



# *Candlemas and The Presentation of the Lord*

On Feb. 2 every year, the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. In keeping with Jewish law, Jesus was presented to God in the Temple as a recognition of the sovereignty of God and of children as a gift from God. When Jesus was presented in the Temple, the fact that He was the Messiah was recognized by the holy Simeon and Anna. Traditionally, this feast is celebrated with a blessing of candles and a lighted procession, and this is how it got its traditional name—Candlemas, short for “Candle-Mass.”

**We will have the  
blessing of the candles  
(for use for devotions  
in the home)**

**at both the 6:30 a.m.  
and 12:05 p.m. Masses  
on Feb. 2.**

**Bring any candles you  
want blessed for the  
year!**

