

Reflection

The best Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions, and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals.

Lenten Thought

What Catholic hasn't said, "I don't belong inside a church," or "After the way I've lived God doesn't want me there." On Ash Wednesday the entire Church admits that none of us "belongs in there." Our ash-smearred foreheads admit our sinfulness. If belonging to the Church depended on good behavior, who could last beyond infancy? But ashes are in the shape of the Cross - showing that our sinfulness is not the end of the story. We belong in the Church because of the goodness of Jesus Christ who sees us as the most loveable being in all creation. No sin of ours can stop His love. His sacrifice has conquered sin. So sin itself is not the problem. The problem is a heart that is too prideful or fearful to seek His loving and merciful embrace. You do belong inside the Church. After the things you've done it is the only place that will bring you the forgiveness, peace, and true happiness you long for. So welcome to Lent! Welcome to the Church! Welcome home! Jesus has been waiting for YOU!



LENTEN REGULATIONS

WEEKDAYS OF LENT - Although there is no obligation to fast, Jesus calls us to do penance. Voluntary acts of self-denial are highly recommended and encouraged.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY - are days of fast and abstinence. Limit one full meal on these days to all between 18 and 59 years of age. The other two meals should be lighter than they normally would be. Eating between meals is to be avoided. No meat for those 14 years and older.

FRIDAYS OF LENT - are days of abstinence, that is, Catholics who are 14 years and over are required to give up meat.

EASTER DUTY - the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

Lent Begins February 14th

On **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**, we begin that special season of penitential observance known as LENT. It is that time of year when we take time out to seriously examine our human values against profoundly different Gospel values—when we reassess our principles against principles of the Good News of Jesus.



Ash Wednesday – February 14th
Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.
7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English
10:00 am & 7:00 pm – Masses in Spanish

2024 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL
A STATE OF HOPE

Every gift matters. Every gift makes a difference.

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31

SAVE THE DATE

Saint Patrick's Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 4:00 pm
 Church Hall Ticket Donation: \$25

Looking Ahead

- February 14 – Ash Wednesday
- February 15 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner
at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall
- March 10 – Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward
- March 17 – St. Patrick Day Dinner
- March 24 – Palm Sunday
- March 29 – Good Friday
- March 31 – Easter Sunday
- April 27 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance
- May 5 – Confirmation at Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul

MASSES FOR

FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2024

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead, however the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, February 12

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 am – Peter Gallo, Jr. by family

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:30 am – Ash Wednesday – Mass in English
10:00 am – Ash Wednesday – Mass in Spanish
5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday – Mass in English
7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday – Mass in Spanish

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 15

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 16

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday after Ash Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am – Intentions of Parishioners

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm

Robert Brooks by the Parente Family
Angel & Rose Moretti and Arthur & Jeanne Weinzierl
by Doug & Sandra

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

Sunday, February 18
First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Gloria Carnevale
Cosimo DeNucci – Birthday Remembrance
by Mary Anne & Dan & Family
Jennie Merola – 3 Year Remembrance
by Family

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)
Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

February 3 & 4, 2024
\$7,546.00

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is offered
in the Church:

Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in English
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in Spanish



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+ Died in Christ +
Teodora Hernandez

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