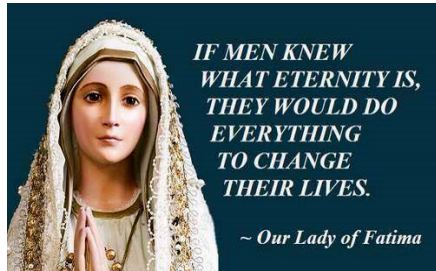


# DARKNESS TO LIGHT: The Rosary to the Interior for the Purification of the Church

On Saturday, February 2, 2019, the day celebrating the double Feast of the *Presentation of Jesus in the Temple* and the *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (also called *Candlemas*), there will again occur throughout the United States (and hopefully all nations) the gathering of faithful in their own parish churches to pray the Rosary for the intention of the Purification of the Church, and the Triumph of the Light of Christ over all sin and error



The *Presentation* celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, into His Temple. It is, in fact, the premier Feast of Light, and the Triumph of Light over the Darkness of Evil. Traditionally called *Candlemas*, it signifies the “success” and triumph of the Incarnation, has been traditionally celebrated with triumphal candlelight processions, and is the liturgical day designated for the blessing of candles.

The *Purification* is the Feast of Our Lady considered to be the oldest Marian liturgical Feast in the Church (having its beginnings in the liturgical life of the Church in Jerusalem) which, while exteriorly signifying an act which fulfilled the prescription of the Old Law, interiorly represents a whole new reality. The purification prescribed in the Old Law was in consequence of original sin and the pain and “sorrow” which now accompanied all childbirth. Mary, conceived without sin, was free from this sorrow. The Purification of the New Testament is therefore to be identified with the *interior* suffering of Mary, and the prayer and penance of her spiritual children, which is necessary for the purification of the Church in order that Christ’s Light may radiate throughout the Church, and from there into the world:

*“And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.”*

The Church has now been penetrated by a darkness, which is arguably greater than at any time in its history – not only the darkness of sexual sins and other moral “filth”, but that which consists of every conceivable form of error masking itself as truth, and of darkness masquerading as light. The task of unmasking these “thoughts”, paving the way to the Triumph of the Truth of Christ, has been entrusted to Mary. Most specifically, it has been entrusted to Our Lady of the Rosary. St. Paul writes, “The night is passed, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.” The Rosary, as revealed in the messages of Our Lady of Fatima, is the armor of light possessing the power from God to cast off the works of darkness which now pervade the Church, the world, and especially the minds and hearts of individual Catholics.

We are therefore asking all Catholics to approach their pastors (and bishops) in order to request that they promote this Rosary to the Interior: For the Purification of the Church, with accompanying Holy Hour, in their local parish churches on February 2, 2019 (which providentially is also a **First Saturday**).

For more information, visit [www.rosarytotheinterior.com](http://www.rosarytotheinterior.com). The site includes our original proposal, a sample letter for pastors, suggested Holy Hour program, and an in-progress series of meditations on the traditional fifteen decade Rosary, i.e., the Rosary commended to the Fatima children.