

Monday, December 6, 2004

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:23

Text for Today: And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.

A few months ago, our lives were fully engrossed with wedding-planning-mania. The flowers, the cake, the food, the photos...our days were spent agonizing over decisions and pouring over details.

We were bursting with anticipation.

But the morning after Our Big Day, we awoke, not to relish in the intricacies of our wedding, but to celebrate the first day of our marriage and the joy of our commitment to one another.

As a culture, it is all too easy to become engrossed by the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. The parties, the decorations, the food, the gifts...everyone seems to be bursting with anticipation.

But as Christians, our miracle is not defined by a date in the calendar year. The joy of Christ's birth does not begin and end on December 25th; rather it is an event to celebrate for the rest of our lives.

Prayer: Dear Lord, though we await Christmas with much anticipation, help us to remember that the miracle of Christ's birth is timeless. During this most holy season, we recommit our lives to the glory and honor of your son. Amen.

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