

## Editorial February 2026

### Presenting our joy to God

The Mystery of the Presentation is the 4<sup>th</sup> Joyful Mystery. It is the mystery which opens our month of February with this feast day which is precious to us: Mary and Joseph, with the Child Jesus in their arms, enter the Temple. They come to present their first born as required by the Law of Moses.

It is however a paradoxical Mystery: everything tells us that there is a soft light and quiet joy at that time. What is said of the Child is astonishing. The light of God enters the Temple. Do we not say that Jesus is the light born from light? However, the shadow of death is already present: the sword which will pierce the heart of Mary is foreseen by the elderly Simeon.



However – at least in appearance – nothing seems to threaten the joy of the young couple. Certainly, suffering is foreseen, but, even if it will be terrible and will strike at the heart of Mary, it cannot erase the beauty of the moment. Beauty is fragile but in the end it is stronger and overcomes all threats. Joseph and Mary are absorbed in the contemplation of He who delights them: their son, the most beautiful of all children of mankind. And in our love for this Feast day of the Presentation, their joy becomes ours. And we process in our churches with joy and candles as we remember the Feast of the Presentation.

And in fact, what are waiting for to do the same? We spontaneously present our suffering and petitions to God. Why do we not do the same with our joy? **Let us present to Him our joys**, whether they are in regard to Jesus Himself or are special moments of our lives, so that this offering of joy will ascend towards God and delight His Heart!

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