Parish

Fr. Thomas Pulikkeel Chacko, SAC ext. 1 at St. Therese and ext. 102 at St. Vincent Pallotti fr.thomaspc@stvpc.org (414) 308-6238

**St. Therese Parish Staff Parish Emergencies** (414) 771-2500 – Push 0

**Office Hours**: Friday and Saturday: Closed Sunday: 10:00AM-11:30AM Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs: 8:00AM-12:00PM Onsite; 12:00PM-4:00PM Remote

#### Director of Administrative Services Heather Goeden ext 2

Heather Goeden ext. 2 heather@sttheresemke.org

Finance Director Christine Jensen ext. 4 christine@sttheresemke.org

## Choir Director

Carrie Sanders

#### Organist Kathy Luty

#### **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Staff** Office (414) 453-5344 Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM

Director of Admin & Development

Susana Cuellar ext. 109 sscuellar@stvpc.org

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## Secretary

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#### Food Service Director

Laura Ruiz-Reyes ext. 120 Iruiz-reyes@stvpc.org

#### **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish School Staff** Office: (414) 258-4165 Fax: (414) 258-9844

#### Principal

Joe Fryda ext. 111 jfryda@stvps.org Vice Principal Tracy Irwin ext. 114 tirwin@stvps.org Office Manager/ Choice Coordinator Lirse Jones ext. 110 Ijones@stvps.org

Parish Membership / Support Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member. Please call either Parish Office for more information.

### **Catechesis Ministry**

Sr. Marilyn Metz – Co-Coordinator Preschool to Grade 8 Program & Coordinator of First Reconciliation and First Communion: gr2\_3@sttheresemke.org

Mary Rose Sanger – Co-Coordinator Preschool to Grade 8 Program: mrs77stt@sttheresemke.org

Rick Reinders – Coordinator of High School & Youth Confirmation: rreinders@sttheresemke.org



#### STP = St. Therese Parish SVP-E = St. Vincent Pallotti East Church SVP-W = St. Vincent Pallotti West Church

#### Sunday, February 2

<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	/Blessing of Throats at SVP and STP
7:30am	Mass at SVP-E
8:15am	Confessions at STP
9:00am	Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
10:00am	Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool –
	Grade 8 Program at STP
10:00am	High School Catechesis/Confirmation Preparation
10:30am	Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
Monday, F	ebruary 3
6:25AM	Morning Mass at SVP-E

#### **Tuesday, February 4**

8:45am	Morning Mass at STP
9:00am	Eucharistic Revival Meeting at STP
9:15am	Bible Study at STP
12:00pm	Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
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#### Wednesday, February

6:25am	Morning Mass at SVP-E
5:30pm	Adoration at STP
6:00pm	Evening Mass at STP
7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at STP

#### **Thursday, February 6**

11:30am	Adoration at SVP-W
12:00pm	Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
7:00pm	Group 100 AA

#### Friday, February 7

6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W 5:30PM First Friday Mass at SVP-W 6:00PM First Friday Adoration at SVP-W

#### Saturday, February 8

- **CSA Kick-Off Weekend** 
  - 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
  - 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
  - 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W

#### Sunday, February 9

CSA Kick-Off Weekend					
7:30am	Mass at SVP-E				
9:00am	Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook				
9:15am	Children's Liturgy of the Word at STP				
10:00am	Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool –				
	Grade 8 Program at STP				
10:30am	Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted				
10:45am	Children's Liturgy of the Word at SVP-W				



# Intentions & Readings

**February Sanctuary Candle at STP** <sup>+</sup>Mary Ann and <sup>+</sup>Wally Hesselbein

#### Sunday, February 2

Readings Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40

#### Monday, February 3

Observance: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop Readings Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20 6:25AM (SVP-E) +Irene Thomas (J. Thomas)

#### **Tuesday, February 4**

Readings Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43 8:45AM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community 12:00PM (SVP-W)

#### Wednesday, February 5

**Observance: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr** Readings Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6 6:25AM (SVP-E) +Bob & +Jane Williams (K. Schleicher) 8:15AM (SVP-W) School Mass 6:00PM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community

#### **Thursday, February 6**

**Observance: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs** Readings Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13 12:00PM (SVP-W)

#### Friday, February 7

Readings Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29 6:25AM (SVP-E) Souls in Purgatory (M. Aranda)

#### Saturday Mass, February 8

Observance: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM Readings Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34 4:00PM (SVP-W) Blessings for Dawn B. (M. Biernat)

Sunday Mass, February 9 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Observance: World Marriage Day** 

Readings Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11 7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners

9:00AM (STP) <sup>+</sup>Betty Lovinus and the St. Therese Parish Community 10:30AM (SVP-W)



To be included, please call either Parish Office. Born to Eternal Life: +Betty Lovinus

