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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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### WEBSITES

Parish: [www.steugenes.com](http://www.steugenes.com)  
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### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

### DEVOTIONS

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### CATHEDRAL SHOPS

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30  
**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30  
& Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

# THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEBRUARY 2, 2020

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00  
 Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30  
 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm  
 RCIA/RCIF Classes – Becker Ctr. – 10:30 a.m.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 3

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
 Rosary for Life – Chapel - 9:00 am

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
 Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am  
 Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
 Legion of Mary – PLC – 5:30 pm

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
 Golden Opportunities Meeting – PLC – 8:30 a.m.  
 School Mass – Cathedral – 9:20 a.m.  
 Chant Schola Fr. Keyes – PLC – 5:30pm  
 Knights of Columbus Bible Study – PLC – 6:00 pm

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
 Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am – 11:30 am

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am  
 Confession - Cathedral - 3:00 – 4:30 pm  
 Mass – Cathedral - 4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
 St. Eugene's School Crab Feed – Becker Center – 6:00pm

### ~ALZHEIMER'S FUND~

The Peter F. Bessone Alzheimer's Fund was established at St. Eugene's in honor of Mr. Bessone, a former parishioner who suffered from this debilitating disease. Upon his death, the Bessone family set up the Fund to provide financial assistance to parishioners who also suffer from Alzheimer's or who provide care for family members who have been afflicted. This monetary assistance is to help cover respite care expenses that are not already covered by private or public insurance. If you find yourself in this position, please contact the parish office to inquire about any assistance the Fund may be able to provide to you. Additional contributions to this Fund are welcome. Should you, your family or your social/service group wish to make a donation, contact the parish office at 542-6984.

## Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

### ADMINISTRATION

#### For the Weeks of: 1/12/20

Sunday Donations Received:	\$ 11,643
Collection Revenue Received for: <i>Homeless Collection for Family Support Cntr</i>	\$ 4,336

### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of February, all missals are 25% off! According to NCR: "The liturgical year of the Catholic Church is far more than an artificial collection of feasts and seasons. It is a profound and soul-altering spiritual rhythm that provides a veracity as real as cosmic time. The Roman Missal provides us with a vital navigational tool for the spiritual reality of our glorious faith". Please stop in and see us! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at 542-0250.

### ~2019 CHARITABLE DONATION LIST~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Sunday collections. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes is provided to parishioners who use offertory envelopes, credit cards or online banking direct pay for Sunday collections. **NOTE:** Tax statements are sent to envelope users **upon request only**. If you wish to receive a tax statement, email [office@steugenes.com](mailto:office@steugenes.com) or call 542-6984 ext. 13. Be sure to include your envelope number.

### ~ CREDIT CARD DONATIONS ~

Consider paying your parish contributions with your credit card. We process payments once a month for Sunday collections. We require a \$100 minimum monthly contribution. You can elect to donate to second collections too. You need to complete an authorization form available in the parish office or emailed to you. Call 542-6984 ext. 11 for more information. Forms are also available in the vestibules with the registration cards.

### ~ONLINE SHOPPERS~

Do you shop online? You can earn rebates for the parish while shopping via Amazon and eScrip. Go to our website for more information - [www.steugenes.com/donations.php](http://www.steugenes.com/donations.php)

### ~SECOND COLLECTION~

There is no second collection this weekend, February 1 & 2. Next weekend, February 8 & 9, our second collection will be for Religious Education.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: [office@steugenes.com](mailto:office@steugenes.com). We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 1</b>
8:00 am	In honor of and in reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for the living and deceased members of the Russell and Rinaldi families.
4:30 pm	Dana Couey, deceased
6:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 2</b>
7:30 am	Matthew Righetti, living
9:00 am	John Kennedy, living
10:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
12:00 pm	Sergia and Julio Masalta, deceased
1:30 pm	Henry and Regina Arend, deceased
5:30 pm	Kay Brady, deceased
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 3</b>
6:45 am	David Sumpter, deceased
8:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 4</b>
6:45 am	Mary Sanchez, deceased
8:00 am	ICF Members, living and deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Pete Nicassio, deceased
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 5</b>
6:45 am	Lisa Tran, living
8:00 am	Manh Luong, deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 6</b>
6:45 am	People of St. Eugene's
8:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 7</b>
6:45 am	All Souls in Purgatory
8:00 am	Emma Yriberri, deceased
9:20 am (Sch)	Terry Cunningham, living
12:00 pm Hosp.	Maria Hong Tran, deceased
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 8</b>
8:00 am	J. Stanley Russell, Jr. and Michael Russell, Sr., deceased
4:30 pm	Dan Morano, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Maximino Galvan Garcia, deceased

## IN NEED OF PRAYERS

### ~IN NEED OF PRAYERS~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Luigi Fabiano, Leo Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Hike Kazarian, John Bugbee, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro and Tiffany Hutchinson.

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

### ~CELEBRATING MARRIAGE MASS~

Bishop Vasa and the Marriage and Family Life Office will be sponsoring a "Celebrating Marriage Mass" for married couples within the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The Mass and reception will be held on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. The Mass will begin at **3:00 PM** with a reception to follow at 4:30 PM in the Msgr. Becker Center. Special recognition will be offered to those married couples reaching "milestone" anniversaries (5, 10, 25, etc.). Special guest at the reception will be **Patrick Coffin**, Catholic speaker and author and host of *The Patrick Coffin Show*, a podcast on faith and culture. So married couples, mark your calendar and plan on attending the "Celebrating Marriage Mass" on World Marriage Day, Feb. 9, 2020! For the reception, please RSVP to the Marriage and Family Life Office by Monday, February 3rd, at [www.familylife@srdioocese.org](mailto:www.familylife@srdioocese.org) or call (707) 566-3305.

### ~WOMEN OF THE WORD~

Every Tuesday morning at 9:15 a.m. our women's group, Women of the Word, meets in the Parish Life Center to read and discuss the following Sunday's readings. Occasionally there is a speaker or a short video presentation. Refreshments are served. We are reaching out to all women of the parish to invite you to join us! Women of the Word has been meeting for over 34 years. New members are always welcome! For those with busy lives, there is no obligation to attend every week. For those of you who are stay-at-home

## SAVE THE DATE

### ~UPCOMING ORDINATION~

On Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am, His Excellency, Bishop Robert Vasa, will ordain Deacons Thomas Stuart and John Plass to the Holy Priesthood here at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Becker Center. All are invited to attend this most joyous and holy occasion. *A good shepherd, a pastor after God's heart, is the greatest treasure which the good Lord can grant to a parish. - St. John Vianney*

## FUNDRAISER

### ~YMI FUNDRAISER DINNER~

The Young Men's Institute (YMI) is having its annual "all you can eat" Polenta & Stew dinner fundraiser on Saturday, February 29th. Menu includes Polenta, Stew, Cheese, Salad, Antipasta, Bread & Ice Cream. The No-Host Bar opens at 5:30pm and dinner is served at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be on sale in the Parish Life Center on Sundays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the coffee social. You can also call 707-545-7000 for tickets and more information.

### ~PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY~

This Sunday, February 2, marks the 29th anniversary of the ordination of Fr. John Boettcher to the Holy Priesthood. Fr. Boettcher was ordained here at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in 1991. We offer him congratulations and many blessings!

# MY CATHOLIC FAITH

## CANDLEMAS; WHY WE SUFFER

### ~FROM THE PASTOR~

There are two topics I'd like to focus on today. The first is the Purification of Mary which we read about today in the Gospel of Luke, whereby 40 days after the birth of Jesus, St. Joseph brought our Blessed Mother and Jesus to the temple to fulfill this ancient purification rite and to present Jesus to God. We will read an article that answers questions about this in regard to the old Law and the new Law and the need to fulfill the Old Law and usher in the New. We will also read about why we suffer in this life. Our second reading tells us: *Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.. Let's read on ...*

## FULFILLING THE OLD LAW

### ~JEWISH LAW & PURIFICATION~

February 2 marks the 40th day from Christmas, and as Saint Luke tells us, Mary and Joseph presented Our Infant Lord at the Temple on the 40th day after his birth. Leviticus 12 states that when an Israelite woman gives birth **she becomes ritually unclean: if the child is a boy**, she is unclean 7 days after birth and that her uncleanness endures for an additional 33 days due to the flow of her post-partum blood flow. So after 40 days, she presents herself at the Temple to be purified and readmitted to the liturgical life of Israel. If the **child is a girl**, she is unclean 14 days after birth and that her uncleanness endures for an additional 66 days due to the flow of her post-partum blood flow. So after 80 days, she presents herself at the Temple to be purified and readmitted to the liturgical life of Israel. **Jesus is male** and so the timeline is 40 days. Dec 25 + 40 days = Feb 2.

