

Daily Homily
Presentation of Mary in the Temple
Memorial
34 Week, Ordinary Time, Monday
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Today is the Memorial of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple.

The chapel on the campus of Mundelein Seminary in Chicago where I go for my classes three times a year and now, only one more year to go, is dedicated to Mary. One of the first sessions they explained some of the symbolism in the chapel. It's located right at the center of the campus and it is a chapel dedicated to Mary. Inside you won't find a statue of Mary anywhere. Instead the whole chapel is meant to represent the Mother of God. There is a blue hue to the walls... the many titles of Mary surround the perimeter of the chapel, there are glass chandeliers that are suppose to represent her Queenship in Heaven, and there are many other details that represent her. Mary is the chapel that is the house of the Eucharist. Mary is the Church that bears the life of Jesus. Mary is the Temple.

This Memorial is given to us to connect us to the other major feasts of Mary... the Immaculate Conception of Mary and the Birth of Mary and now we have the Presentation of Mary in which her parents, when Mary turned 3 years old, brought her to be offered to God in the temple. It shows that she led a holy life from her conception to her birth and into her early childhood years and throughout her life to her son's cross and resurrection and eventually even to her assumption in heaven. Mary led a holy life because she did the will of the Heavenly Father.

In this temple, this church... may Mary, our Mother... woman full of grace ... teach us to do the Father's will as we present ourselves to Him in this Eucharist.