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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

WEBSITES

Parish: www.steugenes.com
School: www.steugenesch.org

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30
Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30
& Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9, 2020

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00
 Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30
 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
 RCIA/RCIF Classes – Becker Ctr. – 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrating Marriage Mass – Cathedral-3:00 pm
 Reception for Marriage Mass – Becker Center – 4:30 pm

MONDAY FEBRUARY 10

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
 Rosary for Life – Chapel - 9:00 am

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
 Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am
 Latin Mass – Cathedral- 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
 Legion of Mary – PLC – 5:30 pm

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
 Mass (Golden Opportunities) – Cathedral – 10:30 am
 Golden Opportunities Luncheon – PLC – 11:30 a.m.
 Chant Schola Fr. Keyes – PLC – 5:30pm
 Knights of Columbus Bible Study – PLC – 6:00 pm

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
 Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am – 11:30 am

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
 Little Flowers & Ave Maria Girls' Groups – PLC – 9:30 am
 Confession - Cathedral -3:00 – 4:30 pm
 Mass – Cathedral -4:30 pm; 6:30 pm (Spanish)

SECOND COLLECTION

~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~

This weekend, February 8 & 9, our second collection is for Religious Education. Our second collection next weekend, February 15 & 16 is for our school Tuition Assistance Program. Thank you for your generosity!

~MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER~

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is right around the corner: Apr 24-26, 2020 in Sacramento. For more info and/or to apply for a Weekend, go to: www.sacramentowwme.org or call 916-489-3464.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Weeks of: 1/19/20

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| Sunday Donations Received: | \$ 24,415 |
| Collection Revenue Received for: <i>School Tuition Assistance</i> | \$ 3,194 |

~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

During the month of February, all missals are 25% off! According to NCR: "The liturgical year of the Catholic Church is far more than an artificial collection of feasts and seasons. It is a profound and soul-altering spiritual rhythm that provides a veracity as real as cosmic time. The Roman Missal provides us with a vital navigational tool for the spiritual reality of our glorious faith." Please stop in and see us! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at 542-

~2019 CHARITABLE DONATION LIST~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Sunday collections. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes is provided to parishioners who use offertory envelopes, credit cards or online banking direct pay for Sunday collections. **NOTE:** Tax statements are sent to envelope users **upon request only**. If you wish to receive a tax statement, email office@steugenes.com or call 542-6984 ext. 13. Be sure to include your envelope number.

~THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT~

Thank you to all those who supported the St. Eugene Home-school Academy and Coat Drive by purchasing books at the used book sale in January. After contacting Catholic Charities, it was discovered that they were more in need of warm socks than warm coats. Because of your generous support, 96 pairs of thick outdoor boot socks for the homeless were purchased and delivered to the Support Center this past

~SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN~

St. Eugene's Cathedral School is accepting applications for grade K – 8th for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer an excellent academic education with a challenging curriculum integrated with gospel values. For further information, please visit our website www.steugenesch.org or call the school office at 545-7252 to arrange a tour. St. Eugene's Preschool is accepting applications for three, four and five year olds. We offer an age appropriate balance of teacher directed and child initiated learning in a nurturing environment. For further information, please call Sharry Caesare, our preschool director, at 528-9133.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: office@steugenes.com. We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | February 8 |
| 8:00 am | J. Stanley Russell, Jr. and Michael Russell, Sr., deceased |
| 4:30 pm | Dan Morano, deceased |
| 6:30 pm | Maximino Galvan Garcia, deceased |
| Sunday | February 9 |
| 7:30 am | Stephanie Buettner, deceased |
| 9:00 am | Robert Covella, deceased |
| 10:30 am | People of St. Eugene's |
| 12:00 pm | People of St. Eugene's |
| 1:30 pm | Ellen Moya, living |
| 3:00 pm | Bishop's Intention |
| 5:30 pm | St. Eugene's Saint Vincent De Paul Conference |
| Monday | February 10 |
| 6:45 am | Russell and Maryann Sherman, deceased |
| 8:00 am | All Souls in Purgatory |
| Tuesday | February 11 |
| 6:45 am | Jim Haberkorn, living |
| 8:00 am | The Carol Family, living and deceased |
| 5:30 pm (EF) | Gary DeCicco, living |
| Wednesday | February 12 |
| 6:45 am | Gene Cashman, living |
| 8:00 am | Alicia Rivera and the Alvarez and Valay Families, living and deceased |
| Thursday | February 13 |
| 6:45 am | Anna M. Haberkorn -McGuire, deceased |
| 8:00 am | Chu Bac, deceased |
| 10:30 am | Members of Golden Opportunities, deceased |
| Friday | February 14 |
| 6:45 am | In Thanksgiving |
| 8:00 am | Bill Pisenti, Jr., living |
| 12:00 pm Hosp. | Maria Hong Tran, deceased |
| Saturday | February 15 |
| 8:00 am | Leo Pimentel, deceased |
| 4:30 pm | Meghan McCurry, living |
| 6:30 pm (Sp) | All Souls in Purgatory |

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

~IN NEED OF PRAYERS~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Luigi Fabiano, Leo Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Hike Kazarian, John Bugbee, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro and Tiffany Hutchinson.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~CELEBRATING MARRIAGE MASS~

Bishop Vasa and the Marriage and Family Life Office are sponsoring a "Celebrating Marriage Mass" for married couples within the Diocese of Santa Rosa. The Mass and reception will be held **this Sunday, February 9th, 2020** at the Cathedral of St. Eugene in Santa Rosa. The Mass will begin at **3:00 PM** with a reception to follow at 4:30 PM in the Msgr. Becker Center. Special recognition will be offered to those married couples reaching "milestone" anniversaries (5, 10, 25, etc.). Special guest at the reception will be **Patrick Coffin**, Catholic speaker and author and host of *The Patrick Coffin Show*, a podcast on faith and culture.

SAVE THE DATE

~UPCOMING ORDINATION~

On **Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am**, His Excellency, Bishop Robert Vasa, will ordain Deacons Thomas Stuart and John Plass to the Holy Priesthood here at the Cathedral of St. Eugene. A reception will follow in the Msgr. Becker Center. All are invited to attend this most joyous and holy occasion. "The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls." – St. Alphonsus Liguori

~'GOD IS' RETREAT~

The *God Is! Day of Renewal* one-day retreat is an opportunity to experience the fullness of faith found in the Catholic Church. This retreat meets people along their faith journey, reaching out through proclamation, personal witness, Sacramental renewal, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, music, and skits to help the participant's faith come alive. It is the Good News of Salvation shared personally, lovingly, and joyfully! Additionally, the *God Is! Day of Renewal* provides a wonderful opportunity for a person to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The *God Is! Day of Renewal* one-day retreat will be presented on **Saturday, March 28th** here at St. Eugene's parish. The retreat, which begins at 8:00 a.m. (with check-in at 7:30 a.m.) and includes lunch, will conclude with the 4:30 p.m. Mass. There is no charge however a \$20 donation helps to cover the food costs for the day. Please **RSVP by March 15th** by sending an email to GodIs@sonic.net, write your full name, the name of your parish and your affiliation (Marriage Prep, Catechist, Confirmanti or Parish Member.)

FUNDRAISER

~YMI FUNDRAISER DINNER~

The Young Men's Institute (YMI) is having its annual "all you can eat" Polenta & Stew dinner fundraiser on Saturday, February 29th. Menu includes Polenta, Stew, Cheese, Salad, Antipasta, Bread & Ice Cream. The No-Host Bar opens at 5:30pm and dinner is served at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be on sale in the Parish Life Center on Sundays from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the coffee social. You can also call 707-545-7000 for tickets and more information.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

LETTING OUR LIGHTS SHINE

~FROM THE PASTOR~

All three of our readings today focus on being a Christian in deed and action and not by word only. For example, we just recently witnessed tens of thousands of Christians (and others) join together in the Walk for Life to express their continuing dismay and horror at the scourge of abortion that has haunted our country for 47 years. By taking this action, they let their lights shine in proclaiming the sanctity of life. Now, when we think of action, we usually think of things like this, or feeding the hungry, giving alms to the poor, etc., but there are other kinds of action as well. Read on and learn about various actions that give good Catholic Witness.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE WITH ...

~GREGORIAN CHANT~

"As Gabe Bouck enters Advent, a season in which Catholics are urged to answer God's call for conversion, the seminarian is reminded of the melodic voice that inspired him to become Catholic. The former Baptist recalled attending his first Mass nearly six years ago where he encountered sounds he had never before heard in a church and it was coming from the priest. "The priest sung the entire Mass," said Bouck, a first-year seminarian at Theological College, a national seminary at The Catholic University of America in Washington. This priest sang the liturgy in ethereal tones, mysterious sounds to the young Protestant with a musical background. He was used to music that came in more predictable forms with standard rhyme or meter. But the reverberations coming from the priest defied the musical logic Bouck had come to expect and it mesmerized him throughout the Mass. "It absolutely took me to another place altogether," he told Catholic News Service during an October interview. "There was something about it that immediately brought to my mind, 'I am experiencing something that is holy right now. There's something very solemn and very reverent going on in a way that I have never experienced in a Protestant church.'" Bouck hadn't realize he'd encountered Gregorian chant."

~A CONVERSION~

"He did realize at that moment that he wanted to become Catholic and the sounds he deemed mystifyingly beautiful called him to conversion. Gregorian chant is a monodic and rhythmically free liturgical chant considered the official music of the Catholic Church. Not to be confused with liturgical hymns and other sacred music, *Gregorian chants* are typically unaccompanied sung prayers and official texts of the liturgy and congregation responses. "

~PRIDE OF PLACE~

... [T]hough documents from the Second Vatican Council give Gregorian chant -- developed between the seventh and ninth centuries in the Diocese of Rome -- pride of place in the Mass, it's no longer the dominant sound in most Catholic parishes, McDonnell told CNS. Gregorian chant was largely replaced by more vernacular music following Vatican II ... However, Gregorian chant began to regain popularity in the 1990s and some Catholic parishes began reintroducing it during worship. Bouck believes it was no mistake that he happened to attend his first Mass where the priest celebrated it completely in Gregorian chant. Once he settled into parish life at the Catholic Church of the Ascension in Memphis, Tennessee, Bouck joined the choir and eventually became its director. "We did Gregorian chant, we did contemporary worship type music and traditional hymns," he said. "But chant was always something that moved me and something that meant a lot to me." Bouck's music ministry and involvement in the church would eventually lead him to consider the priesthood, a vocation he is now seeking in seminary, where he offers his considerable singing talents in the school's schola.

~A VOCATION FOUND~

It's not uncommon for someone involved in a music ministry to hear the call to the priesthood, said David Lang, music director of Theological College. "Those men are really engaged in the liturgy, especially if Gregorian chant is featured in their music," Lang told CNS. "The texts are divinely inspired and when you are singing them it's like you are praying twice. We shouldn't be surprised that someone hears God's call in that circumstance." For entire article: www.catholicnews.com/services/englishnews/2017/

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE WITH ...

~CLERICAL DRESS~

“... So, what’s the deal with clerical dress and monastic habits? Do they really matter? Obviously there are things more important than the clothes on one’s back, and no one suggests that one cannot be holy without clerical dress or that outer clerical dress automatically bestows inner sanctity. But I suggest that even so, such things do matter. The proof that they matter is that some have dispensed with them. No one who says of something, “It doesn’t matter, so we should get rid of it” is really quite honest. If it really didn’t matter, then one wouldn’t be concerned about it one way or the other. Clearly the thing has *some* significance; it is that significance that the reformers are concerned to deny and ditch. When a Baptist says to me, “Incense doesn’t matter, so why use it?”, and when I reply, “If it really doesn’t matter, then let’s keep it”, it then becomes apparent that to him it matters a great deal, which is why he wants to get rid of it. So then we may ask: what is the significance of monastic habit and clerical dress?”

~UNITES US WITH HISTORY~

“... such clothing witnesses and manifests historical continuity. A habit [*or Cassock, ed.*]is not just a bit of clothing, but a uniform, a link, one that stretches through space and time. It unites the wearer to all those others who wear the same uniform, bonding them together visibly as one single reality, wherever those others may live in other parts of the world. It also (and perhaps more importantly) unites the wearer to all those who have worn it in centuries past. A person in today’s society sees a monastic habit and does not simply think, “here is a monastic”, but also “here is the presence of centuries of liturgical practice, and history, and tradition, and dogma”. It is this last that I suspect is the sticking point for those advising people ... to “become more part of the modern world”. ... [T]he true target of those advising ditching the habit was the dogma and tradition it represented, not the warm yards of cloth themselves.”

~A CHURCH PREPARING TO DIE~

“This is perhaps why, anecdotal evidence suggests, the western monastic orders which have dispensed with the habit are declining, while those which have retained it are growing. For secular people may applaud the church when it becomes secular

and more like “part of the modern world,” but they will not join that church. ... One joins a church or a monastic community precisely because it is in some way *unlike* the modern world, and presents one with a clear alternative to secularism. The different clothing witnesses to the presence of this clear alternative—one rooted in the past centuries and preserving its liturgical practice, history, tradition, and dogma. Wearing a cassock will not save the wearer, or even necessarily indicate that the wearer is spiritually healthy. As Christ warned us, Pharisees also like long robes (Luke 20:46). But a church intent on ditching the cassock to become more part of the modern world is a church preparing to die.” To read the entire article by Fr. Lawrence Farley, go to: <https://goodguyswearblack.org/2016/05/28/about-wearing-cassocks-and-other-good-habits/>

WORDS OF WISDOM

~LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE~

“We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak with our lips.” *Saint Peter Claver*

“It is no use walking somewhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.”

Saint Francis of Assisi

“To see a priest making his meditation before Mass does more for an altar boy’s vocation than a thousand pieces of inspirational literature.” *Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

“The Christian should be an alleluia from head to foot.” *Saint Augustine*

“We must all try to be preachers through our deeds.”

Saint Teresa of Ávila

“Joy is the net of love by which you can catch souls.”

Saint Mother Teresa

~OTHER ACTIONS WE CAN PERFORM~

- ◆ *Make the sign of the cross when passing a church.*
- ◆ *Say grace in a restaurant.*
- ◆ *Wear a crucifix and/or a miraculous medal.*
- ◆ *Dress, act and speak with dignity.*

CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 9 de Febrero del 2020

ORACION A SAN MIGUEL ARCANGEL

SAN MIGUEL ARCÁNGEL, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímele Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tu príncipe de la milicia celestial arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas.

Amen.



Nota:

Por recomendación de nuestro Obispo R. Vasa aprender de memoria esta oración y hacerla después de que termina la Santa Misa. (claro que usted puede rezarla lo mas seguido posible)

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 5 de Marzo a las 7:00pm.

NO NIÑOS.

Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina mínimo 2 meses antes de la Ceremonia.

Si los padrinos son una pareja (matrimonio) necesitamos copia del certificado de Matrimonio a la Iglesia. (La Iglesia nos pide a una persona para que sea el padrino o madrina, no precisamente una pareja, siempre y cuando esta tenga la n... ir que practique la Fe)



CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

Lunes -Legión de María: Nuestra Señora del Carmen Presídium PLC 5:00pm.

Legión de María: Nuestra Señora de Fátima Presídium en el PLC 7:00pm.

Cursillos: Ultreya PLC 7:00pm.

Martes -Grupo de Oración Shalom en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.

Viernes -Grupo de Oración Carismática Familias Unidas en el Espíritu Santo, en el salón del Brinker a las 7:00pm.

-Armada Blanca 7:00pm.

Sábado -Confesiones de 3:00pm a 4:30pm
Santo Rosario 6:00pm.

Santa Misa 6:30pm.

Confesiones después de Misa

PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR

Quieres Mejorar tu Matrimonio!

Curso de Planificación Natural de la Familia

Para Parejas Casadas o Comprometidas

Parish Life Center en la Catedral de St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Drive

Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Sábados en 2020: 8 de Febrero, 7 de Marzo, 18 de Abril 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hay cuidado para niños y bocado

Para registrar, llama a Maria Sanchez al:

542-6984 x0

Hemos invitado a unos instructores de Alameda a venir para darnos la oportunidad de tener clases in español. Es un gran oportunidad para



Vida de San Blas

Blas significa "arma de la divinidad". Es patrono de los enfermos de garganta y de los otorrinolaringólogos. Es patrono de muchas ciudades de diferentes países, así como de países como es el caso de Dubrovnik en Croacia, cuya festividad es tan representativa y antigua que en el año 2009 forma parte de la lista de patrimonio cultural inmaterial de la Humanidad por la UNESCO. Se le representa de varias formas, con una Mitra, con un Rastrillo de cardar, con un cuerno y con Cirios entrecruzados, su festividad es celebrada un día después de la Candelaria, o sea el 3 de febrero para la iglesia católica, pero también es celebrado y venerado por la iglesia ortodoxa oriental el 11 de febrero.

San Blas, nació aproximadamente en el siglo III, ejerció la medicina con gran amor y con una calidad tremenda, siendo catalogado como un excelente médico, aprovechando el afecto que el pueblo sentía por él, les hablaba a sus pacientes de su santa religión y de Jesucristo, al ver su santidad las personas hacen que lo nombren Obispo de Sebaste, (antiguamente Armenia y conocida hoy en día como Sivas en Turquía).

Decretada la persecución a los cristianos Blas se escondió en una cueva en la montaña, haciendo así una vida eremítica, animaba a los cristianos perseguidos y durante las noches a escondida bajaba a la ciudad a socorrerles y consolarles llevándoles la Sagrada Comunión.

Blas de Sebaste no solo era conocido por su don de curación milagrosa a las personas, sino también a los animales, quienes llegaban a donde él se encontraba escondido, fieras heridas y enfermas y ahí los curaba, un dato muy curioso que estos animalitos no le molestaban durante el tiempo que el permanecía en oración. Un día diviso a unos cazadores que iban a buscar animales para los juegos de la arena, por los que espanto a las fieras y las alejo, librándolas de ser víctimas de la cacería. Estos cazadores se molestaron y en venganza por lo sucedido se lo llevaron preso.

Resultado que la llegada a la ciudad fue un gran acontecimiento, pues las personas salieron a aclamarlo como un verdadero amigo, defensor y santo. Estando preso el gobernador trato sin éxito alguno hacerle renegar de su Fe, ofreciéndoles muchos presentes, pero San Blas pregonó su amor a Jesús y a su santa religión hasta el último día de su vida. Por lo que el gobernador mandó a matarlo y fue arrojado a un lago, quedando de Pie sobre la superficie, invitando a sus perseguidores a caminar sobre las aguas para que ellos demostraran el poder de sus dioses, pero todos se ahogaron. Cuando volvió a tierra fue torturado colgado en un poste ahí fue lacerado con rastrillos de cardar y garfios en su espalda, pero durante todo este martirio San Blas no profirió ni una sola queja. Muchos asumen que durante esta agonía rezaba por sus verdugos y para que los cristianos perseveraran en la Fe.

Fue tanta la indignación que sintió el gobernador al ver que San Blas no apostataba su religión, por lo que decreto que le cortaran la cabeza, cuando era llevado al sitio donde lo ejecutarían iba bendiciendo por el camino a la multitud que lo miraba llena de admiración y respeto y su bendición obtenía la curación de muchos. Una de las curaciones que más llamo la atención fue el de una humilde madre cuyo hijo pequeño agonizaba, a consecuencia de una espina de pescado atravesada en la garganta, por lo que lo espero que pasara donde ella estaba con el niño en brazo y arrodillándose esta le presento al niño y le imploro su ayuda, San Blas coloco sus manos sobre la cabeza del niño orándole, desapareciendo así la espina y recobrando la salud de inmediato.

Finalmente, cuando llego al sitio donde fue martirizado fue decapitado en el año 316. Después de su muerte y a través de su intercesión muchas personas se han curado de enfermedades de la garganta o protegido contra las mismas.

Durante la Bendición de San Blas, el sacerdote sostiene dos velas formando una cruz y toca la garganta y reza que por los méritos e intercesión de este santo la persona se vea libre de las enfermedades de la garganta y otros males que padezca.

Pidámosle a San Blas que interceda ante Dios por la curación de las enfermedades de la garganta, pero que también nos cure de la enfermedad espiritual de la garganta que consiste en hablar de todo lo que no se debe hablar y en sentir miedo de hablar de nuestra religión, de Dios y de nuestra Santísima Virgen.