

St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mount Dora, FL

ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THE THROATS 2/3/2025

These are notes from St. Patrick's Monday at 9 AM, 2/3/2025, Mass and St. Blaise service with Fr. Hank presiding and Fr. Louis assisting.

The Lectionary readings selected by Fr. Hank for Mass were the normal reading, Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time, not the alternate St. Blaise readings.

Fr. Hank selected the 2/3 St. Blaise "Collect" in the Roman Missal.

Fr. Hank blessed the throats after his homily. He 'blessed' the candles by hand (no Holy Water) prior. With 137 attending, there were four lines, two priests in the middle and one EMHC on each side. (Fr. Louis and two EMHCs assisted.)

The same four lines were used to distribute Holy Communion. Set up with 2 extra ciboria on side table.

Four St. Blaise candles were placed on the Altar side table prior to Mass start, along with the BLESSING note for the EMHCs to read from.

Blessing: "THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR, MAY GOD DELIVER YOU FROM EVERY DISEASE OF THE THROAT AND FROM EVERY ILLNESS: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

The three boxes of St. Blaise candles (two boxed larger candles; a bin with three sets of smaller candles and the blessing notes) are on the sacristy closet shelf.