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Her Foundations are upon the Holy Hills



Et in Semper, quod  
Et inque, quod ab Omnis  
Credendum est teneamus

In necessariis Unitas,  
In dubiis Libertas,  
In omnibus Caritas.

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## Calendar of the Anglican Church.

FEBRUARY, 1856.

1	F		2. This Festival commemorates the offering made, according to the Law, by the blessed Virgin Mother, and likewise the presentation of the incarnate Son in the Temple of His Father. The common name of Candlemas Day is derived from the custom of lighting up the church with candles, and processions of persons holding lights in their hands on this day. The practice was interdicted by Archbishop Craumer, A. D., 1648.
2	S	Pur. B. Virg. Mary.	
3	S	{ Quinquagesima S.	
4	M	{ Blasius, B. & M.	
5	T	{ Shrove Tuesday.	
6	W	{ Agatha, V. & M.	3. St. Blasius, Bishop and Martyr, A. D., 316. He was Bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, and suffered martyrdom in the persecution of Licinius.
7	T	Ash Wednesday.	
8	F		5. Shrove Tuesday is so called because it was the time when sinners were "shriven," or purified from their sins by a general confession and absolution before the penitential season of Lent.
9	S		6. St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, A. D., 253; a virgin of honourable birth in Sicily, who suffered martyrdom at Catania in the reign of Decius.
10	S	1st Sunday in Lent.	8. The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday from the ancient practice of strewing ashes on the head in the Penitential Office of the day. These ashes were made from consecrated branches, and carefully cleared. After the priest had given absolution to the people, he blessed the ashes; and the people coming to him and kneeling, he put ashes on their heads in the form of a cross.
11	M		
12	T		
13	W	Valentine, B. & M.	14. St. Valentine, Bishop, A. D., 271. After a year's imprisonment at Rome, he was beheaded in the Flaminian road, about the year 273. He was enrolled among the martyrs of the Church. He was a man of great piety, his love and charity, that the custom of "choosing valentines" on this day, which is now practised, took its rise from the fact.
14	T		
15	F		
16	S		
17	S	2nd Sunday in Lent.	
18	M		
19	T		
20	W		
21	T		
22	F		
23	S		
24	S		
25	S		
26	M		
27	T		
28	W		
29	T		

Attention