

Monday- Feast of the Presentation of the BVM

'Lectio'- Reflection on the Word of God- Chapel 12:30pm

Sign of the Cross and Introduction

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her parents, Saints Anne and Joachim, offered her to God in the Temple when she was three years old.

This feast reminds us that Mary's holiness began at the very first moment of her life and continued throughout her life. Mary's body became a Temple, for she carried the Son of God within her. By our baptism, we have become temples of the Holy Spirit, as God lives through us.

Today's reflection

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Saviour, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God.

Mission
Are we dedicated to
God?

Prayer
We pray the College Prayer
together
Amen

