**Monthly Marriage Packet to Parishes**

February 2020

**Bulletin Corner**

Weekend of February 1/2 Presentation of the Lord

 “The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him” (Luke
 2:40). How are you passing on the wisdom of the faith to your children?

Weekend of February 8/9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the salt of the earth…you are the light of the world.” (Mt 5:13-14) Married love is salt and light. It brings joy – flavor – to a world that is too often bleak. It shines the light of hope on weary hearts. Rejoice in your marriage today.

Weekend of February 15/16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” (Mt 5:24) Is there anyone you need to reconcile with? Perhaps your spouse? A child? Parent or parent-in-law? Pray for opportunities for healing a broken or tense relationship.

Weekend of February 22/23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.” (Ps 103:8) In these words, God gives married couples a blueprint for life together! Are you slow to anger…or quick to find fault? Would your spouse say you are “abounding in kindness”? Ask the Lord for help to love your spouse in all circumstances.

Weekend of February 29/March 1 1st Sunday of Lent

“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.” (Ps 51:3) On this first Sunday of Lent, make plans for your family to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation sometime during Lent. This sacrament is a great practice for asking forgiveness for the times we hurt our spouse or children.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Weekend of February 1/2 Presentation of the Lord

 That parents help their children to grow strong in their faith, we pray to the Lord:

Weekend of February 8/9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

That on this World Marriage Day, all married couples lead one another to see the light of salvation and the goodness of God, we pray to the Lord:

Weekend of February 15/16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

That those seeking to heal broken relationships find strength in God’s grace freely given, we pray to the Lord:

Weekend of February 22/23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

That all married couples go beyond what is expected in their love and care for one another, we pray to the Lord:

Weekend of February 29/March 1 1st Sunday of Lent

That those who are experiencing brokenness in family life through divorce, separation or death would find strength in the example of Christ who overcame all the broken-ness of our world through his passion, we pray to the Lord: