

# What's Coming up for Lent 2018?

## Ash Wednesday

The imposition of ashes is a solemn ritual that signals the beginning of the holy season of Lent. The ceremony is distinctive; there is no liturgical action like it throughout the entire church year.

The ashes come from a previous Palm Sunday. The palms are burned, the ashes collected and then crushed into a fine, sooty powder and placed into bowls.

The ashes are blessed by the priest during the Ash Wednesday Mass after the homily. Then, in a Communion-like procession, people are invited to come forward, and the ashes are applied to each person's forehead in the shape of a cross as the minister says either, "Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15), the usual prayer, or "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19), the older, more traditional invocation.



**Ash Wednesday Mass times: 9:00am, 12:15pm, 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed during Mass**

## The Penitential Act during Mass

There are three options for the Penitential Act during Mass. The first option is to pray together the *Confiteor* (*con-FIT-ee-or*). This is a prayer of confession. We pray this aloud together and admit our sinfulness while asking for God's Mercy.



The second option in the Penitential Rite is the shortest. It is a dialogue between the priest and the assembly whose origins are found in the Old Testament in Baruch 3:2 and Psalm 85:8:

***Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
People: For we have sinned against you.  
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
People: and grant us your salvation.***

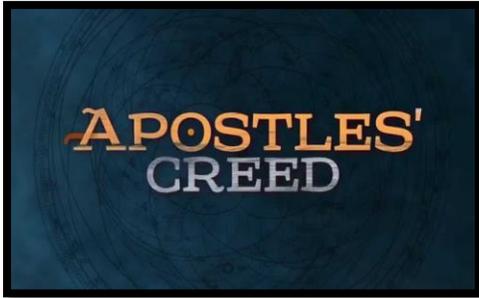
**We will use the Second Option during the Lent and Easter Seasons this year and can be found on page 142 of JourneySong**

The third option we pray three invocations followed by "Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and Lord have mercy" again, repeating the ending phrase after the priest. If the priest uses the Greek words, we respond in Greek: "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison."

If the first two options are used, they are followed by the Kyrie as well, but without invocations.

## The Apostles' Creed during Lent and Easter

The rubric found in the Roman Missal for the Order of Mass, 19, stipulates that:



Instead of the Nicene Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.

The reason this option is recommended particularly for Lent/Easter Time is because of its close relationship with baptism. The Apostles' Creed is the basis for the baptismal promises made by the elect before they are baptized. It is also used for the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter and by parents and godparents when bringing a child for baptism.

**During Lent/Easter we will use the Apostles Creed during all Sunday Masses. The Apostles Creed can be found on page 148 of JourneySong following the Nicene Creed.**

### Parish Lenten Mission

Our Parish Lenten Mission this year will be held between March 10 and March 13. Fr. Barry Strong, O.S.F.S. Retreat Director, Theologian and Director of Administration for the Oblate Community will lead us during our mission. Schedule for the Mission TBA

### Parish Reconciliation Service

will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30am. Please note the time of our Reconciliation service this year. We are offering the ONLY daytime reconciliation service in the Fayetteville area. Other local parishes will have their Reconciliation Service in the evenings. Dates and times of these services will be in the bulletin throughout Lent.

### The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Will be celebrated at all Masses the weekend of March 10/11. More Information to follow.

### Operation Rice Bowl

We are called to love our neighbor. But, like the scholar in the scripture passage, we may find ourselves wondering, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, will help us answer that question.

We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor—as companions on life's journeys—can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

Join nearly 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses around the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities in global solidarity. Take action to build the culture of encounter as missionary disciples with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) this Lent.

Information about Operation Rice Bowl is available in the Gathering Space. We will collect your contributions on Sunday, March 25.