

THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • February 13-14, 2021

Living within God's Love Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday February 17

Mass with Ashes: † 2:00 pm & 6:30 pm IN-PERSON LIVESTREAM
Distribution of Ashes: † 8 am & Noon—Church
† 3:30-4 pm—Parish Hall Driveway

Stations of the Cross

Care for Creation: † February 25, 6:30 pm IN-PERSON LIVESTREAM
Racial Justice: † March 11, 6:30 pm IN-PERSON LIVESTREAM
Human Trafficking: † March 25, 6:30 pm IN-PERSON LIVESTREAM

Lenten Prayer Services with Therese Fenzl

Via Zoom: † March 4, 6:30 pm † March 18, 6:30 pm

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups—Sundays, Feb. 21-March 21, 4:30 pm

Via Zoom: Contact Darlene Maurer for details, dmaurer@themadeleine.edu

Confessions—By appointment; no Communal Penance Service

Palm Sunday—Palms available to pick up in front of church

Mass: † March 27, 5:00 pm IN-PERSON ONLY

Mass: † March 28, 10:00 am IN-PERSON LIVESTREAM

Good Friday Tenebrae † April 2, Noon IN-PERSON ONLY

Paschal Triduum and Easter:

All services IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM unless noted

Holy Thursday † April 1, 6:30 pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday † April 2, 6:30 pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil † April 3, 8:30 pm—Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Easter Sunday † April 4, 8:00 am—Mass IN-PERSON ONLY 10:00 am—Mass

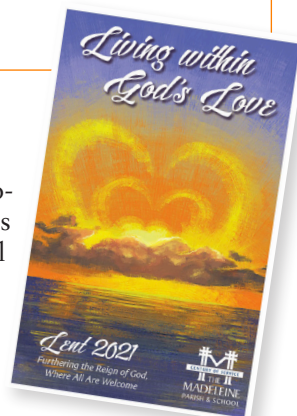
Visit www.themadeleine.edu/lent for details and updates.

LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK AVAILABLE

Download a copy at www.themadeleine.edu/lent

Again this year we have produced a wonderful Lenten devotional book, led by parishioner Marilyn Robb, and with reflections written by parishioners, priests, parents...and Madeleine School students as well.

Download your copy at www.themadeleine.edu/lent. We will also have some printed copies available at church when you come for Mass, or at the Parish Office during business hours.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOMETIMES AN ILLNESS is considered socially unacceptable and those afflicted cannot escape the injustice and the judgment that can accompany the condition. Today's readings focus on leprosy, but they could be about any disease or condition that evokes fear, alienation or condemnation. Those who suffer are urged to turn to God for healing. All of us are called to imitate Jesus, who throughout his life, embraced and healed the sick and outcast. It is a hard challenge to ignore and an even harder one for many of us to accept.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Thomas Goodwin	Minnie Bell Johnson
Kenneth Berglund	Patrick Felten
Dean Wikander	Mary Beth Wikander
Grant Fisher	Marcia Hubler
Susan Crosby	

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers

Charlie Phipps	Sister Louise Tibbets
Chad Garvens	Carl Mason
Sharon Sugaski	Corinne Jordan
Sylvia Manzo	Janet Leonard
Bill Krueer	Marianne Kersten
Gretchen Stevenson	Larry Mason

WORSHIP & PRAYER

02/16, Tues.	Howard Hedinger †
02/17, Weds. 2:00 pm	Elizabeth Curtaint †
6:30 pm	Marty Wilgus †
02/18, Thurs.	Marcia Hubler †
02/19, Fri.	Rocco Giancarlo †
02/20, Sat.	Gaynor Moynihan †
02/21 Sun.	Mary Grace McDermott †

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

▶ World Marriage Day

9:00 am: RCIA-Zoom

10:00 am: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

▶ Presidents' Day—

No School, Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

▶ No School, Inservice

10:00 am: Adoration—Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

▶ Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes:

8:00 am & Noon—Church

3:30–4:00 pm—Parish Hall Driveway

Mass with Ashes: 2:00 pm & 6:30 pm—Church

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

2:00 pm: School Mass—Church

2:30 pm: Music Enrichment (Virtual)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

▶ No School Mass today

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 am: Mass—Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00 am: Mass—Church


RCIA Rite of Signing/Election

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

ACCESSING THE MADELEINE IN TIME OF COVID-19

▶  **IN-PERSON**—To sign up, visit
www.themadeleine.edu/mass

NOTE: Weekday Morning Masses do not require pre-registration. Weekend, Thursday School Mass and Holy Day of Obligation Masses do require pre-registration.

