



## The Presentation of the Child Mary in the Temple

The parents of the Blessed Virgin, Joachim and Anne, made a vow that if God would give them a child, they would consecrate their child to God. The Blessed Virgin, having been sanctified in the womb of Her mother at the instant of Her Immaculate Conception, received the perfect use of reason at that moment.

Therefore, at the age of three the Child Mary, understanding the vow Her parents had made, and desiring to offer and solemnly consecrate Herself to God, requested that Her parents take Her to the temple, that they might thus accomplish their promise.

“There never was, and never will be, an offering on the part of a pure creature greater or more perfect than that which Mary made to God when, at the age of three years, She presented Herself in the temple to offer Him Her entire self, consecrating Herself as a perpetual victim in His honor.” Saint Alphonsus de Liguori.

*O God, Who was pleased that the Blessed Virgin, the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, should be presented in the Temple, grant, we beseech Thee, that, by Her intercession, we may deserve to be presented in the temple of Thy glory.*

**Feast of the Presentation of Mary is November 21**

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