

Prayers of the Faithful
January 30 - 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presider: Confident that God shepherds us in good times and bad, we give voice now to our petitions and needs.

Lector:

That the church may never fail to teach the truth of God with an authority born of faithful witness and loving service, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Faith, Excellence, Service, the theme of this year's Catholic School's week beginning today, may provide inspiration for parochial school students and inspire alumni to support their schools, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Jesus' teaching may rebuke and cleanse the unclean spirits that torment our world: greed and violence, oppression and despair, racism and isolationism, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That during the month of February, Black History Month, we may allow its theme this year – The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity – to help us appreciate that we are all part of one family in God and must treat each person and every family with dignity and respect, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may begin to have an ecological conversion so that we may become better stewards of God's beautiful creation, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the sick may receive the care they need, the love they desire, and the healing they seek, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our beloved dead may be led into the presence of the living God, among them Barbara Erickson, Danny Morrison, Adrienne Rabkin, and Salvatore DiDomenico, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: Loving God, you know that we are often anxious about many things: help us to place all our trust and hope in you through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

And as a sign of our trust and hope, we will now offer the annual blessing of the throats in honor of St. Blaise's feast this Wednesday:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.