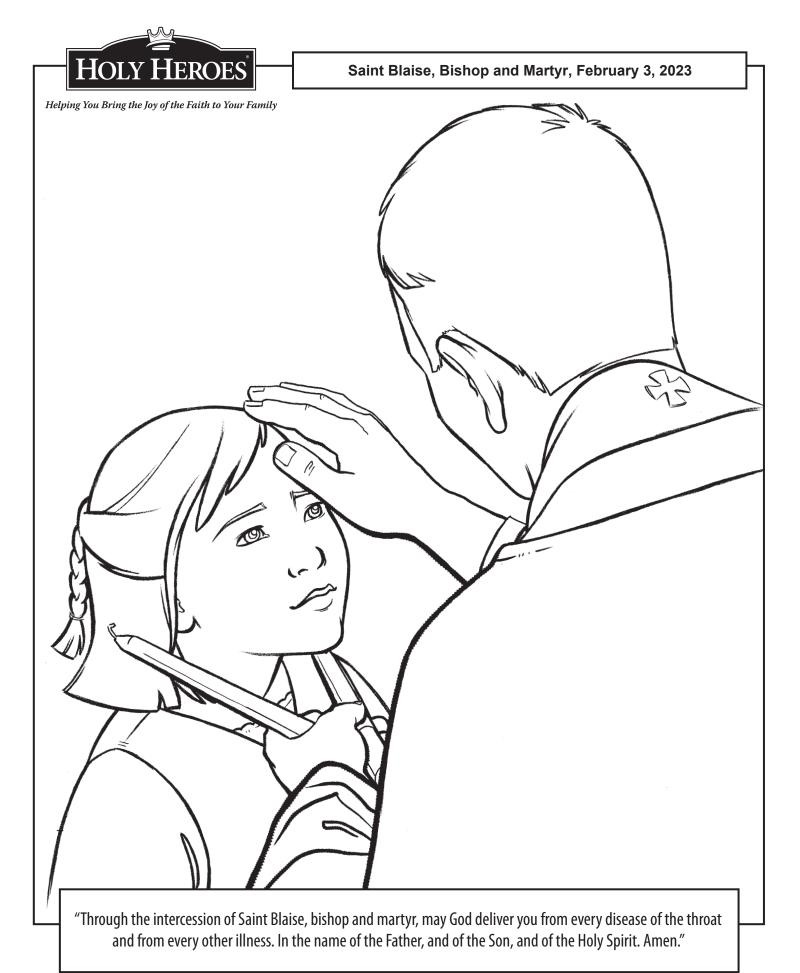


When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord... Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. (Luke 2:22, 25-26)

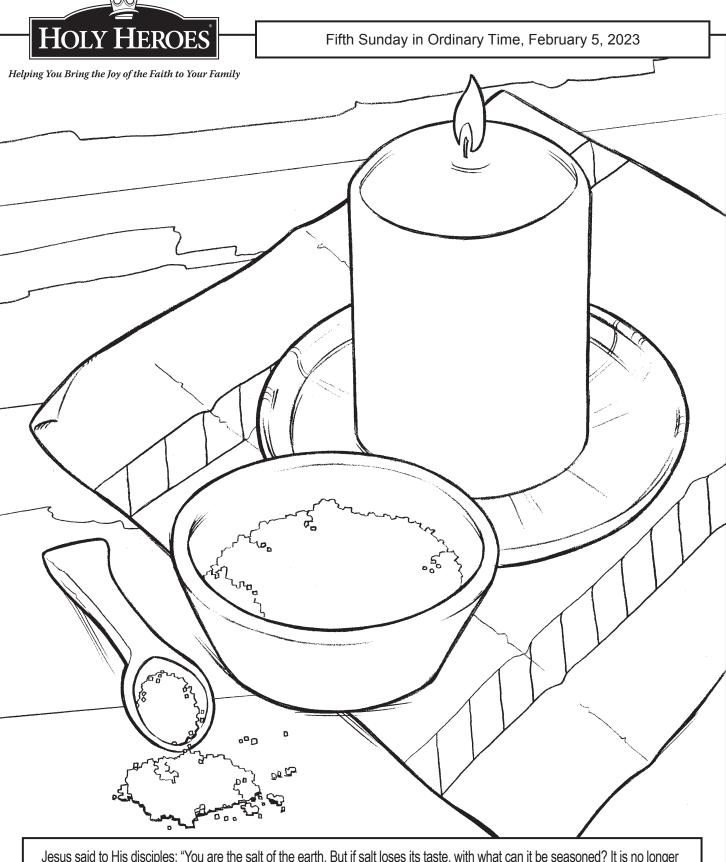




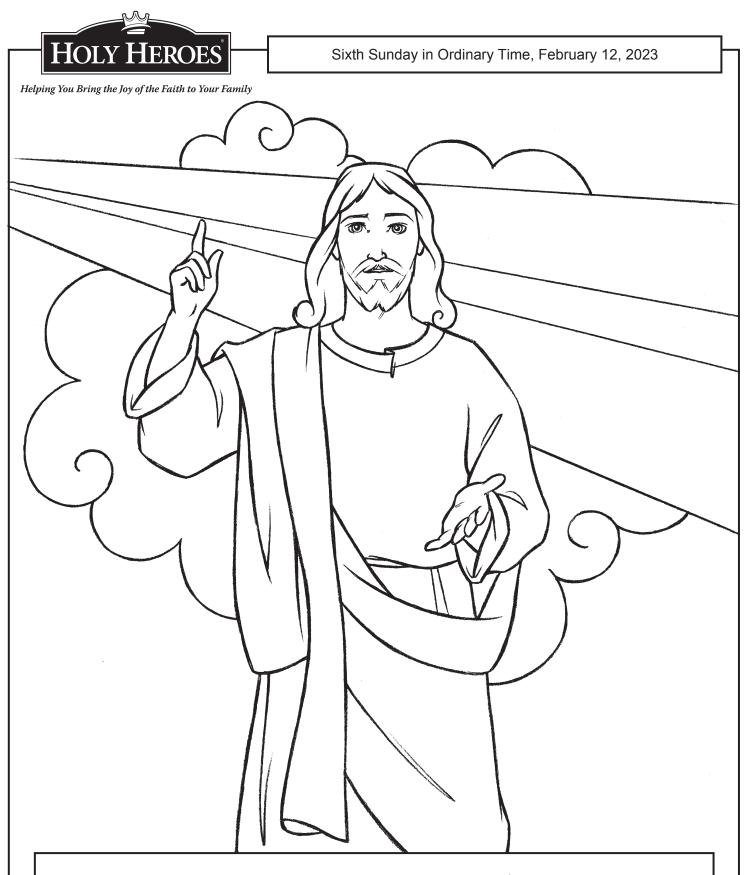
Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, February 3, 2023



St Blaise was not only known for healing humans of all kinds of illnesses—Saint Blaise healed animals, too. When some hunters came upon Saint Blaise hiding in a cave, he was kneeling in prayer with wild animals all around him. And when a woman told Saint Blaise that a wolf had taken her pig—Saint Blaise prayed, and the wolf returned the pig! Saint Blaise—pray for us!



Jesus said to His disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything... You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:13-16)



Jesus said to His disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." (Matthew 5:20-22)

