

The Value of Blessed Candles

Blessed candles are sacramentals. This means that Holy Church by her prayers and blessings makes them sacred articles which, when used with respect and great faith, bestow countless blessings and graces on all.

On February second, which we call Candlemas, the Church blesses wax candles in a most solemn ceremony. On this day, we honor the Divine Child Jesus as a Light to illumine the Gentiles. At the blessing on this day, the priest pronounces five beautiful prayers. In the first, he addresses Almighty God: "O holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, we humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and to sanctify these candles for the service of men, and for the health of bodies and souls, be they on land or water, and wouldst hear from Thy holy heaven, from the throne of Thy Majesty, the voice of this Thy people, who desire reverently to bear them in their names and to praise Thee in song: and wouldst show mercy to all that call upon Thee."

In this blessing, the effects of the blessed candles are briefly stated. The other prayers continue to explain these effects.

If, during the year, the priest is asked to bless candles, he prays following: "O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, we implore Thee to bless these candles, and through the power of the holy Cross to bestow upon them Thy heavenly benediction, Who has given them to mankind to dispel darkness; and may they, through the sign of the holy Cross, obtain such blessing that wherever they may be lighted or wherever they be placed, the powers of darkness may vanish, trembling and affrighted, with all their aids and accomplices, and be driven from these dwellings, and never again dare disquiet or molest them that serve Thee, Almighty God."

The above proves to us what rich blessings we derive through the merits of Jesus Christ when we use the blessed candles in a spirit of faith. When we do not make frequent use of blessed candles, we lose precious graces.

When and Why we should use Blessed Candles

Holy Church prescribes blessed candles to be used at every Holy Mass - in conferring all the Sacraments - in public processions - at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament - in all solemn functions, and around the dead.

The Faithful should make use of them

1. In times of sickness or plague.
2. When storms are raging, on land or sea.
3. In seasons of drought or excessive rains.
4. Every day, at least for a short period, to ask God's protection in the home and on members of the family.
5. To prevent discord, hatred, and ill-will.
6. In times of doubt, distress, and difficulty.
7. When a child is born.
8. When in danger from fire or flood.
9. In times of persecution.
10. Burning constantly at the bedside of the dying.
11. For the relief of the Souls in Purgatory.



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Sexagesima Sunday



"All the faithful should be aware that to participate in the Mass is their chief duty and supreme dignity." Pope Pius XII

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MASS SCHEDULE

Month of the Sacred Passion

Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM Sexagesima Sunday / St John of Matha, C
 Pro Populo
 10:00 AM Private Intention
 4:00 PM in Roland Private Intention

Monday, February 9 no Mass

Tuesday, February 10 St Cyril of Alexandria, BCD / St Apollonia, VM

8:00 AM Private Intention

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 AM Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes
 Breen Williams
 6:00 PM Rosary, OMPH devotions, Prayer for Priests
 ~for our priests and for many fervent vocations!

Thursday, February 12 8:00 AM

Friday, February 13
 8:00 AM

Saturday, February 14
 8:00 AM

Sunday, February 15
 8:00 AM Quinquagesima Sunday / Ss Faustinus & Jovita, Mm
 Pro Populo
 10:00 AM Breen Williams
 4:00 PM in Roland Private Intention

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, the intention may be submitted to the Priest. If it is for a person, please specify whether the person is living or deceased, and whether or not the person is Catholic. The customary stipend for offering the Mass is \$25.00.



“For from the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of hosts.” *Malachi 1:11*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Blessing of throats after Mass for those who did not receive it on Wednesday.
- Closing hymn: To Jesus’ Heart All Burning. Page 81, #37.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes Composed by Pope Pius XII

Immaculate Virgin of Lourdes, in compliance with thy loving invitation, we kneel before thee in the lowly grotto where thou didst appear in order to point out the way of prayer and penance to those who had strayed, and to distribute to those sorely beset by bitter anguish the graces and marvels of thy queenly bounty.

Accept, compassionate Queen, the praise and prayers which all peoples and nations address to thee with confidence.

O shining vision of Paradise, dispel the shadows of error from our minds with the light of Faith. O mystical Rose, comfort dejected souls with the heavenly fragrance of Hope. O inexhaustible source of life-giving waters, refresh our barren hearts with the waves of Divine Love.

Grant that we, thy children, strengthened in affliction, protected in danger, supported in our struggles, may so love and serve thy Divine Son as to merit eternal joys at the foot of thy heavenly throne. Amen.



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For a brief “visit” to the tomb of St Bernadette, see:
<https://youtu.be/WM9k5VGMXXs?si=VF7I02U6cyhtS7Xi>

Pray for the living: Jones family, Amaranta Torres Rodriguez, Cecilia Rodriguez and baby, Melvin Geckle, Joe Dias, Manuel Cordova, Mickey Ellis, Shelby Littlejohn, Randy Nelson, Crochet family, Marguerite Lamothe, Diane Pawlowski, those affected by Hurricane Helene, Don & Babette Lobban, Isaac Martin family, Susy Hale, Gil Credeur, John Pawlowski, Luis Martinez, Kristine Neal
Pray for the faithful departed: Milt Nelson, Ted Jones, Nancy Ciccone, Gerald Crochet, “Ernest,” Eddie Solomon, Mary Tarnowski, Guillaume Bega, Joseph Vogel, Patsy Nash, Josie Mascarenas, Fr James Thielen, Maria Eugenia, Doranne McMahon, Alexa Martin, Roberta Daley, Patricia Scott, Carlos Zepeda Sr, Cecilia Bender, Kathy Winter, Debbie Pawlowski, Randy Blosser, Linda Givens

Monthly Collection

November 2025: \$4,824.53

December 2025: \$21,285.05

January 2026: \$2,417.55