

Memorial of St Blaise
(Martyr)
3 February



About the Memorial of St Blaise

Saint Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (what we know as Turkey today). We do not know a great deal about him other than he was martyred probably during the reign of the Emperor Licinius. There is a legend that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone and so on his feast day there is the blessing of throats.

What can we learn from Saint Blaise?

Whilst we do not know a great deal about Saint Blaise, we do know that he was martyred for being a witness and faithful follower of Christ and the Gospel. When he cured the boy choking on a fishbone that was a sign of his pastoral care and his love for Christ and neighbour. Just as Saint Blaise did not shy away from being a follower of Christ when things got tough, we too must be a witness to Christ at all times in our life even when it may cause us personal inconvenience.

Saint Blaise is also a good saint for musicians (especially singers) to pray for his intercession.

Collect

Hear, O Lord, the supplications your people make
under the patronage of the Martyr Saint Blaise,
and grant that they may rejoice in peace in this present life,
and find help for life eternal.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world;

proclaim the Good News to all creation.

He who believes and is baptised will be saved;

he who does not believe will be condemned.

These are the signs that will be associated with believers:

in my name they will cast out devils;

they will have the gift of tongues;

they will pick up snakes in their hands,

and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison;

they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,

was taken up into heaven:

there at the right hand of God he took his place,

while they, going out, preached everywhere,

the Lord working with them

and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Antiphon

Whoever loses his life for my sake, will find it in eternity, says the Lord.

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Hymn for the Memorial of Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise, bishop of Sebaste,
town in Armenia,
you preached the name of Jesus Christ
boldly and without fear.

A young boy came to you in need –
in his throat was a bone.
You saved him from choking to death
for this deed you are known.

A faithful witness to the Lord,
you earned a martyr's crown,
for you proclaimed Christ as your Lord:
He did not let you down.

Saint Blaise, may we witness like you,
to Christ in word and deed,
telling the world of His Good News,
in Him we shall be freed.

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Tune: St Columba

Other Music Suggestion

[Take the Word of God with you as you go](#)

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