

Catholics Basics
Saint of the Day
and Catholic Prayer

February 3, 2014

Saint Blaise

Martyred: 316 AD

Feast Day: February 3

- Physician and Bishop of Sebastea in Armenia
- One story passed down is that a boy, dying from having a fish bone stuck in his throat, was healed by Saint Blaise
- During a period of intense persecution, he took refuge in the mountains around Sebastea and lived in a cave
- Local hunters became aware of a man curing ill animals and Saint Blaise was recognized and arrested
- After languishing in prison, he was later killed by the governor of Lesser Armenia, Agricolaus
- Patron Saint of wild animals and those with throat maladies



Catholic Basics: Liturgical Vessels



Priest's Chalice: the consecrated gold or gilded silver cup used to hold the Precious Blood.

Paten: the consecrated gold or gilded silver plate on which the Sacred Host is laid.



Pall: a blessed, stiff square piece of linen, sometimes decorated with a Cross or other embroidery, used to cover the Chalice

Catholic Basics: Liturgical Vessels

Ciborium: A chalice-shaped vessel with a lid used to hold consecrated Hosts for distribution during the Communion.

Cruets: vessels which hold the water and wine before Consecration.



Pyx: a small container used to carry the Sacred Host when taking it to the sick and homebound.



Catholic Basics: Liturgical Vessels

Lavabo: a device used to provide water for the washing of hands.

Finger towel: can be made of any material - is used at the lavabo.



Communion chalices
(with purificator sacred linen)

Catholic Basics: Liturgical Linens



Purificator: Rectangular piece of linen used by the priest to wipe the Chalice

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Chalice Veil: small silk cloth, of the same color as the priest's vestments, used to cover the Chalice.



Corporal: a blessed square linen cloth which is spread out by the priest in the middle of the Altar.

Catholic Basics: Special Liturgical Items



Aspersory and Aspergillum: a container for holding Holy Water and a stick-shaped implement with holes used for sprinkling people and things.



Thurible ("Censer") and Boat: A thurible is the incense burner used at Mass. It hangs from chains so it can be swung to incense people and things. The boat is where the incense is stored until it is placed in the thurible.

Catholic Basics: Special Liturgical Items



Bells



Processional Crucifix

Te Deum

The Te Deum (also known as Ambrosian Hymn or A Song of the Church) is an early Christian hymn of praise.

The title is taken from its opening Latin words, Te Deum laudamus, rendered as "Thee, O God, we praise".

The hymn remains in regular use in the Office of Readings found in the Liturgy of the Hours, and in thanksgiving to God for a special blessing such as the election of a pope, the consecration of a bishop, the canonization of a saint, a religious profession, the publication of a treaty of peace, a royal coronation, etc.

Authorship is traditionally ascribed to Saints Ambrose and Augustine, on the occasion of the latter's baptism by the former in AD 387.

The hymn follows the outline of the Apostles' Creed, mixing a poetic vision of the heavenly liturgy with its declaration of faith.

Te Deum

O God, we praise Thee,
and acknowledge Thee to be the supreme Lord.
Everlasting Father, all the earth worships Thee.
All the Angels, the heavens and all angelic powers,
All the Cherubim and Seraphim,
continuously cry to Thee:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious choir of the Apostles,
The wonderful company of Prophets,
The white-robed army of Martyrs, praise Thee.

Holy Church throughout the world acknowledges Thee:
The Father of infinite Majesty;
Thy adorable, true and only Son;
Also the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.
O Christ, Thou art the King of glory!
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou took it upon Thyself to deliver man,
Thou didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.

Having overcome the sting of death, Thou opened the
Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sitest at the right hand of God in the glory of the
Father.

We believe that Thou wilt come to be our Judge.
We, therefore, beg Thee to help Thy servants whom Thou
hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.
Let them be numbered with Thy Saints in everlasting
glory.

V. Save Thy people, O Lord, and bless Thy inheritance!
R. Govern them, and raise them up forever.

V. Every day we thank Thee.
R. And we praise Thy Name forever, yes, forever and
ever.

V. O Lord, deign to keep us from sin this day.
R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

V. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped
in Thee.
R. O Lord, in Thee I have put my trust; let me never be
put to shame.