▶  **LIVESTREAM**—on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 10:00 am, plus most Thursdays during school, and special events:
www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish

▶ **Confession:** By appointment

▶ **Adoration:** Watch calendar for times

▶ **Daily Emails:** To sign up, visit
www.themadeleine.edu/email

PARISH LIFE

VACCINE OUTREACH MINISTRY SNOW DAYS, STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION

Vaccine info for older parishioners at www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine

Another week in the Vaccine Outreach Ministry, another news broadcast, more updates and hundreds helped. Some notes from a fast and frantic week:

▶ **Snow Days**—If you were among those who were “snowed out” of your appointment, most of the vaccine sites indicated they would be in contact with you to reschedule.

▶ **New appointments**—If you visited our Vaccine Outreach Page, you noticed several new sites. We are told that the Safeway/Albertson’s site is now taking appointments. If you are trying to make an appointment and not having luck at one link, try another one on our page.

▶ **TV coverage**—Again this week, our ministry got news coverage, this time on KGW. Click here for the story

▶ **Statewide distribution**—The Oregon Health Authority sent our page link and information out to 1,800 faith communities



statewide. While our information is specific to the Portland Metro area, our outreach ministry toolkit is universal.

If you or a family member need help navigating the COVID vaccine gauntlet, send an email to vaccine@themadeleine.edu. You can visit our Vaccine Outreach information page at www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine. We are updating the page as often as we find new information to post, so check back frequently.

LENTEN VIRTUAL FAITH SHARING GROUP

Sundays, Feb. 21–March 21 via Zoom

Are you interested in joining other parishioners in studying and reflecting more deeply on the Sunday readings for Lent?

We are offering a Lenten virtual faith sharing opportunity on Sundays, 4:00–5:00 pm, beginning on February 21 and

concluding on March 21. We will utilize the Parish Lenten Book and other study materials. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Darlene Maurer, dmaurer@themadeleine.edu

MADELEINE PROVISIONS—SCHOOL FUNDRAISER ON WHOLESALE MEATS AND SEAFOOD

Ordering Site is Now Open • www.themadeleine.edu/provisions

A few of The Madeleine parents in the food and wine industry have teamed up to bring you Wagyu Beef, Kurobuta Pork, Gourmet Sausages, Sushi grade Tuna, New Zealand Ora-King Salmon and more - all at wholesale prices far below what you could pay locally. It's all being done at cost plus a 10% donation going back to the school for the Area of Greatest Need.

Starting Friday, February 12, orders can be placed and paid for online at www.themadeleine.edu/provisions. On that link, you'll find descriptions of the products and an easy to use order form, plus a secure credit card link.

Orders are due NO LATER THAN Tuesday, February 23 @ 6pm. Item PICK UP will be under the new tent at the school's main entrance on Friday, February 26, from 2 to 5 pm. We will be observing all current COVID safety regulations to make this a safe and enjoyable experience.

Please email or text Darryl Fowler (dcfowler@mac.com / 323-854-3333) if you have questions about the products or this new program. And if you have friends who want to participate, please forward the link to them as well. The more orders we have, the more we can raise for the school.

**Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 15
for the Presidents Day holiday**

THE HEALING POWER OF MUSIC

In this week's gospel, Jesus continues his healing ministry – this time, healing the leper who has been rendered “unclean.” In the Church, the ritual act of healing takes place in the Anointing of the Sick. As one of the most misunderstood sacraments of the Church, many confuse this as the “last rites,” and assume that if they are receiving it they must be close to death!

However, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.” And while a physical cure does not always occur, the sacrament certainly has restorative healing powers which can give one strength, peace and courage to face a grave illness or an aging body.

Music can also be a source of restorative healing. Often, the most powerful healing songs are born out of the greatest sufferings. One such song is Thomas Dorsey's “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” Dorsey wrote this song in 1932

following the death of his wife and infant son during childbirth. Grief-stricken, one quiet evening Dorsey sat at the piano and began to play an old Sunday School song he remembered from his childhood. Arranging the tune and adding his own words, “Precious Lord,” captures the grief not only of Dorsey but also of any who are in need of comfort and healing or have suffered

a great loss. “Precious Lord” was a source of inspiration and the favorite hymn of Martin Luther King, Jr. At King's request, the great gospel singer Mahalia Jackson sang it for many civil rights rallies – and sang it for his funeral. It comforted millions who mourned the loss of Martin Luther King, Jr. as much as when Dorsey wrote it amidst the grief of his own loss. “Precious Lord” continues to be one of the most beloved gospel songs of all times.

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead
me home.*

—Maria Manzo



PARISH LIFE

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We would love to have you join us for our Zoom meeting the last week of this month. Our February book selection, *Someone Knows My Name*, by Lawrence Hill and W.W. Norton, is an excellent choice for our discussion during Black History Month. For more information, please contact our MBC Ministry Coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 19-21, 2021, or April 17-18, 2021. To apply for your WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthespark.org. For information about WWME call 503-853-2758 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife re-discover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 5-7, 2021, call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Masses:

Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday (School Mass) 2:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

► Signup for in-person Saturday & Sunday Mass & Thursday School Mass at www.themadeleine.edu/mass or call the Parish Office

► Livestream 10:00 am Sunday and 2:00 pm Thursday at youtube.com/themadeleineparish

Penance . . . By appointment; call Parish Office

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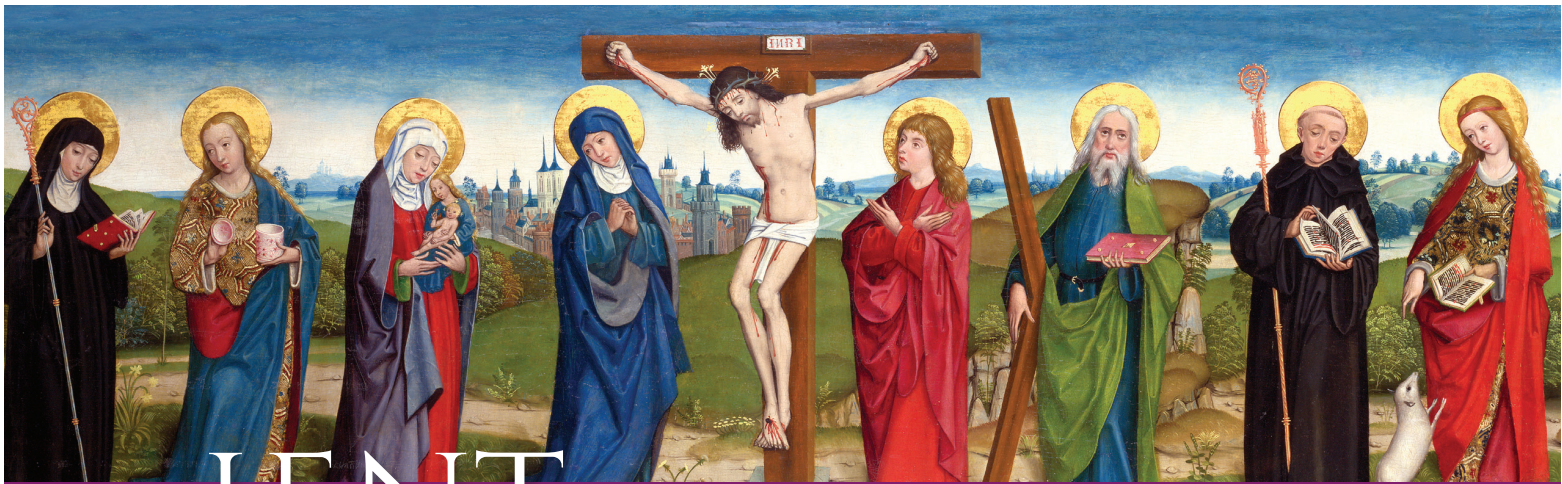
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Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu



LENT 2021

			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			17 FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY How will you turn back to God and change your life this Lent. <i>Psalm 51: 12</i>	18 Deny Yourself What must you leave behind to follow Jesus more closely this Lent? <i>Luke 9:23</i>	19 Fast from Food Share some food today with those who are poor and hungry. <i>Isaiah 58:7</i>	20 Listen to Me, O God Take some time to lift your voice to God in prayer. <i>Psalm 86:1-2</i>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY				
21 God's Kingdom Is Near Be more attentive to God's presence in your life today. <i>Mark 1:14-15</i>	22 Love Your Neighbor as Yourself How might you be more loving to others today? <i>Leviticus 19:18</i>	23 Jesus' Prayer Take time to say the Our Father and let it become your own prayer to God. <i>Matthew 6:9-13</i>	24 Have Mercy, O God How might you best make reconciliation with someone today? <i>Psalm 51:3-4</i>	25 Give Good Things How might you imitate God's great generosity and give to others? <i>Matthew 7:7-11</i>	26 Fast from Anger Pray for someone with whom you are angry and let your anger go. <i>Matthew 5:23-24</i>	27 Love Your Enemies How might you respond to Jesus' call to greater love for others? <i>Matthew 5:43-45</i>
28 You Are My Beloved Child Thank God for adopting you as a beloved child. <i>Mark 9:7</i>	1 MARCH Stop Judging Strive today to be less judgmental about others and their actions. <i>Luke 6:37</i>	2 Hear God's Word How might you find more time to listen to God's Word for you today? <i>Isaiah 1:10</i>	3 To Serve Not Be Served Jesus encourages us to serve the needs of others not our own. <i>Matthew 20:28</i>	4 God Probes Our Heart Be with Jesus as he reveals what you need to draw closer to him. <i>Jeremiah 17:10</i>	5 Fast from Violence God sent Jesus to show us how to love and do good for others. <i>John 3:16</i>	6 Father I Have Sinned Like the prodigal son, let us go to God to ask for forgiveness. <i>Luke 15:21</i>
7 You Are God's Temple What most needs preparation for God to come to dwell in you? <i>John 2:18</i>	8 Thirst for God Be attentive to how much you want to draw nearer to God this Lent. <i>Psalm 42:3</i>	9 Forgive Others Whom might you most need to forgive today to restore a relationship? <i>Matthew 21:35</i>	10 Obey God's Commands Which commandment do you most need to attend to today? <i>Matthew 5:19</i>	11 Listen to God's Voice What has God most been prompting you to do this Lent? <i>Jeremiah 7:23</i>	12 Fast from Idolatry How might you put God first in your heart and in your life? <i>Mark 12:29</i>	13 God Will Heal Us From what do you most want to have God heal you today? <i>Hosea 6:1</i>
14 God Is Rich in Mercy Consider the ways God has blessed you this Lent. <i>Ephesians 2:4</i>	15 A New Creation How has God been working to create something new in you this Lent? <i>Isaiah 65:1-2</i>	16 Fear Not Hand your fear over to God who is with you and will give you courage. <i>Psalm 46:2-3</i>	17 I Cannot Forget You Like a mother, God cannot forget you and will always be with you. <i>Isaiah 49:15</i>	18 The Father Sent Me How might you respond to Jesus' presence to reveal God to you? <i>John 5:37-38</i>	19 ST. JOSEPH Fast from Ignorance Spend time today learning more about Jesus and his message. <i>John 7:28-29</i>	20 Who Is Jesus? Answer for yourself who you think Jesus is and what he has done. <i>John 7:40-41</i>
21 A New Covenant Rejoice that God has come to dwell in your heart. <i>Jeremiah 31:33</i>	22 Sin No More Now is the time to change whatever draws you away from godly ways. <i>John 8:11</i>	23 Seek God Spend time today considering where God is most at work in your life. <i>John 8:28-29</i>	24 Remain in My Word Take time to quietly ponder Jesus' words today. <i>John 8:31-32</i>	25 THE ANNUNCIATION Recall God's Works Praise and thank God today for the beauty of creation. <i>Psalm 104:4-5</i>	26 Fast from Revenge Put aside all desire to repay someone for any evil done to you. <i>John 10:31-32</i>	27 Be Loyal Jesus, let us be loyal to God's ways even if it means hardship. <i>John 11:47-50</i>
28 PALM SUNDAY God's Suffering Servant How might you share in the sufferings of others today? <i>Philippians 2:8-9</i>	29 Bring Forth Justice How can you create right relationships (justice) as Jesus did? <i>Isaiah 42:1</i>	30 One Will Betray Me How have you most betrayed your loyalty and commitment to Jesus? <i>John 13:21</i>	31 Done for You Draw courage from Jesus who sees his suffering from God's viewpoint. <i>Isaiah 50:7</i>	1 APRIL HOLY THURSDAY My Body Given for You Share yourself and your food as Jesus did. <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>	2 GOOD FRIDAY Behold, the Man! Spend time today contemplating Jesus in his last hours. <i>John 19:4-5</i>	3 EASTER VIGIL Jesus Is Risen! How might you share this Good News with others today? <i>Mark 16:6-8</i>

Lent 2021

Forty Footsteps for Forty Days

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Forty Footsteps for Forty Days!!!

Jesus walked through deserts, waters, mountains, and cities to do his work. What work did he do? Walk with Jesus to Easter and find out!

17 FEBRUARY

Lent starts today!

We start our walk through Lent today. Ask a parent: How will we keep Lent this year?

18 We read the Bible more often in Lent. Can you and a parent find this verse? 2 Corinthians 6:2

Read it aloud. Say it together as a prayer for meals or before bed!

19

Jesus walked through many kinds of places. Fill a clay flowerpot saucer with sand to remember the desert that Jesus walked through.

20

21 1st Sunday of Lent

Jesus went to the desert to pray. Jesus liked to pray. "Abba!" which means "Father!" What will you pray?

22

In the desert, Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights. Fasting means going without something. Jesus went without food.

23

When we fast in Lent, we give up something we like. The things we like are good! But when we go without them, we "taste" another good thing: freedom.

ICE CREAM

24

In the desert, Jesus was hungry. But he wanted to taste freedom.

Instead of time spent on getting food, Jesus had free time to wander and to think. Free time to listen to God.

25

Lent is like a desert. For a while, we do without some things.

For a while, we want more free time to do and to think, to love and to listen to God.

26

"Ask and it will be given to you," Jesus says. God wants to give us freedom. Write down ways you want to be free and put them with your sand.

27

Now think of ways Jesus was free:

FREE TO FORGIVE!

Free to forgive. Free to teach. Free to love. Write down the one you like best and put it in your sand pile.

28 2nd Sunday of Lent

Jesus and his friends go to a mountain. Find a rock that reminds you of a mountain and add it to your sand.

1 MARCH

Imagine being on the mountain.

Now you hear a voice: "This is my beloved child. Listen to him!" What's the best thing Jesus could say to you?

2

On a mountain you look and see the world a new way. Here's another way: Cut a frame with a 2 x 2 window. Take it outside. What do you see?

3

On the mountain the disciples saw something new, too: Jesus shining like the sun. Can you get up tomorrow to see something new?

4

A rock is hard! Climbing a mountain is hard! Why did Jesus do it?

5

Jesus didn't stay on the mountain. He came back down and kept walking—and talking! Ask a parent to read to you his story in Matthew 17:1-13.

6

Close your eyes for a moment. What do you hear? Now try to listen deeper. What might God be saying to you?

7 3rd Sunday of Lent

On a long walk, you need water! Add a bowl of water along side your sand.

8

Jesus was thirsty, so he stopped in a strange town and asked a woman for water. Who could use a drink in your house right now?

9

Jesus asked for water, but he also told the woman, "I could give you water so that you'd never be thirsty again!"

Ask each family member to finish this sentence: I wish I would never again be _____

10

Jesus said, "The water I shall give will overflow into eternal life." What gifts of God are so good they should go on forever and ever?

11

The woman put down her bucket of water and ran to her friends. "Is this the Messiah, the chosen one of God?"

What do you think about Jesus? What name would you give him?

12

God's gift of water reminds us of God's gift of baptism. Ask your parent: When were you baptized? Who was there? What happened?

13

Read a verse or two from the Bible and then draw a picture about what you read. Try Psalm 23!



THE FOUNDATIONS OF LENT

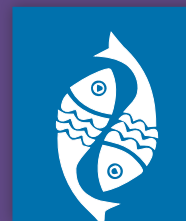
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING anyone can do for Lent is to “return to the Lord with your whole heart” (Joel 2:12). That’s the root meaning of repent: to turn around. Catholics have traditionally expressed sorrow for sin and the desire to live as genuine disciples of Christ through the three traditional Lenten disciplines of **fasting**, **almsgiving** and **prayer**—which help to turn us toward Christ as the true source of happiness. These are forms of self-denial: we deny the tendency in us to seek happiness in physical pleasure, in economic security, or in power. Just as Jesus was tempted in the desert (Matthew 4:1-11), we must face our temptation to put pleasure, property or power ahead of our relationship to God.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES prepare us to receive the grace of Easter. By virtue of Christ’s victory over death, our relationship to pleasure, property and power is no longer a matter of following our own selfish inclinations, but of gratefully receiving all that the Lord has to give us.

Fasting and abstinence practiced as the Church instructs is a good beginning. A bodily way to remind ourselves that we need God above all things, fasting is also a sacrifice, a gift back to God of our heart’s intent to depend more completely on God. The interior free desire to deepen our relationship to God is the essence of a Lenten fast.

Almsgiving readjusts our priorities while it expresses both our love of neighbor and our trust in God. A free gift to those in need confirms our basic trust in Providence while concretely helping those in need. Just as we fast without starving ourselves, so we give alms without jeopardizing our security or that of our family. The point is to give from the heart.

Prayer is a recognition that we need help to turn back to God. From daily Mass to the Rosary to Centering Prayer to the Stations of the Cross to Eucharistic Adoration, the Church encourages a wealth of prayerful practices. A very simple way to pray is to sit quietly for a moment before taking up one of the Gospels and slowly reading a passage that you like. Simply sit with the passage for a bit, savoring the Word and allowing it to touch you, read it again slowly, and then respond to God.



THE EVENTS OF LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning *spring*. The season lasts from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, often observed by receiving a cross of ashes on the forehead at Mass.

Holy Week includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

Palm or **Passion Sunday** has contrasting names, one because of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (to the waving palm branches), the other because this Sunday begins our focus on Jesus' days of suffering and death.

Paschal Triduum, from the Latin for "three days," extends from evening Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday.

Maundy (Holy) Thursday gets its name from Jesus' "new commandment" (*mandatum* in Latin) to love one another, which he spoke during the passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Holy Eucharist. Typically the Catholic Church now refers to this day as **Holy Thursday** and it is also notable for being the day on which the *Chrism Mass* is celebrated.

Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial, sometimes with special *Tre Ore* (*three hour*) observances. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the church darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil is celebrated on Holy Saturday evening after sundown; traditionally a time for baptizing, confirming and receiving new members.

Easter, named after an ancient spring festival, is the "great Sunday," on which each Sunday Eucharist is modeled.

READINGS FOR LENT 2021

Ash Wednesday: . J1 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

1st Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

2nd Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

3rd Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

4th Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

5th Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Palm Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

Holy Thursday: .. Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 ; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1;

Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4;

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7

Christ in the Desert

Lenten observance in the early centuries of the Church was closely linked with Christ's forty days of testing in the desert. So the Lenten journey has long been seen as going with Jesus, figuratively, at least, into the desert. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (#540).

"Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry" (Luke 4:1-2). Jesus was tempted by the devil to use his divine and human powers only for his own personal desires rather than to use them generously and unselfishly for others according to God's plan of redemption.

During Lent, we practice disciplines that are aimed at renewing and transforming our lives, to help us rise with Christ to the often harsh challenges of self-giving love.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health should observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinance forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.



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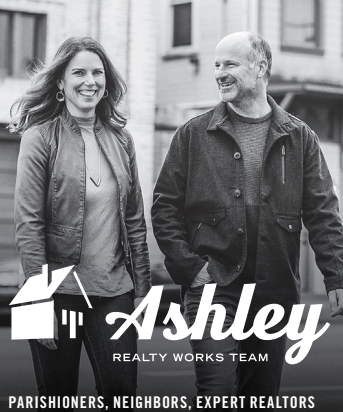
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