The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"*My soul magnifies the Lord, and My spirit rejoices in God My Savior*" (Acts 1:11)

O God, who willed that the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, should be presented in the Temple on this day, grant, we pray, that by Her intercession we may be found worthy to be brought into the Temple of Your glory (Collect, Feast of the Presentation of Mary).



The Catholic Church celebrates the Presentation of Mary on November 21st each year. This feast day commemorates the event in which Saints Joachim and Anne, Mary's parents, dedicate her to God at the age of three in the Temple in Jerusalem. While the Bible does not explicitly recount the event, the Law of Moses allowed for the event to take place.

This beautiful event is described in the *Protoevangelium of James*. Written around the year 120, the *Protoevangelium of James* is in the genre of a Jewish Midrash. This style of writing creatively retells history in a way meant to draw out certain truths or aspects that may have gone unnoticed, like stories from a grandparent during a holiday meal. Biblically, anyone could present anything to God as an offering "*for the work of the Lord*" (Ex. 35:29; 36:3). Because God intended Mary for one of His greatest works—to be the Mother of the Redeemer—it is fitting that she was presented as a freewill offering in the Temple.

And the priest received her, and kissed her, and blessed her, saying: The Lord has magnified your name in all generations. In you, on the last of the days, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel. ... and the Lord God sent grace upon her; and she danced with her feet, and all the house of Israel loved her (Protoevangelium of James, Chapter 7).

A second-generation Christian wrote down a description of the Presentation of Mary. The story was likely received from Mary herself. With a biblical basis, the event has always been part of traditional devotion to the Blessed Mother. Liturgical devotion developed quickly in the East, especially in monasteries. On 21 November 543, Emperor Justinian dedicated a church to the Presentation of Mary in the temple area of Jerusalem. Throughout the following centuries, the devotion spread to the West. In the 15th Century, Pope Sixtus IV extended the Feast of the Presentation of Mary to the Roman Calendar of the Universal Church, which celebrates it to this day.

Each of us are a precious work of God; so precious that He redeemed us with His own blood. He redeemed us for His work. One of us, the only created person never to sin, was presented for the work of God at the age of three. On the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, take a moment in prayer to consider what work God wants of you. Present yourself to Him as His work and resolve to pursue His work for you with the love and joy Mary gave with her life.

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✱ HARRISON COUNTY ✱ CATHOLIC CHURCHES



St. Matthias
Freeport



St. Teresa of Avila
Cadiz

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR OUR VISITORS



RESTROOM FACILITIES

FREEPORT ST. MATTHIAS - The restrooms in St. Matthias are located off of the gathering room behind the worship area.

CADIZ - ST. TERESA - There are no restrooms in the church itself. Restrooms are located in the Activity Center which is the building right next to the church at the back of the parking lot.

HOPEDALE - SACRED HEART - The restrooms are located in the basement of the church but you have to go outside and down to the front of the church to access the basement and restroom facilities.

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

SUN - Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31, Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5, 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6, Matthew 25:14–30
MON - Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5, Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6, Luke 18:35-43
TUE - Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22, Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5, Luke 19:1-10
WED - Revelation 4:1-11, Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, Luke 19:11-28
THU - Revelation 5:1-10, Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Luke 19:41-44
FRI - Revelation 10:8-11, Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131, Luke 19:45-48
SAT - Revelation 11:4-12, Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10, Luke 20:27-40

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St. Teresa of Avila (Cadiz) - Sacred Heart (Hopedale) - St. Matthias (Freeport)

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ST = at St. Teresa, SH = at Sacred Heart, SM = at St. Matthias
The Rosary is recited one half hour before all weekend Masses.
Confessions will be heard after Mass at Sacred Heart and St. Matthias and Tuesdays after 4:30 PM Mass at St. Teresa

11/14/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Edmund Kaczmarek (Christine Ornouski) - 5603
11/14/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	People of Our Parishes
11/15/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Joseph Kovalcik (Jake) - 5870
11/15/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	Don Jochims (Karen Jochims) - 5882
11/16/2026	MON			**NO MASS**
11/17/2026	TUE	4:30 PM	ST	Myron Fledderus (Joe & Donna Ball) - 5571
11/18/2026	WED	4:30 PM	ST	Betty Fledderus (Mary Jane Wood) - 5636
11/19/2026	THU	4:30 PM	ST	Elizabeth Daguplo (Daguplo Family) - 5853
11/20/2026	FRI	12:15 PM	SH	Intentions of the St. Joseph Foundation - 5757
11/21/2026	SAT	4:30 PM	ST	Frances Keesey (John & Debbie Meadows) - 5675
11/21/2026	SAT	7:00 PM	SM	Anne Gutzman (Ron & Jean Prince) - 5717
11/22/2026	SUN	9:30 AM	ST	Robert Zantene (Family) - 5681
11/22/2026	SUN	11:00 AM	SH	People of Our Parishes

2026 D/PSC: Thank you to our parishioners of our three parishes for making their 2026 goals. Therefore, the 2026 Diocesan Parish Share Campaign is done for this year.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: will be held Sunday, November 15th at 8:30 AM— 9:20 AM before the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. We will meet in St. Teresa's Activities Center. (Next class: December 6th).

