

LENT - EASTER 2021

Lent begins on February 17, 2021 with the summons to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” as ashes are marked upon our head to remind us of our need for conversion. It is a season which calls us to listen more attentively to the Gospel and let it challenge us to renew our baptism, to allow God’s grace to transform our lives. May this journey through the Season of Lent, through the Triduum to Easter and Pentecost be a time of “Spirit-filled” encounter with the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Christ for each of us and for our parish community.

We also make available at the table by the Main Entrance a limited quantity of free reading material for use during Lent. We invite you to pick up a copy for personal prayer and reflection.

Please note that as of February 16, 2021 our church is open at 8:30 am until the end of 9:00 am Mass on weekdays, from 4:00 pm until the end of 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday and from 8:00 am till after the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays. You are most welcome to spend time there especially during Lent for quiet time and meditation.

Here are some questions to ponder as we move through Lent:

- *Are we aware that our Lenten journey prepares us to renew our baptismal promises?*
- *Are our own personal doors open to allow Christ to change our hearts?*
- *Will it be a time for us to allow our merciful God to lead us to reconciliation with those we have excluded or hurt, to heal what is broken, and to affirm what is good and upright?*
- *Will we embrace the disciplines of Lent: fasting, prayer, almsgiving and doing acts of charity as a reminder of God’s love for everyone?*

Let us help one another hold this grace-filled season!

<p>The Liturgical Schedule for the Season is as Follows: [Subject to further changes as a result of Covid-19, please stay tuned!]</p>

Eucharist of the Sundays of Lent: Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 am

Daily Eucharist: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am

On Ash Wednesday [Feb. 17], we have Masses at 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Pre-registration for these two Masses is necessary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Saturdays 4:00 - 4:15 pm
- Weekdays before Mass: 8:30 – 8:50 am
- Wednesday, March 3, Virtual Lenten Penitential Service at 10:00 am (livestreamed and recorded)

Special Diocesan Celebrations:

- **Rite of Election & Calling to Lenten Renewal:**
Diocesan Celebration cancelled, we have no candidate this year
- **Special Opportunities for Almsgiving:**

Diocesan Missionary Works: First Sunday of Lent, February 21st
Development & Peace: Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21st
Britannia Woods Food Pantry

- **Palm Sunday Liturgies on March 27 & 28:**
Saturday at 4:30 pm, Sunday at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 am

Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum [April 1 - 4]

Day 1: from Sundown Thursday to Sundown Friday

Holy Thursday: 7:30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper with brief Adoration**
Good Friday: 3:00 pm **Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

Day 2: from Sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday

Day 3: from Sundown Saturday to Sundown Sunday

Holy Saturday: 8:00 pm **Easter Vigil Celebration**

First Eucharist of Easter. At this celebration, begun in darkness, the mystery of our salvation in Christ unfolds from the creation of the world until the moment when new members are received into the Church. This liturgy is the high point of the whole church year.

Easter Sunday

Eucharist: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Easter Season

Sundays of Easter - April 4 – May 23 (Pentecost)

Eucharist: Saturday at 4:30 pm
Sunday at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Pentecost: May 22-23: We celebrate the completion of the Easter Season and renew our commitment to ministry as a parish in Christ's name.

Eucharist: Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday at 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am

