

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Begins February 17th

On **Ash Wednesday, February 17th**, 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 17th

Blessed ashes distributed during all Masses.

7:30 am & 5:30 pm – Masses in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

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 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.

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-smearing 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!***

What will this Lent mean to you?

Our spiritual journey for Lent is outlined in the Ash Wednesday Gospel: **prayer – fasting – good works.**

Make the following a part of your journey:
daily mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Saturday confession...

Let this Lent really make a difference in our lives as we ***"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."***

The Scalabrini Dukcevic Center, across the street from our Church, will offer **FREE COVID-19 TESTING every Monday afternoon from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.**

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Please wear a face-mask to be tested for the health and safety of everyone participating.



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**MASSES FOR
FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2021**

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

Monday, February 15 - President's Day

7:30 am - Elena Pilloni by sister
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 am - Intention of Priest Celebrant

Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, February 18 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, February 19 - Lenten Weekday

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, February 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 am - Umberto Alfieri & Benedetta Alfieri by Sr. Rose

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm

Cosimo DeNucci - Birthday Remembrance
by Dan & Mary Anne & family
Angelo & Rose Moretti by Doug & Sandra
Arthur & Jeanne Weinzierl by Doug & Sandra
Joseph Pastina - 5 Year Remembrance - by wife & children
Carmeno & Loretta Volatile by Ann & Marguerite

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, February 21
First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 am

Andrea Ceprano by Concettina, Diana, & Giancarlo

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am

Intentions of Parishioners



**SANCTUARY CANDLE &
ALTAR BREAD & WINE:**

*In Memory Of
Elena Pilloni by sister*

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Please take note: the Sacrament of Confession is offered every **Saturday from 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm in English** and from **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Spanish & English** in the Church, or weekdays by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

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