### ~THE SACRIFICE~

The **woman is to bring a sacrifice to the Temple** to dedicate the son or daughter: **Ideally, she brings a lamb**. However, "if she cannot lay her hand on a lamb fit to be offered, she must bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, one as a burnt-sacrifice and one by way of amends." Mary, being poor, brought two doves - **but in reality she brought THE Lamb of God**.

### ~THEOLOGICAL CONUNDRUMS~

There are two theological conundrums here: 1) Jesus is the Son of God. Why would he need sacrifice offered *for Him*? 2) How could Jesus, the Pure One, make Mary *impure through birth*? And isn't Mary immaculate and entirely pure? **The answer is found in the Baptism of Christ**. Christ submitted to Baptism not because he needed grace or the remission of Original Sin, but because He wanted to unite himself to sinners while at the same time instituting the Sacrament of Baptism. **Christ indeed submitted to every law of Moses so as to fulfill the Old Law perfectly** (hence, we Christians do not need to submit to the ceremonial and judicial precepts of Moses - *like not eating pork*). **The same is true of Mary - both for the Old Law and the New Law**. She submitted to the entire Old Law even though she knew that her Son fulfilled the Law and stood above the Law as God. She beautifully conformed to His pattern and example. Same goes for Joseph.

### ~FULL OF GRACE~

It is Catholic tradition that Mary was full of grace and that she did not need the sacraments, but that she submitted to the rites and sacraments of the New Law - **namely that she was baptized, confirmed, and fervently received the Eucharist - even though all the graces were already present within her**. There is a tradition that Christ only baptized two persons by His own hand: Peter and Mary. Peter then baptized the other 11 Apostles and then the 12 Apostles baptized the multitudes. **Catholic commentator Cornelius Lapse even speculates that Mary received Extreme Unction from the hand of an Apostle before her Dormition**, even though she didn't need it since corruption could not



touch her. Lapse is clear that she would have never gone to confession, however. Confession requires the matter of actual sins committed in order for the form of absolution to be proclaimed. Mary had nothing at all to confess. [http://taylor\\_marshall.com/2017/02/](http://taylor_marshall.com/2017/02/)

## **SUFFERING**

### **~AN UNCHANGING FEATURE OF LIFE~**

“ ... Suffering is like childbirth or sunlight. It is one of the unchanging features of the human condition. It’s easy to rediscover God in a moment of crisis ... and lose him again as life regains normalcy. But any piety that depends on circumstances is a house built on sand. Circumstances change, and at death all will change at once by disappearing, leaving each of us with the only two realities we can never escape, to all eternity: ourselves and God. These are the two essential foci of our lives; everything else is circumstance circling around them, like planets orbiting a double star or like the albumen surrounding a double yolk. Though truth is our mind’s natural food, sin has made it “natural” (or rather, normal) for us to be so unnatural as to lose our appetite for it. And so we forget or ignore God until a large and sudden crisis looms and then forget him again when it passes.

### **~WHEN WE FORGET PIETY ... WE SUFFER~**

This habit is the opposite of the good habit, or virtue, of piety. Piety moves us to give—first of all to God, then to our parents, ancestors, country, and all in authority over us—the reverence and respect that is due to them. It is a part of justice, and like every virtue, it is an application to a specific area of virtue’s most general rule, the rule of the three R’s: right response to reality. Our habitual forgetfulness of piety is probably one of the reasons we suffer. It prevents a God who is not only infinitely more good but also infinitely more loving, and not only infinitely more loving but also infinitely more kind and compassionate than we can conceive, from letting us have the settled contentment we crave. We *need* crises, for we have spiritual sleeping sickness and need frequent alarms. God, therefore, stoops to conquer—stoops to use crude measures like national crises to remind us of our permanent needs and our constant situation.

