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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Worship Services Are Held at 2:00 PM Every Sunday, Unless Otherwise Noted

February 6, 2022: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Blessing of Throats at this Mass**

February 13, 2022: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Staff:

Pastor: +Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., 314.800.3456, pastor@sspp-eccusa.org

Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact +Fr. Bob.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Sunday Scripture Reflections

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

February 6, 2022 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Vocation is a common thread running through all three of this Sunday's readings. After Isaiah has been purified, he exclaims: "Here I am; send me." Paul toils harder than all the others in the Lord's service. Peter is painfully aware of his inadequacy, yet Jesus wants him to become a fisher of men. Jesus, we believe we know our calling in life, but help us to live it well, day by day. (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11)

February 13, 2022 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The responsorial refrain ties this Sunday's three readings together: "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." Do we play our hope and trust in God – or in human beings, the present life, fortune, fame? Lord, please help us to keep our priorities straight! (Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26)

February 20, 2022 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus urges: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" – which is what David does in the first reading. If we can succeed in this, we will indeed *bear the image of the man from heaven* (Jesus), as promised by Paul in his letter to the Corinthians. (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38)

February 27, 2022 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Liturgy of the Word, Sirach, Paul and Jesus urge us to live a life of interior goodness, which will manifest itself exteriorly. Jesus, help us to know ourselves and to correct any interior attitudes that need correction! (Sirach 27:4-7, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45)

Along the way

reflections
selected by +Fr Carl



Along the way, following Jesus' many examples of love and concern for all and each of God's people, we have the opportunity to take a rest and contemplate our Catholic feast days. This month of February invites us to share two beautiful feasts which lead us to think about, of all things, candles.

Candles have always had a significant place in the lives of people in the Bible as they worshipped Almighty God. Significant, too, because as it is written in the Gospel of John, Chapter 12, Jesus said to his followers [and now to us]: *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* During Eastertime, the Pascal Candle represents the presence of Christ in our lives.

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation. This feast of Jesus and Mary, on the 40th day after Christmas, formally ends Christmastide in our Liturgical Calendar. The Old Testament Law commanded that a woman who had given birth to a son should not approach the Temple for the term of 40 days; after which time she was to make an offering as sacrifice for her purification. By another ordinance, every first-born son was to be considered as belonging to God (*since the first-born sons of Israel had been spared in Egypt*), and was to be redeemed by a gift made to the Temple, the house of God among his people.



At the Temple, Simeon, a very old man, recognized in the presence of Mary and her son the fulfillment of the promises of God to his people as recorded in the books of the Old Testament. Simeon had asked God not to let him die until he had seen the promised Messiah. Holding the child Jesus, Simeon offered this prayer of thanksgiving to God: *Now, O Lord, you dismiss your servant in peace, because my eyes have seen your Salvation, which you have prepared—a Light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.* (Gospel of Luke 2)

Part of the liturgy of the Mass for the **Feast of the Presentation** (aka **Candlemas Day**) is the blessings of candles used at Mass for the next year. Some of these candles are first used on **February 3, the Feast Day of Saint Blaise**, as part of the sacramental rite of blessing of throats asking St. Blaise to intercede to Almighty God to protect each person from ailments of the throat. Tradition has it that Blaise saved a young boy's life by removing a fish bone from his throat.



From the Pastor's Desk
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

It's "Tax Time" Again... Parishioner donation statements were mailed shortly after the first of the year. Thank you to all who continued to contribute to the church even during the pandemic while we were unable to meet in person. We are grateful for your generosity. Our year-end financial statement was also mailed with this bulletin to parishioners.

Blessing of Throats: Our Annual St. Blaise Blessing of Throats will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Everyone is welcome to receive this blessing. *"Saint Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century, he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat."* (From The Book of Blessings.)

Prayers for the Sick:

Rosann Swaringim: Please continue to pray for Rosann as she continues her recovery from hip replacement surgery. According to +Fr. Carl, she is doing much better and getting around very well!

Bishop David Kocka: Please continue to pray for Bishop David as he continues to recover from his health issues.

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Parishioner Birthdays: None this month!

Parishioner Anniversaries: None this month!