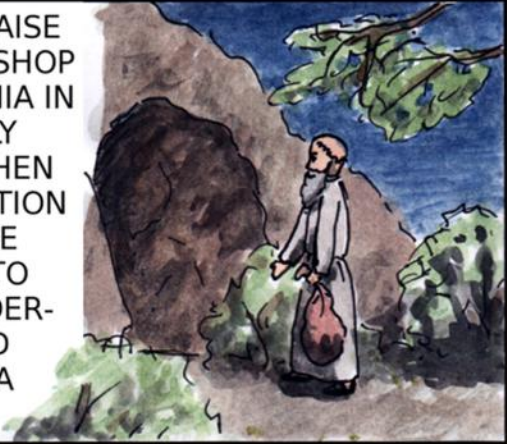



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SAINT BLAISE WAS A BISHOP IN ARMENIA IN THE EARLY 300'S. WHEN PERSECUTION AROSE, HE WENT INTO THE WILDERNESS AND LIVED IN A CAVE.



ACCORDING TO LEGEND, SICK WILD ANIMALS WOULD COME TO HIM SO HE COULD HEAL THEM.



SAINT BLAISE



WHEN HUNTERS CAME AND FOUND BLAISE, THEY TOOK HIM TO THE GOVERNOR.



Hey! Look! There's a cross in here!

Your gods are made by men!



BUT THE BISHOP WOULD NOT GIVE UP THE FAITH...

SO HE WAS THROWN IN PRISON.



WHILE IN PRISON, HE HEALED A BOY WHO HAD A FISH BONE STUCK IN HIS THROAT.



You can see him for five minutes.

Cough cough



If that doesn't change him, nothing will!

BLAISE'S CAPTORS TORTURED HIM TO TRY TO GET HIM TO GIVE UP THE FAITH, BUT HE WOULD NOT. FINALLY HE WAS BEHEADED.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, February 1

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Ann Schnerre +

Sunday, February 2

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, February 3

No public Mass

Tuesday, February 4

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Judy Glenn

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 5

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*

6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*

7:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Thursday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Smith Family

Saturday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

8:30-9:00 a.m. *Confession*

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Steve Wagner +

Sunday, February 9

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members
of the Barb & Tom Ault Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Parish Family



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Feb. 3 - Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop - Heb 11:32-40 / 31:20-24 / Mk 5:1-20

Tues., Feb. 4 - Heb 12:1-4 / Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32 / Mk 5:21-43

Wed., Feb. 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a / Mk 6:1-6

Thurs., Feb. 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 / Mk 6:7-13

Fri., Feb. 7 - Heb 13:1-8 / Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c / Mk 6:14-29

Sat., Feb. 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita - Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Ps 23:1-6 / Mk 6:30-34

Sun., Feb. 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 / Ps 138:1-5, 7-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8 / Lk 5:1-11

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

This weekend (February 1st/2nd), the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**. This day marks the fortieth day since **Christmas** and, traditionally, marked the end of **Christmastide** (*though the season now ends earlier with the latest reform of the liturgical calendar in 1969*). On this day, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph would have presented Jesus in the Temple in fulfillment of the Mosaic Law (*cf. Leviticus 12:1-8, Exodus 13:2*).

According to the Law, the Holy Family would have offered a sacrifice at the Temple as a ritual sign of purification for a mother on the fortieth day after the birth of a child. The Christ child, likewise, would be consecrated to God as the family's firstborn son. The sacrifice to be offered was that of a lamb and a turtle dove, unless the family could not afford a lamb for sacrifice; Then, a second turtle dove was to be offered in place of the lamb.

As we know from the Gospel reading today, the Holy Family could not afford a lamb for sacrifice and, instead, offered two turtle doves. Yet, though they knew it not, they had brought with them the true Lamb whose sacrifice would take away the sin of the world (*cf. John 1:29*). Carried in the arms of Mary, the living Ark of the Covenant herself, Jesus is brought into the Temple, various prophecies are fulfilled, and the whole law is satisfied.

BLESSING OF THROATS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Among the candles blessed at the beginning of today's Mass were the candles that are used as a part of the **Blessing of Throats** in commemoration of the Feast of St. Blaise. As his feast day is tomorrow (Monday, Feb. 3rd), we are offering this special blessing after all Masses this weekend. As reflected in the life of St. Blaise on our bulletin cover, St. Blaise is the patron saint of all those suffering with illnesses of the throat.

