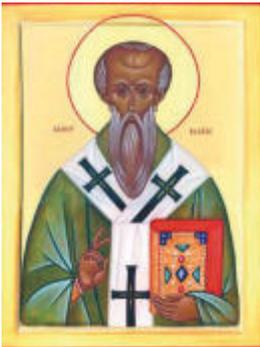


January 31st - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mike's Musings



St. Blaise: According to the Latin Martyrology, the feast of St. Blaise (+316?) is celebrated on the day of his death. His cult became widespread in the eleventh and twelfth centuries in Germany, where he was considered a helper in need.

Blaise, the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is the only representative of the Armenian Church in the Roman Liturgy. Biographical details are very scarce and therefore legend has embellished his life with many prodigious events that made him one of the most popular saints in the Middle Ages.

The first representation of the legend of St. Blaise is found in the lower church of the Basilica of St. Clement in Rome, dating back to the ninth century. His relics were distributed widely, which is evidence of his popularity. It is said that during the persecution of Christians by Licinius (320-324), the governor of Cappadocia imprisoned the saintly bishop in a cave outside Sebaste and that wild beasts came to him to be cured; wolves, lions and bears. It is also said that a mother came to the bishop, asking him to cure her son who was choking on a fish bone stuck in his throat, and the bishop saved the lad with a prayer and the sign of the cross.

For that reason St. Blaise is venerated as patron of those suffering from diseases of the throat. He was eventually condemned to death and was beheaded in 316. He is venerated in the East on February 11 and in the West on February 3.

In many churches of the Latin Rite, two blessed candles are tied or held together in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, and applied to the throat as the priest pronounces a special invocation to St. Blaise to protect the individual against diseases of the throat.

During the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries in Germany, St. Blaise was invoked in cases of hemorrhage and ulcers.

Comments: St. Blaise is seen as one more example of the power of those who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told his apostles at the Last Supper, "If you live in me and my words stay a part of you, you may ask what you will - it will be done for you" (John 15:7).

There is no "maybe" about the acceptance of Jesus' words here;.....you either buy into it entirely,..... or you don't,.... and it will be done for you!!!

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Mike



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion that commemorates the Passion and death of Jesus Christ. Christian pilgrims who visited the Holy Land and the sites of Jesus' Passion originally prayed the Stations centuries ago. When the Franciscan order was given custody of the Holy Places in the Holy Land in the 1300's, praying the Stations grew in popularity and soon spread throughout Europe. Originally done only outdoors, the Stations were allowed inside churches in the mid-18th century.

The Stations consist of prayers and meditations on the final events that occurred as Christ made His way to His crucifixion. The devotion may be prayed by the faithful individually, making their way from one station to another, or by an officiating celebrant moving along the Stations accompanied by the congregation who make the responses.

This year, Church of the Holy Spirit will offer both individual and communal Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to pray *individually* any time the offices are open. Reading materials will be in the church.

We will gather *communally* to pray on Monday evenings at 6:15 and Friday mornings at 9:45, using the following booklets:

- ~ Friday 2/19 "Praying the Stations of the Cross for Seniors"
- ~ 2/22 and 2/26 "Praying the Stations of the Cross for Healing"
- ~ 3/1 and 3/5 "Stations of the Cross for Today's Disciples"
- ~ 3/8 and 3/12 "Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis"
- ~ 3/15 and 3/19 "Everyone's Way of the Cross"
- ~ 3/22 and 3/26 "Stations of Hope – Praying the Stations of the Cross for Today"

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, February 1

Office Open 9am-3pm
11am-AA

Tuesday, February 2

Office Open 9am-3pm
10am-Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 3

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Mass
6:30pm-Confirmation

Thursday, February 4

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Mass

Friday, February 5

9am-Mass

Saturday, February 6

5pm-Mass

Sunday, February 7

9am-Mass
11am-Mass
11am-Knights of Columbus,
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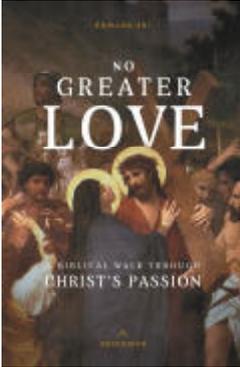


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Church of the Holy Spirit will be offering this 5-week Adult Formation study during Lent. There will be several options available: Monday evenings 7-9pm, Tuesday afternoons 12-2pm, or Wednesday mornings 10am-12 pm. You can even do the study from the comfort of your own home! We will begin the week of February 22nd and conclude the week of March 22nd.

Student guides are \$24.95, and you can purchase your own at www.ascensionpress.com click on the “study programs” tab at the top of the page, then “Bible Studies” and finally “No Greater Love” to purchase your materials and gain access to the online videos. You can also call Jillian Peck – 248-887-1634, or email jillian@holyspirithighland to register and I’ll order your materials if you prefer.



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Parish Target\$73,817
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Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

We are looking to have the following hours immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM, 2-3PM
Monday	2-3AM, 3-4AM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 2-3PM
Thursday	5-6AM, 9-10PM
Friday	5-6AM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

COVID Cleaning Schedule
 Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623 Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

Meditations for January 31
Mark 1:21-28

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:24)

Talk about bursting onto the scene! Of course the demon possessing this man couldn't tolerate being around Jesus. But wouldn't it have been wiser to slink away rather than draw attention to himself?

It happened a lot, in fact. Jesus would show up somewhere or reveal his glory in some way, and his presence would prompt resistance and sometimes even violent outbursts.

This wasn't true just of demons. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus' announcement of the good news enraged enough people that they tried to push him off a cliff (Luke 4:24-30). Then, after only a few weeks of preaching and performing miracles, Jesus upset some Pharisees enough that they began plotting his murder (Mark 3:6). Not even his closest disciples were immune. Jesus' revelation of God's plan to save us through his cross upset Peter enough that he rebuked Jesus (Matthew 16:22).

In one way or another, we have all reacted strongly against Jesus and his message of salvation. We all have pockets of darkness still lingering in our hearts. Maybe you refused to forgive someone. Maybe you knowingly chose sin in a tempting situation. Or maybe you denigrated a fellow believer who thinks differently than you do. Still, Jesus continues to love you and offer the grace you need to change. What was true in that synagogue in Capernaum is still true today: the darkness of sin can never overpower the light of Christ.

Don't be surprised if you experience some form of opposition to Jesus in your heart today—maybe in prayer or as you're trying to focus at Mass or as an opportunity to serve your family arises. Instead, take comfort from it. Trust that the light of Christ will not only expose your darkness; it can expel it as well.

"Thank you, Jesus, for exposing my darkness—and for setting me free from it!"

Prayer REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
01/24	\$ 9,575	\$ 9,885	(\$ 310)
Y-T-D	\$401,983	\$386,550	\$15,433

We cannot thank you enough for your generosity!
 Our Christmas collection totaled \$117,630

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children's collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. To Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Readings for Sunday, February 7

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

Meet Our Extended Family



St. Paul Miki and Companions
Feast Day February 6

When the first missionaries came to Japan in 1549, they were welcomed, and many Japanese people became Christians. When the Japanese leader Hideyoshi took command, he feared that Christians would take over the government, so in 1587 he banished them and destroyed many of their churches. On December 8, 1596, Hideyoshi arrested and condemned to death the friars of Miako. Among them were Paul Miki and his companions: missionary priests, brothers, laymen, catechists, doctors, artisans, servants, and innocent children. Paul Miki was born in Japan and educated by the Jesuits. He would have been the very first Japanese priest if he had escaped arrest, for he had already completed his studies for the priesthood. From his cross he forgave his persecutors and told the people to ask Christ to show them how to be truly happy. Some missionary priests stayed and went into hiding, dressing like the Japanese people in order to minister to the Christians. When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves, they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith for over 200 years. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

Family Challenge

Think about something for which you need more courage. Write (or draw) it on a piece of paper. Ask one family member to pray for this intention for a whole week.

Fun Facts!

Synagogue is a Greek word that literally means a gathering of people. In the time of Jesus, a synagogue was a place where Jews gathered, worshiped, prayed, and learned. In the Jewish religion, the sabbath was observed on Saturday. However, Christians worship on Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday.

Christian Service Corner

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Explore the Sunday Gospel



The Cure of a Demonic
Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Take Time to Chat

1. Why do you think the people in today's Gospel story were astonished at Jesus' teaching?
2. The Gospel tells us that Jesus has authority over unclean spirits. Have you ever thought about how powerful Jesus is? Is there anything that Jesus can't do?
3. What would it be like to see Jesus performing the mighty acts we hear in the Gospels?
4. Consider the courage of St. Paul Miki and Companions. What made them so brave?



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Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, February 1

Heb 11:32-40 | Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2

Mal 3:1-4 | Heb 2:14-18 | Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday, February 3

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 | Mk 6:1-6

9:00 a.m. (PPP) William and Shelley Lamb

9:00 a.m. +Lynn Young

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass with Bishop Cepeda

Thursday, February 4

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 | Mk 6:7-13

9:00 a.m. (PPP) William and Shelley Lamb

9:00 a.m. Our Parish

Friday, February 5

Heb 13:1-8 | Mk 6:14-29

9:00 a.m. (PPP) William and Shelley Lamb

9:00 a.m. +Don Dopierala

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Griglak & Waldowski Families

Saturday, February 6

5:00 p.m. (PPP) William and Shelley Lamb

5:00 p.m. Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 7

9:00 a.m. (PPP) William and Shelley Lamb

9:00 a.m. +Earl Ureel

11:00 a.m. (PPP) William and Shelley Lamb

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Rail & Matweychek Families

Saturday, February 6:

5:00 p.m. - Mary Pat Chynoweth

Sunday, February 7:

9:00 a.m. - Donna Cole

11:00 a.m. - Carol Ramirez

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, By Appointment Only

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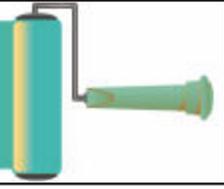
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