

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie



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ASH WEDNESDAY AT HOME RESOURCES FOR PARISHES

(please remember to add the correct information for your parish)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT:

Celebrate at Church or at Home - Ash Wednesday (February 17)

While our churches are expected to be permitted to reopen next week across Northern Ontario, there still remains a capacity restriction as well as parishioners who feel uncomfortable returning at this time. Bishop Dowd is encouraging all Catholics to still celebrate Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent. Parishioners who cannot attend Mass on Ash Wednesday are asked to come to the parish to pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure, and pray at home with the members of your household. Blessed ashes will be available to pick up in our parish on Ash Wednesday, February 17 (from **time** am to **time** pm).

For more information, a digital copy of the prayer service, or to watch a tutorial video on how to use the prayer service, visit:

www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org

SOCIAL MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT:

Celebrate at Church or at Home - Ash Wednesday (February 17)

If you can't make it to Mass on Ash Wednesday, we invite you to pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service to use at home this year with your family or members of your household. Due to restrictions still in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bishop Dowd is encouraging you not to miss out on Ash Wednesday and celebrate from home if you cannot attend Mass. In our parish, you can pick up a small container of blessed

ashes and a prayer service on Ash Wednesday from **time am to time pm**. For more information, a digital copy of the prayer service, or to watch a tutorial video on how to use the prayer service, visit:
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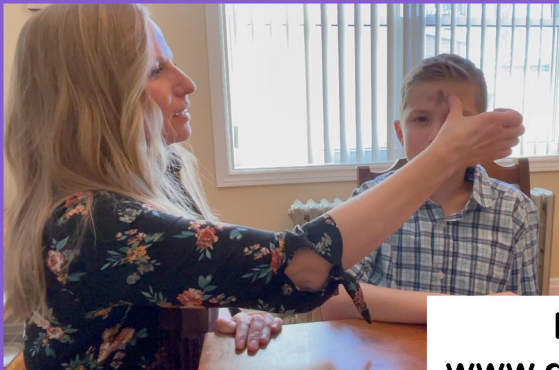
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Don't skip the ashes!

If you can't make it to Mass on Ash Wednesday (February 17), take the ashes home and pray with your family!

It's this easy:

- Step 1:** Pick up blessed ashes and a prayer service brochure from your nearest parish.
- Step 2:** Pray together with your family or members of your household.
- Step 3:** Officially begin the Season of Lent!



Check with your nearest church about available Mass times or when to pick up your blessed ashes!

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