

Lent/Easter 2019

Ash Wednesday – March 6, 2019

Mass with Distribution of Ashes
7:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 6:30 PM

Weekdays of Lent

Monday through Thursday	8:00 AM	Mass
Wednesday Evenings	5:30 PM	Confessions
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	6:30 PM	Mass

Seasonal Celebrations

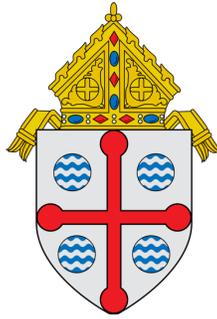
Monday-Wednesday	April 8, 9, 10	6:30 PM Each Evening	Lenten Mission
Sunday	April 14	2:30 PM	Lenten Penance Service
Monday	April 15	7:00 PM	Chrism Mass (St. Michael's Cathedral)

Triduum

Holy Thursday	April 18	7:00 PM	Mass of the LORD'S Supper
Good Friday	April 19	12:00 Noon	Children's Way of the Cross
		3:00 & 7:00 PM	Good Friday of the LORD'S Passion
Saturday	April 20	11:00 AM	Blessing of Easter Food (Pine Room)
		8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Sunday	April 21	7:00, 8:30 & 10:30 AM	Easter Sunday Mass
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Lent is a time when all Christians are called to reflect on their relationship with Christ and their relationship with each other, by works of sacrifice and charity undertaken to increase and improve those relationships. It is a time for us first to look into ourselves and work on those faults and failings that each of us have, that prevent us from being all God is calling us to be. It is a time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may put things right with God and others. It is a time for acts of penance and alms giving, helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The visible signs of our Lenten practices come on Ash Wednesday itself when we wear the sign of the cross on our forehead as a reminder that our frail human nature needs the saving power of Christ.

As penitential practices, those who are between the ages of 18 and 59 are urged to undertake during Lent two special days of fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast means only one full meal with two smaller meals and no eating between meals. Additionally, every Catholic 14 years and older is urged to make Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent meatless days – days on which no meat of any kind is taken.

The imposition of ashes, fasting and abstinence from meat are outward signs of the work we seek to do during Lent, to make our interior dispositions more of what Christ would have us be. Each of us is asked, as well, to undertake specific ways and means: prayer, action, alms giving, mortification, and self-sacrifice that will help us grow in our understanding of all God has done for us and will bring us closer to the Christ who lived, died and rose – that we might live with him forever.

May this Lent be for each of us a time of growth in our relationship with Christ and with others and may it be a time that we find ourselves more fully in concert with all that God calls us to be.