A blessing is a sacramental which invokes God's power and care upon those blessed. They are meant to awaken us to the presence of God and dispose us to receiving God's grace in our lives. As such, all people of good will (*Catholic and non-Catholic alike*) are welcome to come forward for this special blessing and, with St. Blaise, ask God to sanctify our lives and protect us from all harm.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - TIME CHANGE

Due to our **Forty Hours Devotion** in December and the holy days in November and January, it's been several months since we've had the chance to offer **First Friday Adoration**. Thankfully, with a return to "*normalcy*" in **Ordinary Time**, we will be able to once again resume this wonderful devotion for First Fridays throughout the rest of the year. Please note, however, a slight change to our ending time for **First Friday Adoration**.

Previously, **First Friday Adoration** went until 6 PM and concluded with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and an additional evening Mass. Since last May, however, it's clear that the last two evening hours (4 PM - 6 PM) are difficult times for people to regularly gather for adoration. As such, our **First Friday Adoration will now go from 9 AM to 4 PM** with Confessions offered from 3 PM to 3:45 PM and concluding benediction starting at 3:45 PM.

150TH ANNIVERSARY PARISH COOKBOOK

As a part of our *150th Anniversary celebration*, we are starting work on a **new parish cookbook**. As our last parish cookbook was compiled in 2000, this anniversary year seems the perfect time to compile an updated version. If you would like to submit a recipe for the cookbook, you can do so either by filling out the form available in the narthex and returning it to the Parish Office or by filling out the online form available on the parish website. Recipes will be collected starting this weekend through Sunday, March 16th.

On the recipe forms, there is also a section for "*Special Comments / Story / Notes.*" If your recipe has an interesting history, has been passed down throughout your family, or is a favorite for a special time of year, make sure to include that information here so that it can be shared in the cookbook.

~In Christ,
Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Mike Holland, and Richard Payne.

COLLECTION OF
OLD PALMS



Please place your old blessed palms in the marked basket in the narthex.

Old palms will be burned into the ashes used on **Ash Wednesday** (March 5th).

Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—FEBRUARY MEETING



Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Pray the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church, and meet in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 PM.

All men in the Parish are welcome!

Praise & Worship Holy Hour



Join us for a Praise & Worship Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 5th - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Confessions from 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Benediction at 6:50 PM & Mass at 7 PM



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—February 7th

Starts following 8:30 a.m. Mass—9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confession offered 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sign up sheet in the narthex.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 1** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 2** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 2** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 4** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 4** - Knights of Columbus - recite Holy Rosary at 6:40 in Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Feb. 5** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 5** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 6** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 6** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Feb. 7** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 7** - First Friday Adoration following 8:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. / Confessions 3:00-3:45 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- **Sat., Feb. 8** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 9** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 9** - Religious Education Class - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Mon., Feb. 10** - *Great Catholic Thinkers Book Study* - 6:30 p.m. in the parish conference room.
- **Tues., Feb. 11** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 12** - Adoration - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 12** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:35 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 13** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 13** - *Catholicism Explained* - 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Fri., Feb. 14** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30

Weekend of February 8th & 9th



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 David Smith



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Ben Wagner
10:00 Jacque Johnson



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Monica Harris, Tammi Helm, Rick Singer



5:00 Knights of Columbus
7:30 Abby/Adrienne/Ainsley Wagner
10:00 Gabby/Olivia/Jacob Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
for the Weekend of
January 25th & 26th**

Adult Envelopes- \$3,436.00
Loose- \$224.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$364.94
Donation/Bequest- \$125.00
Paper Gator- \$18.71
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- \$2.00
Total- \$4,170.65

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$1,383.96 ahead of our budget for the month of January 2025.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$517.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To set up **Online Giving** through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit:
<https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>

**ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP
SUPER BOWL LIX PARTY**

Sunday, February 9th—Parish Social Hall

**Open to Grades 7th—12th
Starting at 6:00 PM**

Flag Football | Food | Community and Fun!

**Contact Nick at nboraten@gmail.com
to let us know your coming**

ST. JOSEPH GAME NIGHT & POTLUCK



WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 15

TIME: Following 5:00 Mass

WHERE: Parish Social Hall



Pizza will be provided!

Bring a side dish or snack to share!

Bring your favorite games to play!

See the Sign up sheet in the narthex!



G.I.R.L.'s Night Out



March 1st: 6 PM - 9:30 PM

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THINK!
 T - is it true?
 h - is it helpful?
 i - is it inspiring?
 n - is it necessary?
 k - is it kind?
 "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."
 - St. John Paul II



Before you speak...
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