

The Celebration of the Eucharist:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass), 12:00 pm (Adult Choir) and 7:30 pm (Contemporary Choir)

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on the First and Third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard in the church on Saturdays from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and during the week at the Parish House or by appointment with a priest

Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples planning to get married are asked to contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to their wedding date to begin their marriage preparation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Parishioners, especially those who are entering the hospital, who wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Saturday from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Novenas:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday after the 8:00 am and 12:10 pm Masses.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday after the 12:10 p.m. Mass

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February 15, 2015
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Church of the Epiphany February 15, 2015

Holiday Schedule

Monday, February 16, 2015 is President's Day, a national holiday. The Parish Office will be closed that day. A priest can always be reached in case of an emergency by calling 212-475-1966.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 8:00 am Mass, the 12:10 pm Mass, and at Prayer Services at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm. These are the only times that ashes will be distributed. Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and of abstinence from meat.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent at 7:30 pm in the church beginning on February 20th. The one exception will be Friday, March 27th; there will be a Taize Lenten Prayer Service that evening.

Lenten Study Course

Father Golino will conduct a study program on the Blessed Virgin Mary during Lent. It will look at Mary as she is presented to us in Sacred Scripture, the writings of the Church Fathers, and Papal documents. The course will also touch on Marian devotion, Marian apparitions, and miracles attributed to the Blessed Mother. The course will meet on 5 Mondays during Lent - February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16 and March 23 in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 pm. Pre-registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Office (212-475-1966) by Friday, February 20th in order to register.

Lenten Holy Hours

There will be a Holy Hour each Thursday of Lent, beginning on Thursday, February 19th, from 11:00 am until 12 Noon, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a brief reflection on a spiritually related topic at each of the Holy Hours.

Lenten Devotional Materials

We are happy to make available to you free of charge a wide selection of Lenten devotional materials to help you in your spiritual journey during the Lenten season. You will find them in the church narthex.

Living the Eucharist

We will be using a series developed by Paulist Evangelization Ministries called *Living the Eucharist* this Lent. There will be a handout each Sunday that will be available in the narthex. The purpose of this series is create in us a deeper appreciation of the central role the Eucharist plays in our lives. We hope you will use it as a part of your Lenten practice of prayer and reflection.

Announced Mass Intentions

Monday, February 16, 2015

8:00 am Gertrude O'Dea

12:10 pm Fay Frazier

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

8:00 am Helen Meagher

12:10 pm Theresa Spadaro

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Gertrude M.S. Walsh (Anniv.)

12:10 pm Mary Newport and
Frances McDermott

3:00 pm Prayer Service

7:30 pm Prayer Service

Thursday, February 19, 2015

8:00 am Mary T. Walsh

12:10 pm Vivian Grijalva (Living)

Friday, February 20, 2015

8:00 am Javier Gomez (Living)

12:10 pm Brenda Daiuta (Living)

Saturday, February 21, 2015

8:00 am Dr. Dolores Danilowicz

*May the Souls of the Faithful Departed
Through the Mercy of God
Rest in Peace.
Amen*

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Pause for Prayer

Three days away, Lord,
three days 'til Lent...

I can remember so many false starts
and unkept promises starting with,
"This Lent is going to be different!"

And then, it wasn't...

But this year

I want to get a head start on Lent
and prepare, plan and get ready
for what begins a few days from now
when my forehead is smudged with
ashes...

Actually, Lord,

I want to give you a head start,
an early beginning to work on me:
to change my mind about some things,
to massage away the hardness in my
heart,

to turn my imagination to things
beautiful, honest, and fair...

I know you have a plan, Lord,
a plan for what you want to do
in my heart, in my life, this Lent...
You know everything I need, Lord,
and all the things I don't need,
and the things I need to lose,
to let go, to give up, or give away...

Help me see your plan for me,
your Lenten plan for me, Lord,
and begin now to ready me for that day
when I'll come for ashes and pray
that, indeed, "this Lent will be differ-
ent....

Amen.

A Concord Pastor

Lenten Regulations

During the season of Lent, the Church urges the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Meat comes only from animals that live on land; birds are also considered meat. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstinence to the extent that they are able.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include those who are physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and those who are ill should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Ashes

For centuries Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it is appropriate that this ancient sign mark the beginning of the season.

The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year ... a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. The appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion.

The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent is to seek conversion of heart.

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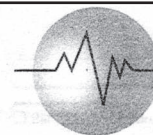


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