MOMS PRAYING FOR THEIR CHILDREN: was formed by women who would like to pray for their children and the children of the world. They will begin with a rosary with intercessory prayers and then private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the hour. They will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Hope you can join them at 3:30 PM in Sacred Heart Church on November 23rd. Contact: Emily Gray at (740) 491-0526, if you have any questions.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Sunday, November 15th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM - St. Teresa's Activity Center.



COFFEE & DONUTS SUNDAY
November 15th
This Sunday at St. Teresa's
Come join the Fellowship!

ALL SOUL'S ENVELOPES: November 2nd is All Souls Day. Please remember that the All Souls envelopes have a place on the back to write the names of your deceased loved ones. You may turn in the envelopes at any time during November and it will be kept on the altars of our parishes throughout the month of November and will be prayed for at Mass.

VISIT A CEMETERY, A WORK OF MERCY: The month of November, especially All Souls' Day, is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones, as is the anniversary of their death.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4590: will meet on Wednesday,November 18th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Hall. If you are interested in attending or joining the K of C, contact Barry Momyer, 412-965-3522.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING: has been canceled for November. Remember to get your grave blankets. RSVP'S for the CWC/K of C Christmas Dinner are due by November 30th to Karen Jochims, 740-937-2062. Please bring can goods for the Cadiz Food Pantry.

If everyone, everywhere,
at all times and under all circumstances
followed the teachings of Jesus Christ
and His Church, the world would be
so much more like heaven, and
so much less like hell!
Fr. Fred Kihm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tammy Belon, Michael Beckler, Ginger Russell, Julie Meyer, Richard Kidd, Lisa and Baylor Barger, Joyce Antol, Celeste Coelho, Irma Filippi, Cherilynn Morgan, Dolly Ferraro, Joanne Raha, Ann (Fledderus) Crouse, Walter Carman, Holly & Niko Kirsch, Laura Griffin, Kaden and Suzy Cable, Melody Beckler, Jennifer Wright, Mike & Marilyn Belon, Pamela Kutcher, Michael Folio, Connie & Sam Gardner, Chris & Becky Wood, Darlene Powell, Douglas Forrester, Linda Hren, Thomas Hisrich, Bill Blackburn.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

POPE LEO'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:
For the proper use of wealth——Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of self-ishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

YOUTH ENVELOPES: There are youth envelopes in the back of the church for children to use. It goes without saying that generosity is a virtue that needs to be learned at an early age.

K OF C ACCEPTING DONATIONS: The Knights of Columbus Council #4590 is accepting donations of non-perishable food items as well as laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and new or gently used clothing for the Cadiz Food Pantry. Please leave the items in the church basement (Hopedale) or in the Activity Center lobby (Cadiz). Mometary donations will also be accepted and may be dropped in the collection basket. Make your check out to the Knights of Columbus Council #4590 and on the memo line write: "Cadiz Food Pantry". God bless you for helping the needy of Harison County.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE: Due to lack of room in the Hall, we are not having a bake sale with our Christmas Sale. We are having a bakeless bake sale. You make a donation to the CWC for the cost of the baked good you would have baked. Please drop your donation in the collection basket between November 1st - 30th. Make checks payable to HC CWC and put in the memo: Bake sale. Thank you.

GRAVE BLANKETS: If you want to order reuseable grave blankets from the CWC you must place an order with Donna (740-937-2753)——if no answer, leave your name & phone number). All orders must be placed by December 6th or until supplies run out. The cost per blankets is $40.00 for large & $30.00 for medium. To refresh your old grave blanket it will cost you $20.00.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: 19 years ago Sacred Heart CWC, St. Matthias CWC, and St. Teresa CWC were combined to become the Harrison County CatholicnWoman's Club. If you are a woman, 18 years old or older you are a member. God bless our Harrison County Catholic Woman's Club and thank you for everything you do.

Contributions & Donations

ST. TERESA
Regular: $978.00
Building Fund: $346.00

SACRED HEART
Regular: $318.00
Building Fund: $1,250.00

ST. MATTHIAS
Regular: $195.00

GOD BLESS EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCHES!