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ASH WEDNESDAY

— THE BEGINNING OF LENT —



WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of **Lent**. Palm branches, blessed on the **Palm Sunday** from the previous liturgical year, are burned to create the ashes which will be imposed upon the forehead.

WHY USE ASHES?

Since the Old Testament, ashes have served as a symbol of **repentance**. Imposing them upon the forehead serves as a reminder and an invitation to repentance and to follow God more closely.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is the 40 day period from Ash Wednesday to the **Sacred Paschal Triduum**. It is marked by prayer, fasting, & almsgiving.

PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: 7 AM, NOON, 7 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Albie Porrata +

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Cory Colwell +

Monday, February 20

No Public Mass

Tuesday, February 21

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Witwer +

8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Albie Porrata +

12 Noon David Paul Butler +

7:00 p.m. Parish Family

Thursday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Jane Case +

Friday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Beatrice Hickert +

Saturday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*

4:35 p.m. *Rosary*

5:00 p.m. Dale Helmer +

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. *Rosary*

10:00 a.m. Raymond "Bud" Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 20 - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - President's Day - Sir 1:1-10/
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - Sir 2:1-11/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday - Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr - Dt 30:15-20/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 24 - Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25 - Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent - Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7/ Rom 5:12-19/ or 5:12,17-19/
Mt 4:1-11

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 19, 2023

This weekend (February 18th/19th), the Church celebrates the **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Continuing from the last two weekends, this weekend was formerly known as *Quinquagesima Sunday* as it marks the last Sunday before **Ash Wednesday** and the start of **Lent**. Appropriately, this weekend's readings reflect some of the Lord's most difficult commands, including turning the other cheek. May we reflect upon these challenges of the Lord as we discern how He is calling us to enter into our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

With the start of **Lent** upon us this Wednesday (February 22nd), we will have **Masses for Ash Wednesday offered at 7 AM, Noon, and 7 PM**. As a reminder, **Ash Wednesday** is a day of **fasting** and **abstinence**. On this day, we abstain from meat (*as we also do every Friday throughout Lent*) and limit ourselves to one normal and two small meals throughout the day. These biblical practices of fasting (Matthew 9:14-15) and abstinence (Daniel 10:2-3) serve to strengthen our practice of self-discipline and remind us of our true end (*which is not here on earth, but in heaven*).

Entering into **Lent**, we will notice several liturgical changes (*or absences*) that emphasize the penitential nature of this season. Our sanctuary becomes a bit more bare, with less floral decorations present. The gilded crucifix, candlesticks, and bleached candles replaced with a wooden crucifix, candlesticks, and unbleached candles. Even our words will become more sparse as both the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* will not pass our lips again until **Easter Sunday**.

Musically, we will, for the first time this year, be omitting the closing hymn at the end of Mass. After the closing blessing and the recitation of the St. Michael Prayer, we will recess out of the Church in silence throughout Lent (save for *Laetare Sunday*). This practice is encouraged by our Bishops' Conference in their document "*Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*," which encourages a silent recessional during Lent (*Sing to the Lord*, paragraph 199) to allow for periods of deeper reflection and prayer after Mass.

Over the past many months, Bishop Rhoades, at both the Priest Education Days and the recent Eucharistic talks, has reemphasized and encouraged the use of silence in the liturgy. Sharing from the above document, Bishop reemphasized that "*God is revealed both in the beauty of song and in the power of silence. Silence in the Liturgy allows the community to reflect on what it has heard and experienced, and to open its heart to the mystery celebrated.*" This moment of silence is also another way to enter into our year's theme: *Lord, teach us to pray*.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Earlier this month, our diocesan Office of Worship gave notice that Bishop Rhoades has given permission to resume the distribution of the Most Precious Blood at Mass in the coming weeks. He has asked each pastor to discern if, how, and when this practice resumes in each parish, keeping in mind the local practice of the parish itself. For our parish, we will plan to resume the distribution of the Most Precious Blood starting on Easter Sunday (April 8th/9th).

As a reminder, we receive the fullness of the Real Presence of our Lord when receiving the Eucharist under either species of the Sacred Host or the Most Precious Blood. Reception under both species, though not required, simply offers "*a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet*" (as described in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, paragraph 281). Whether receiving under one or both species, may we always "*seek to live joyfully and gratefully by the strength of this heavenly food as, in it, we share in the death and resurrection of the Lord*" (*Eucharisticum Mysterium*, paragraph 13).

To assist with the reverent distribution of the Most Precious Blood, we will be seeking the assistance of two Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion per Mass. For those who have previously been trained to assist in this ministry, please watch for an email this week with details on how to be added to the monthly minister's schedule. For those who would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact the Parish Office for more information. ~In Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Marj Sanders.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Remember that
you are dust, and to
dust you shall return.
Ecclesiastes 3:20

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule:

7:00 PM Mass
12 Noon Mass
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Discussion: Praying the
Liturgy of the Hours (Parish Social
Hall)

Lenten Soup Supper - Friday, Feb. 24
5:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent - February 24 - March 31 - at 7:00 PM



LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd through
Easter Sunday, April 9th
Non-perishable food items only please!
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PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Feb. 18** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 18** - *Mardi Gras Celebration* - 6-9:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Sun., Feb. 19** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 19** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 21** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 21** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Wed., Feb. 22** - *Ash Wednesday Masses* - 7:00 a.m. / 12 Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Feb. 22** - *Discussion: Praying the Liturgy of the Hours* - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Thurs., Feb. 23** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Feb. 24** - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Sign up sheet, to bring soup, is in the narthex.
- **Fri., Feb. 24** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 25** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30-9:00 a.m.
- **Sat., Feb. 25** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 26** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Feb. 26** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 28** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Feb. 28** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Wed., Mar. 1** - Praise & Worship Holy Hour - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 1** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 1** - Parish Council Meeting - 7:45 p.m.

Weekend of February 25/26, 2023



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Sam Smith and Isaiah Bedwell (Children's Choir)



5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 Dan Geimer



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of February 11/12

Adult Envelopes- \$2,176.00
Loose- \$140.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$381.74
Votive Candles- \$89.00
Hall Rent- \$150.00

Total- \$3,061.74

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$943.99 behind our
budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$175.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish
are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

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WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Maya Cerna, daughter of Roy and Mayra Cerna, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on February 12, 2023, by Fr. David Violi.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

Dates to
Remember

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS!

- * The Light is on For You - Tuesday, March 14th from 6-8:00 PM
 - * Friday, March 31 - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
(watch for more information about time and tickets)
- * Sunday, April 2 - Shroud of Turin Presentation at 11:30 AM
in the Parish Social Hall

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- is it inspiring?
- is it necessary?
- is it kind?



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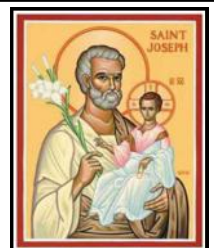


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