

FEBRUARY 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

Luke 2:22-40

The child [Jesus] grew in age and wisdom. Lk 2:40

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. John 9:5

You are the light of the world. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. Matthew 5: 14a, 16

Are you carrying Jesus, the Light of the World, everywhere you go?



Candlemas day

Why is this Feast also called Candlemas?

The Gospel of St. Luke records St. Simeon as referring to [Jesus] as the Light that will illumine the world. It is in this context, being the *Light of the World*, that candles are blessed and used on this day, as well as being stored for use for the rest of the year in both church and home. Remember, there was no electricity and no electric light bulbs until more than 1,900 years after the birth of Our Lord! People would bring their supplies of candles to the church to have them blessed on this day.

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