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## CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 27TH, 2022

On this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, all over the world, Catholics are going to be praying and fasting. It is a powerful day to ask for God's forgiveness and for the salvations of Souls. On Ash Wednesday, Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's at 7:00am, and here at St. Francis Xavier at 5:30pm.

This Lenten season it is our hope in the parishes to emphasize the importance of repentance, and the vehicles which Christ has given us to alleviate our sins, penance and indulgences. To begin, we will examine the role of repentance through an examination of the "ashes" used in penitential practices. As a gesture of repentance, ashes make a frequent appearances in the Old testament.

In the Book of Job, after indulging in theological discourses insulting to the Lord, Job states to the Lord "I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" expressing his sorrow over the folly he and his friends had engaged in. In the book of the prophet Jeremiah, he admonishes Israel to repent with the following words: "O my poor people, put on sackcloth, and roll in ashes; make mourning as for an only child, most bitter lamentation." In the first book of Maccabees, the Jewish zealots preparing to take Jerusalem "fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads, and tore their clothes." In perhaps the most powerful example, from the book of Jonah, that prophet admonishes the Ninevites to repent of their sins. When news of this preaching reaches the King of Nineveh, "he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes."

It is clear that ashes are part of a strong tradition in Hebrew mystical practice, and their use is spoken of by Jesus himself. In the 11th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, when admonishing the faithlessness of certain Galilean towns, Jesus states "if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes."

The use of ashes in Christian tradition echoes these expressions of repentance. When we receive a cross on our foreheads (or a sprinkling of ashes, as is done in most non-English speaking countries), we are echoing these traditions of public repentance. It is a statement of our sinfulness, our imperfection, and our fragility in the face of the almighty. The formula "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return", taken from the third chapter of Genesis, is an explicit reminder of this fact. The Lord speaks those words to Adam and Eve after the first sin, and our use of these words in the liturgy is meant to reinforce our understanding of our sinfulness, and prepare us to enter fully into Lenten observances.

Finally, a short refresher of the Lenten restrictions which we are called to observe. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence, and all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, all Catholics over the age of 14 are *required* to abstain from meat. On days of fasting, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are *required* to limit consumption to one full meal, and two smaller meals whose combined size is equal to or lesser than one full meal. Additionally, we are *strongly recommended* to practice fasting on all other weekdays of Lent, to give generously to those causes which aid the poor of the world, and to engage in spiritual reading and practices of self-denial.



***St. Patrick our Patron Pray for us and our families!***

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me!

- St Patrick's Breastplate

**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Saturday**

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions  
(**St. Patrick**)

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

**Sunday**

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

12:30pm – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On Most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the 11am Holy Mass*

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**[www.stpatrickspokane.org](http://www.stpatrickspokane.org)**

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mass for the Chesterton Academy is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday,

Mass is celebrated in the Convent Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick's from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith Please join us.

NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Weekly youth group ministry is back on for the school year.

High School meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm at the St. Charles Youth Room. Middle School on meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm at the St. Thomas More gym.

Visit "[ncymspokane.com](http://ncymspokane.com)" for more details, or contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator, JJ Nazzaro, at "[jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org)"

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Missionaries of Charity have begun the catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 for ages 3 to 6 years old, and the children of our Lady of Fatima for ages 7 and up. Meetings take place on Mondays, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please see the sisters to complete an application for each child. Both groups will meet in the convent. We can only take about 10 children for the catechesis of the Good Shepard, but there is no limit on the number of Children for Our Lady of Fatima.

LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcomed to join a reading group on St. John Paul II's 'Love and Responsibility'. Weekly discussions will explore the Catholic understanding of human sexuality through the words of St. John Paul II. To join and receive updates, please contact Evan Schmittgen: [emschmittgen@gmail.com](mailto:emschmittgen@gmail.com) or 614-598-4378

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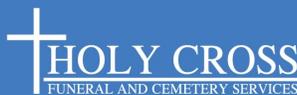
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