# FEBRUARY 3, ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR

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St. Blaise, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, suffered among other torments that of flaying with a wool-combers' brush under Licinius, and was finally beheaded (317). In the Eleventh Century there were thirty-five churches dedicated to him in Rome. He saved the life of a child who was dying choked by a bone. In consequence he is invoked especially for healing all diseases of the throat. His throat is preserved as a relic in the Vatican. The church blesses two candles and prays for all those whose necks the candles shall touch that they be delivered from diseases of the throat and every other evil. He is one of the fourteen "auxiliary" saints who are venerated for their help in various physical afflictions.

#### **INTROIT Daniel 3: 84, 87**

Sacerdótes Dei, benedícite Dóminum: sancti et húmiles corde, laudáte Deum. (Daniel 3: 57) Benedícite, ómnia ópera Dómini, Dómino: laudáte et superexaltáte eum in sæcula. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Sacerdótes Dei, benedícite Dóminum: sancti et húmiles corde, laudáte Deum.

#### COLLECT

Deus, qui nos beáti Blaise Mártyris tui atque Pontíficis ánnua sollemnitáte lætíficas: concéde propítius; ut, cujus natalítia cólimus, de ejúsdem étiam protectióne gaudeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

#### EPISTLE 2 Cor. 1: 3-7

Fratres: Benedíctus Deus et Pater Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, Pater misericordiárum, et Deus totíus consolatiónis, qui consolátur nos in omni tribulatióne nostra: ut póssimus et ipsi consolári eos qui in omni pressúra sunt, per exhortatiónem, qua exhortámur et ipsi a Deo. Quóniam sicut abúndant passiónes Christi in nobis: ita et per Christum abúndat consolátio nostra. Sive autem tribulámur pro vestra exhortatióne et salute, sive consolámur pro vestra consolatióne, sive exhortámur pro vestra exhortatióne et salúte, quae operátur tolerántiam earúmdem passiónum, quas et nos pátimur: ut spes nostra firma sit pro vobis : sciéntes quod sicut sócii passiónum estis, sic éritis et consolatiónis: in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

#### **GRADUAL Psalms 8: 6, 7**

O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: O ye holy and humble of heart, praise God. (Daniel 3: 57) All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord: praise and exalt Him above all for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord: O ye holy and humble of heart, praise God.

O God, Who dost gladden us by the annual feast of blessed Blaise, Thy Martyr and Bishop: mercifully grant that we who celebrate his heavenly birthday, may also rejoice in his protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation; that we also may be able to comfort them who are in all distress, by the exhortation wherewith we also are exhorted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us: so also by Christ doth our comfort abound. Now whether we be in tribulation, it is for your exhortation and salvation: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation: or whether we be exhorted, it is for your exhortation and salvation, which worketh the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. That our hope for you may be steadfast: knowing that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glória et honóre coronásti eum. Et constituisti eum super ópera mánuum tuárum, Dómine.

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# LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Hic est sacérdos, quem coronávit Dóminus. Allelúja.

# TRACT Psalms 111: 1-3

Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generátio rectórum benedicétur, Glória et divítiæ in domo ejus: et justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

## GOSPEL Matthew 16: 24-27

Iln illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Si quis vult post me veníre, ábneget semetípsum, et tollat crucem suam, et sequátur me. Qui enim volúerit ánimam suam salvam fácere, perdet eam: qui autem perdíderit ánimam suam propter me, invéniet eam. Quid enim prodest hómini, si mundum univérsum lucréur, ánimæ vero suæ detriméntum patiátur? Aut quam dabit homo commutatiónem pro ánima sua? Fílius enim hóminis ventúrus est in glória Patris sui cum ángelis suis: et tunc reddet unicuíque secúndum ópera ejus.

# **OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 21-22**

Invéni David servum meum. óleo sancto meo unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et bráchium meum confortábit eum.

## SECRET

Múnera tibi, Dómine, dicáta sanctífica: et, intercedénte beáto Blaise Mártyre tuo atque Pontífice, per éadem nos placátus inténde. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

## **COMMUNION Psalms 20: 4**

Posuísti, Dómine, in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Hæc nos commúnio, Dómine, purget a crímine: et intercendénte beáto Blaise, Martyre tuo et Pontífice, cæléstis remédii fáciat esse consórtes. Per Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor. And hast set over the works of Thy hands, O Lord.

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Alleluia, alleluia. This is the priest whom the Lord hath crowned. Alleluia.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he delighteth exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house, and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for my sake, shall find it. For what doth it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul? Or what exchange shall a man give for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels: and then will he render to every man according to his works.

I have found David My servant, with My holy oil I have anointed him: for My hand shall help him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts dedicated to Thee, and through them, by the intercession of blessed Blaise, Thy Martyr and Bishop, graciously regard us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Thou hast set on his head, O Lord, a crown of precious stones.

May this Communion, O Lord, cleanse us from guilt: and through the intercession of blessed Blaise, Thy Martyr and Bishop, may it make us

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Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,	sharers in the heavenly healing.
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