

On the Purification

From The Glories of Mary by St. Alphonsus

This sacrifice cost Our Lady dearly! St. Simeon's prophecy shows that: *through thy heart a sword shall pierce....* St. Thomas Villanova, contemplating the scene, says the following: "...the holy old man became troubled [after he took up the child in his arms] at the thought of having to give utterance to a prophecy so fatal to this poor Mother." The Saint then considers Mary, who asks Simeon: "Why, O Simeon, art thou thus troubled in the midst of such great consolations?" "O royal Virgin," he replies, "I would desire not to announce thee such bitter tidings; but since God thus wills it for thy greater merit, listen to what I have to say. This child, which is now such a source of joy to thee – and, O God, with how much reason! – this child, I say, will one day be a source of such bitter grief to thee that no creature in the world has ever experienced the like; and this will be when thou seest Him persecuted by men of every class, and made a butt upon earth for their scoffs and outrages; they will even go so far as to put Him to death as malefactor before thine own eyes. Thou so greatly rejoices in this infant; but, behold, He is placed for a sign which shall be contradicted. Know that after His death there will be many martyrs, who for the love of this Son of thine will be tormented and put to death; and their martyrdom, however, will be endured in their bodies; but thine, O Divine Mother, will be endured in thy heart. O, how many thousands of men will be torn to pieces and put to death for the love of this child! And although they will all suffer much in their bodies, thou, O Virgin, wilt suffer much more in thy heart."

Did St. Simeon know that his inspired words would be the instrument which would drive home that very first sword into the heart of Our Lady? The first sorrow, with many to come!

We think of Our Lady as one *to whom suffering came*, but that is not accurate. She was one who offered herself up to be the *Mother of sorrows*. And, that is the heart we want to imitate – one of eminent generosity! How can I serve you, Lord? Will you allow me to make this sacrifice and oblation of myself to you? In what way might I accomplish it? Will you allow me to come up with my own cross, or ought I await the one you give? Either way, I am yours to do with as you will!

Our Lady of Good Success

Roman Catholic Church

Society of St. Pius X

Traditional Latin Mass



February 2025

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Dickinson, ND 58601

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Mass Schedule

Date	Feast	Mass	Confessions
Sunday, Feb 2	Purification of Our Lady	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Saturday, Feb 8	St. John of Matha	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Feb 9	5th Sunday after Epiphany	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Sunday, Feb 16	Septuagesima Sunday	12:00 PM	11:00 AM
Saturday, Feb 22	Chair of St. Peter	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Feb 23	Sexagesima Sunday	12:00 PM	11:00 AM

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-Sunday, Feb 2	St. Isidore Priory
-Sunday, Feb 9	
-Sunday, Feb 16	Building Fund

Announcements

Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Purification: This will begin on January 24 and finish on February 1. Novena books are available in the bookstore.

Feast of the Purification: February 2 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Success, Candle Mass. There will be a potluck following the Mass that day, held in the basement. This will replace the potluck we normally hold on the second Sunday of the month.

Blessing of Candles: on the feast of Candlemas, the faithful are welcome to bring candles they wish to be included in the blessing. Please deliver these to the Epistle-side sacristy entrance on the Sunday before Mass.

Funeral for Mrs. Wingerter: The funeral for Mrs. Wingerter will take place at St. Michael's, Saturday, February 1 at 10:00 am with a burial at Selfridge cemetery around 2:30 pm. Please keep her soul and the Wingerter family in your prayers.

Visiting Priest: Father Flanery will come to North Dakota on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd.