



## Saint Blaise



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St. Blaise's feast day is  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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He is the patron saint of  
animals and throat illnesses.  
People pray to St. Blaise for  
healing miracles.

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On St. Blaise's feast day, we  
have our throats blessed  
with special candles!

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St. Blaise was a Bishop in Armenia who suffered martyrdom under Licinius about A.D. 316. Tradition tells us that St. Blaise was born to noble parents and became a physician and later was consecrated a bishop.

Though, Emperor Constantine and Licinius co-authored the Edict of Milan in 313, which legalized the practice of Christianity in the Roman Empire, Licinius, betrayed this edict and began persecuting the Church. St. Blaise was quickly arrested for being a Christian, but on his way to the jail, a woman approached St. Blaise with her young son who was choking on a fish bone. To the amazement of the local governor, Agricola, Saint Blaise cured the boy, but refused to renounce his faith.

Either shortly before or after this healing, a woman whose pig had been seized by a wolf, begged for the help of Saint Blaise. At St Blaise's command, the wolf released the pig. The grateful woman later appeared at the prison bearing two fine candles to light the darkness of Saint Blaise's cell. Saint Blaise refused to renounce his faith and was sentenced to death by Agricola, who had him tortured and beheaded.

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