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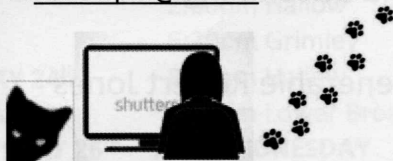
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Candlemas (often spelled Candlemass) is also

known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. In accordance with Leviticus 12: a woman was to be purified by presenting lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision.

Candlemass falls on February 2nd which is traditionally the 40th day of the Christmas – Epiphany season.

For Christians in many countries where traditionally candles are blessed on this day, these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus who referred to Himself as the Light of the World