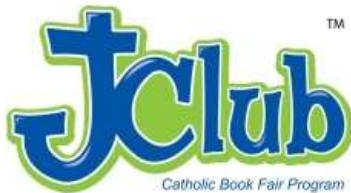


February 3
Feast of St. Blase

St. Blase was the bishop of Sebaste--of Armenia in modern Turkey. It is known that he was tormented and killed during the persecution of Licinius (320-324). Among the stories about St. Blase is that he cured a young man choking from a fishbone. At all Masses on this day there is traditionally the blessing of throats. St Blase is invoked against throat ailments of all kind.



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