

# St. Stephen Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 7:30pm  
Saturday : 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am – 1:30pm

Parish Office is located at:  
St. Patrick Church  
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**Saint Blaise Blessing (blessing of the throats) will be available after Mass on Sunday February 5**

### **Novena in Honor of St. Blaise – February 3**

ALMIGHTY and eternal God! With lively faith and reverently worshipping Thy Divine Majesty, I prostrate myself before Thee and invoke with filial trust Thy supreme bounty and mercy. Illumine the darkness of my intellect with a ray of Thy Heavenly light and inflame my heart with the fire of Thy Divine love, that I may contemplate the great virtues and merits of the Saint in whose honor I make this novena, and following his example imitate, like him, the life of Thy Divine Son.

Moreover, I beseech Thee to grant graciously, through the merits and intercession of this powerful Helper, the petition which through him I humbly place before Thee, devoutly saying, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Vouchsafe graciously to hear it, if it redounds to Thy greater glory and to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

O GOD, deliver us through the intercession of Thy holy Bishop and Martyr Blaise, from all evil of soul and body, especially from all ills of the throat; and grant us the grace to make a good confession in the confident hope of obtaining Thy pardon, and ever to praise with worthy lips Thy most holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. BLAISE, gracious benefactor of mankind and faithful servant of God, who for the love of our Savior didst suffer so many tortures with patience and resignation; I invoke thy powerful intercession. Preserve me from all evils of soul and body. Because of thy great merits God endowed thee with the special grace to help those that suffer from ills of the throat; relieve and preserve me from them, so that I may always be able to fulfill my duties, and with the aid of God's grace perform good works. I invoke thy help as special physician of souls, that I may confess my sins sincerely in the holy Sacrament of Penance and obtain their forgiveness. I recommend to thy merciful intercession also those who unfortunately concealed a sin in

Confession. Obtain for them the grace to accuse themselves sincerely and contritely of the sin they concealed, of the sacrilegious Confessions and Communion they made, and of all the sins they committed since then, so that they may receive pardon, the grace of God, and the remission of the eternal punishment. Amen.

My Lord and God! I offer up to Thee my petition in union with the bitter passion and death of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, together with the merits of His immaculate and blessed Mother, Mary ever virgin, and of all the Saints, particularly with those of the holy Helper in whose honor I make this novena.

Look down upon me, merciful Lord! Grant me Thy grace and Thy love, and graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

### **Ash Wednesday is March 1**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

**Parish Calendar for February 2017**

**February 5, Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – green**

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9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
~ Open ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
Wilma Emmi Déri (deceased)



The faithful

**February 12, Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - green**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
~ Open ~

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
~ Open ~

**February 19, Sunday – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - green**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
Andreas and Franziska Birgel (deceased)

The faithful

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
Konrád Nemes (deceased)

Adrienne Nemes

**February 26, Sunday – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - green**

9:15 AM - German Mass / Deutsche Messe  
Johann „Johnny” Weiss (deceased)

Otto and Rosie Rieger

10:45 AM - Hungarian Mass / Magyar mise  
Éva Nemes (deceased)

Adrienne Nemes

Please contact Monika Mohos before or after Sunday Mass for any Mass intentions you would like to request. You may also contact her by phone at:

**(818) 846-2651**  
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**monikamohos@yahoo.com**

The bulletins are sent to the printing company at least one month in advance. Mass intentions received after the printing deadline may not appear in the bulletin, but are offered all the same.

For information about the monthly German Altar Society Luncheon and Card Party on the first Tuesday of each month, call:

Gerda Trutzl: (562) 862-7348  
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# Saint Blaise



Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr - February 3

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon

Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

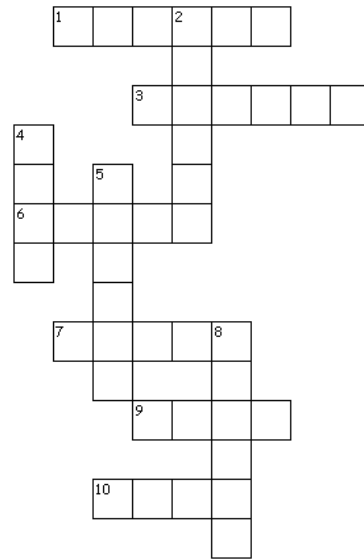
The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

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 P O H S I B G N A L U F H I N  
 H I U U V U C W V R N Z I K R  
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Find this month's vocabulary words in the puzzle above.

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| BISHOP   | HUNTER |
| BLESSING | MARTYR |
| BONE     | PRAYER |
| CAVE     | SAINT  |
| COUGH    | THROAT |
| FISH     |        |



Fill in the puzzle with the vocabulary words using the German and Hungarian translations as clues.

Across

- 1. Märtyrer - mártír
- 3. Gebet - ima
- 6. Heilige - szent
- 7. Husten - köhögés
- 9. Knochen - csont
- 10. Höhle - barlang

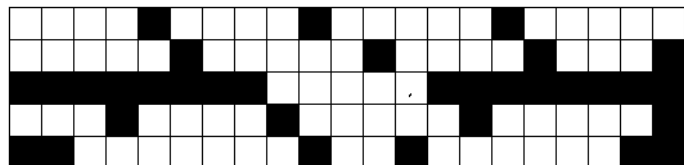
Down

- 2. Hals - torok
- 4. Fisch - hal
- 5. Bischof - püspök
- 8. Jäger - vadász

Rearrange the letters below into the columns above to fill in the English translation of a verse from one of this month's readings.

"Akkor majd felragyog világosságod, mint a hajnal, és a rajtad ejtett seb gyorsan beheged."

„Dann wird dein Licht hervorbrechen wie die Morgenröte, und deine Wunden werden schnell vernarben.“



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