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Michael Czarnecki, Pat D'Amore, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Marge Dunn, Elizabeth and Elijah, Jan Eno, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Sue Grignon, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Josette Jaeger, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Bob O'Neil, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, John Wachowiak, Crystal Webb, Chris Wehausen



## Quarterly Financial Update For the Period Ending December 31, 2024

h	ncome	Actual	Budget
E	nvelopes	125,241	117,047
C	Offertory	6,050	5,000
C	esignated Income	12,153	11,500
Т	otal Collection Income	143,444	133,547
Ir	nvestment Income	6,470	4,500
R	ental Income	6,083	5,966
*	Donations/Memorials/Bequests	4,731	6,500
F	undraisers (net)	3,999	4,500
Т	otal Other Income	21,282	21,466
Т	otal Income	164,726	155,013
E	xpenses		
*	*Prayer and Worship	4,806	3,050
C	hristian Formation	2,420	2,600
F	luman Concerns-Sharing Sunday Distributions	5,785	6,560
F	inance/Admin	24,541	29,158
S	alaries/Benefits	79,858	92,841
*	Building/Grounds	46,892	62,125
Т	otal Expenses	164,302	196,333
	let Profit/(Loss) Before Extraordinary Items	424	(41,321)

*Major Building/Grounds expenses:	
Quarterly Maintenance:	3,874
Gutter Cleaning	2870
Flooding - Drain Pipe	2045
Repair Outdoor Thermostat (overheating building)	1,678
Heating - to date:	4,169
Electric - to date:	8,437
Snowplow - to date:	8,424

#### **Snow and Weather Closings**

In the event of snow or weather closings for the parish, please check Channel 12 WISN-TV or WISN.com (WISN website) for closures.

Please also note to look for "St. Therese-Milwaukee" in Milwaukee County. (Sometimes there is confusion with "St. Theresa" and "St. Therese" in other cities and counties of the archdiocese.)

9:00AM Sunday Mass Live-Streamed on our Facebook page. It is also posted on our website after Mass.



## Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating a mass intention in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Looking to donate online? Use the QR Code on the right to make a contribution to St. Therese Parish on our online giving website. Thank you for your generosity.



#### CHURCH SUPPORT



Collection Totals will be reported on the second weekend of the month. Please remember St. Therese in your will!

#### St. Josephine Bakhita | February 8 The story of St.

Josephine Bakhita



(1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. ©LPi



There are weekday and weekend Masses available for your Mass Intentions in 2025. (\$20 donation) Kindly call the Parish Office for assistance. 414-453-5344

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

On the weekend of February 15-16, all married couples will receive a special blessing at each of the Masses. If this is a

special anniversary for you (Any multiple of 5 years) please call the parish office by February 11 to let us know.





#### HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THE MINISTRY OF A MASS **SERVER?**

Are you a faith-filled child (4th grade or older?) or adult who would be interested in assisting Father at weekend Masses? No experience is required...training will be provided...Flexible scheduling...whether you want to serve once a month or less. All that is needed is a Genuine willingness to serve God and our parish through this important ministry. Are you interested or have questions? Contact Father, the Parish Office, a Sacristan, or email Tom Barth at tbarth@stvpc.org A training class is in the process of being formed. Could this be the "calling" for you?

#### Save the Date! **ANNUAL PASTA DINNER** Saturday, February 8, 2025 4:30pm-7:30pm in the Pallotti Parish Center. **Preorder ticket prices:** Adults: \$13



Children, ages 3-10: \$9 Children under 3: Free.

#### Preorder by Tuesday, February 4

Tickets at the door : Add \$3 to the price. Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 9am - 3pm



For an on-line copy of our weekly combined bulletin, please refer to our website at: www.stvincentpallotti.org



## St. Blaise - February 3

St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the Fourth century in Turkey and Armenia during a time of intense persecution of Christians. Blaise is believed to have been born to wealthy and noble parents and became a physician before he was made a bishop. According to legends, he possessed the power of healing both people and animals. Stories say he was instructed by the Lord to flee to a cave in the woods to escape persecution where he became a friend to wounded and ill animals. It was here that he was seized for his Christian beliefs. On his way to jail, he was approached by a woman whose son was choking on a fish bone. Blaise miraculously cured the boy with a prayer and the sign of the cross. On his feast on February 3, we recall this miracle cure and celebrate the blessing of the throats.

#### Candles

Candles are an important part of the feast of St Blaise and the blessing of the throats. A woman for whom Blaise performed a miracle presented him with candles to light the darkness in his jail cell. The Saint also said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection. According to tradition, on the feast of St. Blaise, two candles fastened in the shape of a cross are held to the throat of those seeking healing from ailments or mishaps of the throat and a special blessing is said.



St. Blaise, pray for us!

