

St. Agatha—Virgin/Martyr—A.D. 231-251

February 5th

St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her.

However, one of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge.

He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage. To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned - in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God and go against her virtue. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel -- a move intended to make her even more afraid, but it was probably a great relief to her.

Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture. This evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off.

He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. He was her Sacred Physician and protector. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers.

After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over naked over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul." Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year A.D. 251.

She is commonly featured in religious art with shears, tongs, or breasts on a plate. St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, breast cancer patients, rape victims, and nursing mothers. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. Her feast day is celebrated on February 5.



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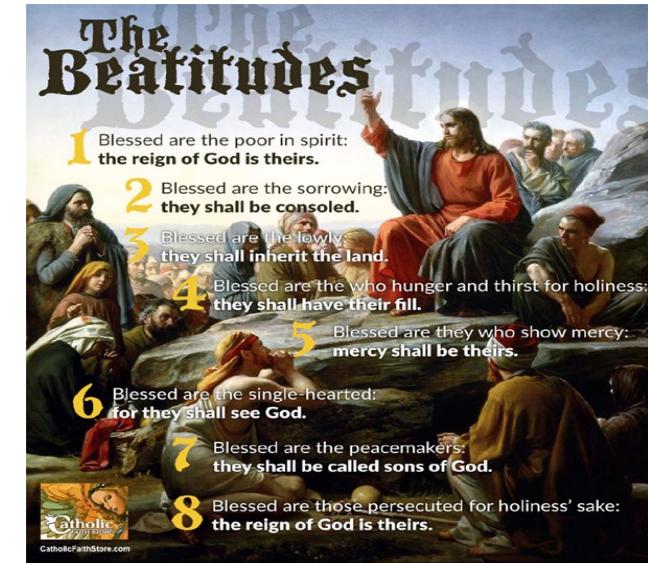
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February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses This Week

Mon, Feb. 2, 9:00 a.m.
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Mon, Feb. 2, 10:30 a.m. (Eastend Lodge)
+Souls in Purgatory by Frank/Jocelyn Hammond

Tues, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m.
+Hide Kagatani by CWL

Wed, Feb. 4, 9:00 a.m.
+Sheila Toeckes by Alan Ruetz

Thurs, Feb. 5, 9:00 a.m.
+Mona Meloche by Russell Whyte

Fri, Feb. 6—First Friday Eucharistic Devotions

6:30p.m.—7:30 p.m. Exposition/Rosary/Confessions
7:30 p.m.—Benediction/Mass
+Rose Ann Keindel by Ben/Karen Lewans

Sat, Feb. 7
Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo

Climax—7:00 p.m.
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Sun, Feb. 8
Admiral—9:00 a.m.
+Edith Cote by Frank/Jocelyn Hammond

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.
+Rosella Girodat by The Family



OUR MINISTRIES

MEETINGS

- CWL —Tues, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m. Mass/Supper Meeting
- Sacramental Preparation—Following Mass, Sun, Feb. 8
- Joint PPC/Finance Council Meeting Tues, Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m.
- Knights of Columbus—Thurs, Feb. 26, 7:00 p.m. Mass/Meeting

CWL Memberships Due!

CWL memberships are due at the end of February. Membership fees are \$50.00. Cheques can be made out to Catholic Women's League and given to Tana Audette or e-transfers can be made to Anne Wikins at brentannewilkins@gmail.com or by cell phone at 306-297-7478. Anyone wishing to join CWL can contact Tana at 306-774-3510. Thank you!



CWL Meeting

Tues, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m. Mass/6:00 p.m. Supper (Salad/Dessert)

Film Presentation: "Mary's Meals: Love Reaches Everywhere!"

A special invitation and welcome is extended to all ladies, members and non-members!



"The Chosen"

Movie Nights—Christ the King Parish Meeting Room
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Bring your own snacks.
Everyone Welcome!

2025 Parish Annual Reports Due

All parish organizations are encouraged to submit their 2025 annual reports ASAP—no later than March 13, so that their compilation may be published along with the financial statement.

Please mark your calendars for the Parish Annual Meeting—Sunday, April 19.



Candlemas Day

When the infant Jesus was presented in the temple (Luke 2:22-40) the old man Simeon declared: *"Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; for these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel."*

In the Church this day is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Jesus' birth. It is a major feast and is known as the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Feast of Meeting, the Purification of Mary, and Candlemas. Each name highlights a particular aspect of the day. This day may be thought of as a festival of light. We see it in the candles that are blessed and carried. We receive it as did St. Simeon. That light is Christ himself, our salvation and life. It is customary on Candlemas to bless candles. If you wish to have candles blessed for devotional use at home, please bring them to church tomorrow, Monday, February 2.

February 3—Feast of St. Blaise—Blessing of Throats

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Blaise, who was an Armenian Bishop in the 4th century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the 8th century, Saint Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. We pray in a special way today for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The use of candles for the blessing of throats stems from the candles that Blaise used while in prison: *"Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

This Blessing will be bestowed on individuals during Mass on Tues, Feb. 3, 5:30 p.m.



Palms for Ash Wednesday, February 18!

You may return your old palms, if you wish, so that they may be burnt for this year's ashes. Note the basket by the bulletin board in the church foyer!