### **~AN ABNORMAL STATE ~**

In fact, suffering and even crisis is our normal situation. The bubble of pain-free and ordered living that we modern Americans think of as our normal state is highly *abnormal* judged by historical standards. In most cultures throughout human history, people could expect to experience monthly about the same amount of physical pain most of us encounter in a lifetime. Remember, for instance, that anesthetics

and pills were invented only about a century ago. This is probably one of the reasons why people in scientifically advanced cultures tend to be more secular and people in scientifically primitive cultures tend to be more religious: not because religion is based on scientific ignorance or because any scientific discovery has ever disproved a single doctrine of the Christian faith; but because science’s child, technology, has conquered or mitigated so many of life’s pains and limitations that it has put us into this soundproofed bubble that God has to burst just to get our attention. As C.S. Lewis put it, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world” (*The Problem of Pain*).

### **~SUMMARY~**

Here are four important things to remember about suffering:

1. Suffering is not a biological necessity. We were not created in a state of suffering. We suffer because we sinned, and we die because we sinned. God did not design us for death but for life, and he did not design us for suffering but for joy: the joy of sanctity, the bliss of self-forgetful love.
2. God has intervened miraculously in our history, and even in our very human nature, our essence. In Christ God added human life to himself so that in Christ man might add divine life to himself. This transforms our sufferings, and especially our death, which is the consummation of all our sufferings and losses. It transforms them into a means of salvation and sanctification and glorification. We may now say of suffering what the old hymn “Open Our Eyes” says of death: “Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant, for through its portals we enter into the presence of the living God.”
3. Because Christ entered into our sufferings, suffering is now a way of entering more deeply into Christ. We are never closer to Christ than when we share his cross.
4. This intimacy through suffering, when freely chosen, can bring about something exceedingly strange and wonderful: a deep, strong, and unmistakably authentic joy. To experience even little sprinkles of the joy of the saints is to praise the depth of the divine mercy in *allowing* us to share this unique and incomparable intimacy with Christ.” For full article by Peter Kreeft, go to: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/the-problem-of-suffering-reconsidered>



## CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 2 de Febrero del 2020

### ORACION A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas.

Amen.



#### **Nota:**

*Por recomendación de nuestro Obispo R. Vasa aprender de memoria esta oración y hacerla después de que termina la Santa Misa. (claro que usted puede rezarla lo mas seguido posible)*

### CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 6 de Febrero a las 7:00pm.

**NO NIÑOS.**

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina mínimo 2 meses antes de la Ceremonia.

Si los padrinos son una pareja (matrimonio) necesitamos copia del certificado de Matrimonio a la Iglesia. (La Iglesia nos pide a una persona para que sea el padrino o madrina, no precisamente una pareja, siempre y cuando esta tenga la n... ir que practique la Fe)



### CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

**Lunes** -Legión de María: Nuestra Señora del Carmen Presídium PLC 5:00pm.  
Legión de María: Nuestra Señora de Fátima Presídium en el PLC 7:00pm.  
Cursillos: Ultreya PLC 7:00pm.  
**Martes** -Grupo de Oración Shalom en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.  
**Viernes** -Grupo de Oración Carismática Familias Unidas en el Espíritu Santo, en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.  
-Armada Blanca 7:00pm.  
**Sábado** -Confesiones de 3:00pm a 4:30pm  
Santo Rosario 6:00pm.  
Santa Misa 6:30pm.  
Confesiones después de Misa

### PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR

*Quieres Mejorar tu Matrimonio!*

Curso de Planificación Natural de la Familia  
Para Parejas Casadas o Comprometidas  
Parish Life Center en la Catedral de St. Eugene,  
2323 Montgomery Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
Sábados en 2020: 8 de Febrero, 7 de Marzo, 18 de Abril 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Hay cuidado para niños y bocadillo  
Para registrar, llama a Maria Sanchez al:  
542-6984 x0

Hemos invitado a unos instructores de Alameda a venir para darnos la oportunidad de tener clases in español. Es un gran oportunidad para



## Vida de Santa Inés

En este tiempo de materialismo en el que vivimos, sea nuestra Mártir Santa Inés un modelo de castidad para la juventud. Pidámosle al Señor nos conceda la gracia de vivir encendidos en el fuego de su amor como le fue dada la fortaleza a la Mártir Santa Inés quien se mostró siempre fiel a su servicio y vencedora en el tormento. Pídele a Santa Inés que nos ayude a ser puros de pensamiento, palabra y obra.

Fue una joven romana que murió mártir, escribiendo con su sangre el don de la virginidad, en Roma en la segunda mitad del siglo III o a principios del siglo IV. El Papa Dámaso honro su sepulcro con un poema y muchos Padres de la Iglesia a partir de san Ambrosio. Le dedicaron alabanzas. Nació cerca del año 290 en Roma - Italia, pertenecía a la noble familia romana Clodia, recibió muy buena educación cristiana y se consagro a Cristo con voto de virginidad. Era una joven hermosa, rica y pretendida por muchos nobles romanos.

Cuando tenía trece años el hijo del prefecto de Roma, solicito la mano de Inés en matrimonio; pero ella respondió: "Cristo es mi esposo. El me eligió primero y suya seré. Él ha embellecido mi alma con las joyas de la gracia y la virtud. Pertenezco a Aquel a quien sirven los ángeles". El joven al ser rechazado se enojó denunciándola ante su padre que ella era cristiana, este la hace apresar y la amenazan que abdicara de su religión.

Fue llevada al altar de la diosa pagana Minerva, para que ofreciera incienso en su honor. Pero ella levanto sus manos hacia Cristo e hizo la Señal de la Cruz. Los soldados la ataron de pies y manos; peros sus manos eran tan delgadas que las cadenas resbalaron de sus muñecas. Cuando el juez vio que ella no temía a los sufrimientos, fue llevada a un prostíbulo, pero unos ángeles y señales celestes la protegieron, entonces la pusieron en una hoguera que no la quemó, en vista de todo este martirio y viendo que no sucumbía la hizo que le despojaran de sus ropas delante de una multitud pagana, aunque fue expuesta desnuda, sus cabellos le crecían de manera que tapaban su cuerpo. Ella grito: "Cristo guardara a los suyos". Mientras la multitud apartaba los ojos de esta Santa, un joven se atrevió a mirarla con pensamientos pecaminosos. Un rayo lo cegó. Pero Inés lo curo a través de sus plegarias.

Esta santa lucho hasta la muerte en defensa de la Ley de Dios y no se acobardo por las palabras del malvado, estaba afianzada sobre roca firme. Más tarde fue condenada a muerte, y cuando iba a ser degollada, se dice que el verdugo hizo lo posible para asustarla y atraerla con halagos, ella le respondió: Injuria seria para mi Esposo que yo pretendiera agradar a otro, Me entregare solo a aquel que primero me eligió. ¿Qué esperas, verdugo? Perezca este cuerpo que puede ser amado por ojos que detesto. (Fueron las últimas palabras de Santa Inés). La Santa oró y doblego la cerviz ente el verdugo, permaneciendo ella serena, siendo decapitada para el año 304. Sus padres se encargaron de recoger el cadáver y fue llevada al sepulcro paterno, pocos días después su hermana Emerenciana cae martirizada a pedradas por estar rezando junto al sepulcro, en la Vía Nomentana. Permaneció virgen y obtuvo así la gloria del martirio.

Su nombre latino es Agnes, asociado a agnus que significa cordero. El 21 de enero se celebra la Fiesta de Santa Inés patrona de las jóvenes, las novias, las prometidas en matrimonio, de la pureza y de los jardineros. En relación con la Santa surgió la costumbre de los corderos blancos, cuya lana se utiliza para hacer los palios de los arzobispos. Durante la mañana de esta Fiesta se bendicen los corderitos, que ofrecen al Papa para que con su lana sean tejidos los palios destinados a los arzobispos. El palio es un ornamento de lana blanca con seis cruces negras, que se coloca sobre los hombros, tiene dos bandas que caen sobre el pecho y la espalda. Los nuevos arzobispos reciben el palio el 29 de junio, durante la solemnidad de los Santos Pedro y Pablo. La antiquísima ceremonia tiene lugar en la iglesia de Santa Inés, construida por Constantina hija de Constantino hacia el año 345, en honor de tan admirable santa. Es por ello por lo que la liturgia la presenta como modelo de los éxitos que logra alcanzar una persona cuando tiene una gran fe. La fe en Dios y en la eternidad que lleva al heroísmo.