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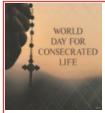
#### From the Earth Ministry: Eco-Laundry Update

In 2023 we mentioned that one of our Ministry members started using "laundry sheets" as an alternative to popular liquid or powdered laundry detergent. Waste water from the most-advertised popular brands contains harmful chemicals and microfibers. Sustainable alternatives like Seventh Generation liquid detergent and other eco-brands contain none or far lesser amounts of harmful chemicals, while producing plastic-free waste water. Same goes for laundry sheets which are packaged in biodegradable or recycled paper instead of plastic.

Most recently in August, 2024, Consumer Reports found that laundry sheets were okay for routine laundry but didn't work as well as traditional detergents, especially on stains or heavily soiled materials. From their experience in using laundry sheets, our Ministry member found them just fine on stained and heavily soiled areas if sprayed in advance with a pretreatment.

The member recently switched from laundry sheets to tablets made by Blueland (www.blueland.com). They were amazed that such a small thing (about the size of two quarters on top of each other) can create clean clothes just as well as any of the products they used in the past. They also reiterated that laundry sheets and tablets are wonderful for travel – no worry about accidental leaks soaking items in your suitcase.

For more information on eco-friendly laundry alternatives check out what Good Housekeeping found in their 2024 testing at www.goodhousekeeping.com/ home-products/g43355973/best-eco-friendly-laundrydetergents/. Note that even popular brands like Tide and Gain now offer more environmentally friendly variations (but they still come in plastic containers).



#### WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED World Day for Consecrated Life February 2, 2025

God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose

to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior.

Amen.



#### **Fourth Sunday Formation**

Thank you to those who joined us for our first Fourth Sunday Formation session on Adoration. If you missed it but want to watch the video, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtozCv-7lqc. Copies of the handout are on the tables in the back of the church or you can contact the Parish Office.

Please mark your calendars for our next Fourth Sunday Formation session on February 22/23. All are welcome!

#### Emmaus 90 – 2025

Join us at our next Emmaus 90 formation session on **Sunday**, **February 9 following the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese**. The session is approximately 30 minutes. We hope you join us as we learn more about our faith and grow in holiness. Everyone is welcome, whether you signed up for Emmaus 90 or not.

Please also mark your calendars and join us for our other sessions during Lent: March 9 and April 6.

Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Year's to Easter 2025 that brings you closer to Jesus Christ through prayer and formation. Interested in learning more or joining Emmaus 90? Visit www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Emmaus-90.htm

#### **CARITAS CHRISTI PRESENTS**

**New Orleans** 



For Information & Registration, contact Fr. Leon Martin @ 414-331-1273 Deposit Requirements:

\$75 due upon signing. Price per person based on double occupancy. Add \$350 for single occupancy. Registration closes on 4/7/2025 or when the motorcoach reaches it capacity.

Final payment due 4/7/2025 For more pictures, video, and information, visit: www.Group Trips.com/caritaschristi



#### **Catechesis Corner**

#### Upcoming Class Schedule:

- o CLOW: February 9
- o Sunday Morning Age 3 Grade 8: February 9
- o High School Program and Confirmation Prep: February 16
- o First Communion Prep: February 23



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9 Days 8 Nights

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(Sat - Sun)

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2025



## ARCHBISHOP Grob

## Celebrate with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's New Shepherd

Join in welcoming Archbishop Grob as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee! These Masses, held in gratitude to God, celebrate the bond between Archbishop Grob and the more than 500,000 Catholics now under his guidance in the 10-county archdiocese.



## Scan the QR code to see the full schedule of Masses.

https://www.archmil.org/Bishops/ Grob.htm#welcome

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PILGRIMS

All talks are from

6:30pm - 7:30pm

St. Jude the Apostle

Wauwatosa, WI

in the church hall.

#### **ARCHDIOCESE** of **MILWAUKEE**



How does the Church instill hope in areas experiencing **political unrest**, for those suffering from **illness**, for the **young** searching for their place in the world, and for the **elderly**?

Join us as we hear the stories from area Catholics who provide hope in these areas.

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#### Save the Date: Lenten Mini-Mission

March 30 and 31. Join us at 6:30PM both evenings. Our speaker will be Al McCauley who is back by popular request. More details to come!

#### de Chantal Gatherings for Women

Women are invited to Saint Francis de Sales Seminary on Tuesday, February 18 to pray for vocations to the priesthood. The gatherings will be led by Fr. Rob Kroll, SJ. The sessions include Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual formation, and hospitality. Gatherings will begin at 9:30AM and 7:00PM at the Seminary, 3257 South Lake Drive, St. Francis. Please RSVP to Ibrielmaier@sfs.edu or call (414)747-6463.

#### **Presentation of the Lord**

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?



February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi

