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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr - Feast Day: Feb. 3rd

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.



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



Your god's 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.



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

If that doesn't change him, nothing will!



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Saturday, February 3

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. Trent Patterson +

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Emily Butler +

Monday, February 5

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 6

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Flowers +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 7

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Greg Mayer +

Thursday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

Friday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Marj Sanders +

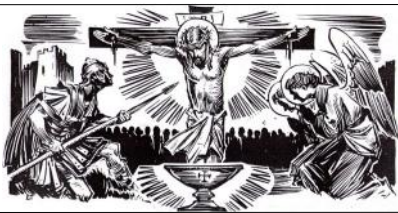
Saturday, February 10

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. Parish Family

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Geoff Frank +
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Patricia Pfeifer +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., February 5 - Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Ps 132:6-10 / Mk 6:53-56

Tues., February 6 - St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Ps 84:3-5, 10-11 / Mk 7:1-13

Wed., February 7 - 1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 / Mk 7:14-23

Thurs., February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin - 1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40 / Mk 7:24-30

Fri., February 9 - 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Ps 81:10-15 / Mk 7:31-37

Sat., February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin - 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Ps 106:6-7, 19-22 / Mk 8:1-10

Sun., February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 / 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 4, 2024

This weekend (February 3rd/4th), the Church celebrates the **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. This means that we are now only a week and a half away from **Ash Wednesday** and the start of the **Lenten season**. During **Lent**, we pray the *Stations of the Cross* every Friday at 7 PM. All are welcome!

This past Friday, we celebrated the **Presentation of the Lord** to mark forty days since **Christmas Day**. This was the day that our Lord, fulfilling the Law of Moses (*Leviticus 12:1-8*), this was presented in the Temple by the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. We heard how Simeon prophesied that Jesus is a “*light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel*” (*Luke 2:32*). It was a final moment of Christmas joy in our liturgical year.

With this celebration, the last of our Christmas decorations (e.g. *the Nativity scene*) have been put away. We truly have returned to **Ordinary Time** and a season of simplicity. Quite appropriately, our gloomy weather has seemingly matched our current place in the liturgical year. Just as the sun has been hidden by the overcast sky, so the last fleeting joys of our **Christmas season** have gone away and we will soon be overcast by the scandal of the Cross.

Though it seems overcast now, we know that the divine Sun of Justice that rose brightly in Bethlehem has not left us. Just as the sun is still there behind the clouds, the Word became flesh so that He might dwell among us and He remains with us even now. As we approach the **Lenten season**, we know that even darker clouds await as the Lord approaches His Passion. Yet, even those terrible clouds will soon be dispersed by the light of His Resurrection.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND ROOFING NAILS

A priest that I served with would give out roofing nails on **Ash Wednesday** and invite them to be carried in one's pocket for the forty days of **Lent**. As roofing nails are blunt, there was no danger in carrying one in your pocket. Instead, it was just awkward enough of a shape to be annoying. At the end of the forty days, you would be quite happy to get rid of it.

The lesson was simple: *The nail represented sin and we want to get rid of sin from our lives*. Sin can be both mortal (*deadly*) and venial (*harmful*). Both are to be avoided, yet often our focus is only on mortal sin, or those sins that break our relationship with God. Yet, in the Christian life, we are called to root out **all** sin from our lives, both those that destroy our relationship and those that harm it. **Lent** is a time to focus on the rooting out of all sin from our lives.

During **Lent**, we enter into the desert with the Lord. As the Lord found strength and virtue in facing temptation in the desert, so the disciplines of **Lent** aid us in strengthening our will to say no to sin. For this reason, we often adapt the practice of making some form of sacrifice during **Lent**. In “*giving up*” something during **Lent**, we turn away from ourselves and recognize that God alone will ultimately satisfy our needs and wants and cravings.

At the very end of our lives, we will leave our gifts of time, treasure, and our bodies in the grave until the Resurrection. The **Lenten season** affords us the opportunity and challenge to live now as children of our heavenly Father, reliant on His grace and providence, and eager to find our hopes fulfilled in God alone. As we quickly approach **Lent**, let us prayerfully discern what sacrifice we are called to make for these forty days and what that sacrifice is meant to reveal or free us from in our lives.

RETURNING PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

As a reminder, next Sunday (Feb. 11th) is the last day to turn in old palms before **Ash Wednesday**. These palms that were lifted high on **Palm Sunday** will be burned and the ashes they make will be used to mark our foreheads on **Ash Wednesday**. Just as the lifting of the palms represented Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, so the ashes mark our entry into the desert with the Lord for the **Lenten season**. Both of these journeys lead to the Cross. The good news, however, is that neither of these journeys end there. ~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, Richard Payne and Ron Dresser.



Praise & Worship Holy Hour

Please join us for a Praise and Worship Holy Hour
Wednesday, February 7 - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Confession 6-6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7:00.

The St. Joseph Women's Group

3rd Annual FEB 10 2024 Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Doors open at 5:30

**Don't Forget Your Ticket - Only \$25
On SALE after all Masses this Weekend!**

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 3** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 3 & Sun., Feb. 4** - Blessing of Throats after all Masses.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 4** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall
- **Tues., Feb. 6** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 6** - *Knights of Columbus* - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 6** - *G.I.R.L.'S NIGHT OUT* - monthly meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Wed., Feb. 7** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 7** - Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 7** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Thurs., Feb. 8** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 8 - Thurs., Feb. 15** - Michelle will be out of the Parish office.
- **Fri., Feb. 9** - Mass 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 10** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 10** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 10** - St. Joseph Women's Group 3rd Annual *Mardi Gras Fundraiser* - 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 11** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 11** - Religious Education Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 11** - *The Catholic Parent* Weekly Video Series - 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Tues., Feb. 13** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 14** - *Ash Wednesday* - Mass 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Feb. 15** - Mass 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Feb. 16** - Mass 8:30 a.m.

Weekend of February 11 & 12, 2024



5:00 Dan Lautzenheiser
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Sam Smith



5:00 Ginny Fenstermaker
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson



5:00 Laurisa Roper
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Monica Harris, Kevin Seago, Rick Singer



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling
7:30 Abby or Adrienne Wagner, Ainsely Wagner, Annie Herr
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of Jan. 27/28

Adult Envelopes- \$3,046.00
Loose- \$309.05
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$270.71
Paper Gator- \$22.79

Total- \$3,648.55

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,636.17 ahead of our budget for the month of January.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$55.00

*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>

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

The G.I.R.L.'s Night Out group will have their monthly meeting on
Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 in the Parish Conference Room
instead of February 13th for last minute Mardi Gras planning.
All women of the Parish are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY * February 14



**MASS SCHEDULE
7:00AM / NOON / 7:00PM**

Please bring in your palms from last year to be burnt and used for ashes this year. There is a basket in the narthex on the desk to place them in. Thank you.



Lenten

Fridays during Lent
6:00 PM

Soup Suppers

Parish Social Hall

*Then join together in Church at 7:00 PM for a prayerful
walk through the Stations of the Cross
commemorating Jesus' passion and death on the cross.*



Parish Office Hours

February 8th to February 15th

Mondays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tuesdays: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Wednesdays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursdays: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Fridays: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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Saturday's: Noon-8pm

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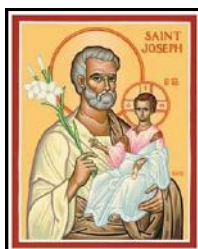
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