#### Parish News (January 14, 2024)

### **Parish Pastoral council Meeting**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on January 28 (Sunday) from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in Conference Room. All representatives please come to the meeting on time.

#### The Feast Day of St. Blasé

St. Blasé (An Armenian bishop) suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius, in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century, he performed a miraculous cure to a boy who was choking to death. St. Blasé has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat. There will be the blessing of throats and in memory of St. Blasé on February 4 (Sunday) after Masses.

#### **Lunar New Year Mass**

February 10th (Saturday) is the first day of the Lunar New Year. A (Mandarin/Cantonese) Mass will be held at 11:00 am to celebrate Chinese New Year.

#### **Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon**

February 11th (Sunday) after 11:00 am Mass, a Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon which will be held in the Parish Hall. We invite you to bring in Lunar New Year goodies, beverages and fruits to share with our brothers and sisters. There will also be entertainment during the celebration. The Mandarin Mass at 2:30 pm will be held as usual.

### **Ash Wednesday**

A Mass (Man./Can.) will be held at 11:00 am on Ash Wednesday (February 14th). This year Ash Wednesday falls in the week to celebrate the Lunar New Year, therefore, an exemption is obtained from Bishop for us not to observe fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, but our parishioners may substitute with special acts of charity and piety. Those who miss the Ash Wednesday Mass but wish to receive the blessed ashes can do so on Feb., 18th after the Sunday Masses.

#### **Dried Palm Leaves Collection**

We are collecting dried palm leaves to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 14th. A collection basket for the leaves is available at the entrance of the Church. Thank you.

## **Week of Prayer for Christianity Unity**

Next Sunday (Jan.,21) is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christ is God's precious gift to the world. He is the basis and source of new life. Our job is to be witnesses to God's love and to our unity in Christ. Let us pray for Christian Unity.

## 堂区报告

## 堂区牧民议会会议

堂区牧民议会将于 1 月 28 日(主日),由下午 12:00 至 1:00,在会议室举行会议,请各代表准时出席。

## 圣巴拉斯瞻礼

2月3日为圣巴拉斯瞻礼,圣人在4世纪时为亚美尼亚之撒巴斯城主教,受教难迫害而殉道。中世纪时,圣人敬礼便传遍整个教会。传说圣人曾治愈一窒息儿童的奇迹,并常医治喉咙见疾而受痛苦的人,故称之为喉疾主保。本堂于2月4日(主日)弥撒后,纪念及祈求圣人代祷,并为教友举行喉咙祝福礼仪。

## 农历新春弥撒

2月10日(星期六)为农历年初一,上午11:00举行(国/粤双语)弥撒庆祝农历新年,请大家齐来参与。

## 庆祝农历新年团拜

2月11日(主日)为农历年初二,上午11:00弥撒后,在堂区中心礼堂举行农历新春庆祝会,有歌唱、舞蹈等节目。欢迎各位教友参加,并带同家乡贺年食品,如糕点、糖果、时果、斋菜等与我们分享。下午2:30国语弥撒将如常举行。

## 圣灰礼仪

2月14日(星期三)为圣灰礼仪,上午11:00在大教堂举行弥撒(国/粤双语),今年圣灰礼仪星期三,刚好是我们华人庆祝农历新年年初五,我们堂区的教友可在这天内,获得主教的豁免守大小斋,但教友需要作其他的刻已善工。教友如在当日未能参与圣灰礼仪领圣灰者,可在2月18日的主日弥撒后补领圣灰。

# 收集圣枝

本堂开始收集教友过往的圣枝,收集后化成灰燼,以备在2月14日圣灰礼仪(星期三)使用。圣堂门前备有圣枝收集篮子,多谢合作。

## 基督徒合一祈祷周

下主日(1月21日)为基督徒合一祈祷周。基督是天主赐给我们的恩物,是新生命的泉源,我们要为主的仁爱作证,奉行基督徒合一的使命。请大家多多为基督徒合一祈祷。

## 堂區報告

#### 堂區牧民議會會議

堂區牧民議會將於 1 月 28 日(主日), 由下午 12:00 至 1:00, 在會議室舉行會議, 請各代表準時出席。

## 聖巴拉斯瞻禮

2 月 3 日為聖巴拉斯瞻禮,聖人在 4 世紀時為亞美尼亞之撒巴斯城主教,受教難迫害而殉道。中世紀時,聖人敬禮便傳遍整個教會。傳說聖人曾治癒一窒息兒童的奇蹟,並常醫治喉嚨見疾而受痛苦的人,故稱之為喉疾主保。本堂於 2 月 4 日(主日) 彌撒後,紀念及祈求聖人代禱,並為教友舉行喉嚨祝福禮儀。

### 農曆新春彌撒

2月10日(星期六)為農曆年初一,上午11:00舉行(國/粵雙語)彌撒慶祝農曆新年,請大家齊來參與。

## 慶祝農曆新年團拜

2月11日(主日)為農曆年初二,上午11:00彌撒後,在堂區中心禮堂舉行農曆新春慶祝會,有歌唱、舞蹈等節目。歡迎各位教友參加,並帶同家鄉賀年食品,如糕點、糖果、時果、齋菜等與我們分享。下午2:30國語彌撒將如常舉行。

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下主日(1月21日)為基督徒合一祈禱週。基督是天主賜給我們的恩物,是新生命的泉源,我們要為主的仁愛作證,奉行基督徒合一的使命。請大家多多為基督徒合一祈禱。