Candlemas

The feast called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and/or The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and/or Candlemas is celebrated by Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican, and some Protestant churches 40 days after Christmas.

The themes of light, enlightenment, and revelation are important in the season of Epiphany. Now, as the season nears its conclusion, we make those ideas visible in the form of candles.

In medieval Europe, the faithful brought candles to church on this day to be blessed. Some were dedicated for use on the altar, but others were sent home to be burnt as reminders of Christ as the light of the world.

The candle you take home today might be lit in times of joy or sorrow or worry. May its light be a guide and comfort in the year to come.