



ASH WEDNESDAY 2026

Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Welcome to the journey of Lent. It is a time of Grace and Peace.

We do this journey together through prayer, fasting and charity in word and deed.

The ashes we receive on our forehead point us to grace. "Remember you are dust and dust you shall return" remind all of us of the gift of life. We are here on earth because of the love of God. We are here for only a little time – we are ashes – so while here we are to be instruments of God's grace. We are to make a difference by our lives and to live as family with everyone.

The cross that is traced with the ashes on our forehead reminds us that true peace is in the Lord, who died on the cross for us and rose from the dead to tell us we will be loved forever.

So, we begin this journey of grace and peace together, a time to walk with the Lord to the Mt. Calvary's of today.

Thank you for being here to begin the journey with us.

May Lent be a time of grace and peace for all of us.