

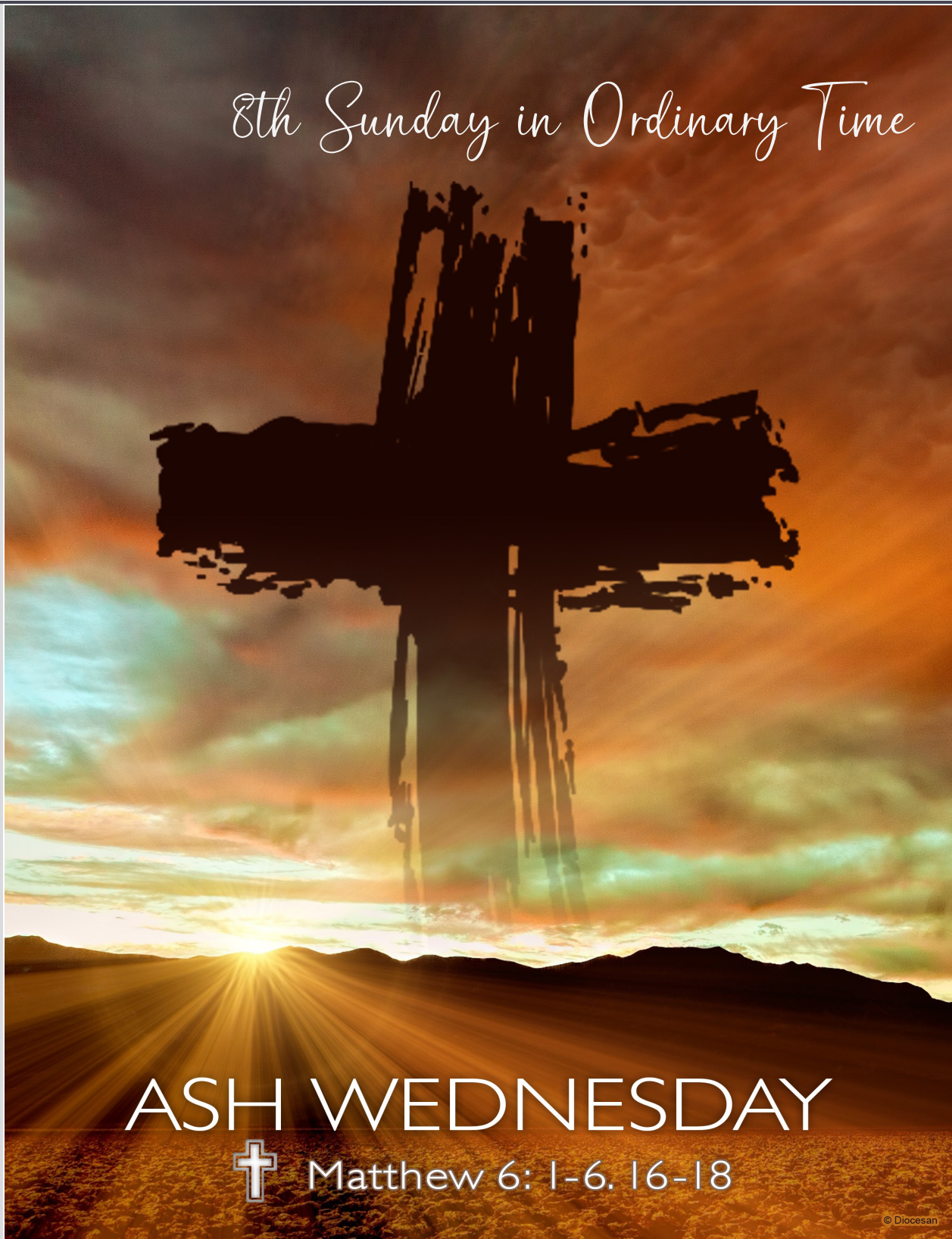
Saint Peter Church

4 South 5th Street • Coplay, Pennsylvania 18037



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025



ASH WEDNESDAY



Matthew 6: 1-6. 16-18



PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.
PASTORS EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin
 Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
PERMANENT DEACON: Mr. Michael Kudla
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra
FINANCE MANAGER: Mrs. Michelle Ahern
DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Linda Johnson

MASS SCHEDULE: 8 A.M Wednesdays and Fridays

Saturday Evening: 4:30 P.M. Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M.

PENANCE: Saturday: 3:15 to 4:15 P.M. and by appointment

During Advent and Lent, Communal Penance Services are celebrated.

BAPTISM: Contact the rectory for an appointment.

Baptism is scheduled on Sunday following the 10:30 A.M. Mass

Parents may be required to attend a preparatory instruction in the rectory.

MARRIAGE: Couples should contact the parish priest at least 1 year but no later than 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. Weddings are on Saturday between 10A.M. and 1P.M.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify the rectory when someone becomes seriously ill, or weak due to old age, so that the person might receive this Sacrament.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: The Pastor & Deacon perform this visit monthly on the 1st Friday of the month. Notify us when someone wishes to be visited.

HOSPITALIZED: Alert us whenever someone has to be hospitalized, especially when their admission is an emergency. The parish identification number is #171.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New members should make an appointment with the pastor.

HIGH SCHOOL: Allentown Central Catholic, 4th & Chew Sts., Allentown 18102; Phone 610-437-4601

ELEMENTARY: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Ave., Northampton, PA 18067
 phone: 610-262-9171 Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed. Principal

CCD PROGRAM: Classes conducted at the Holy Apostles Catholic Education Center,
 3008 Ruch St., Whitehall, PA 18052

The program is from September to the end of April.

These classes are necessary for eligibility to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact Mrs. Linda Johnson at 610-261-0144

BEQUESTS: Please remember St. Peter Church in your Last Will & Testament.

IN MEMORIAM FUND: After the death of a family member you are invited to have that person's name commemorated on the Church Plaque by suggesting that memorial offerings be donated to the Church in memory of the deceased person.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE Wendy Krisak, Direct Telephone 1-800-791-9209 Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email:
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610.262.2417



610.262.2652

Mission Statement

We, as a Catholic parish under the patronage of Saint Peter, are a Eucharistic family, centered in prayer and worship, dedicated to self-sacrificing stewardship, and journeying together, Spirit-inspired, to the heavenly Kingdom.

**Mass Intentions for the week of
March 2—March 8, 2025**

**Sunday March 2nd Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

Sir 27:4-7; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
10:30AM Michael Hamscher

Monday March 3rd Weekday

Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
8:00AM No Morning Mass

Wednesday March 5th Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20—6:2; Mk 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00 AM Hermina Ivankovits
6:30 PM at Saint John the Baptist

Friday March 7th First Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
8:00AM Joseph Horvath

Saturday March 8th Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
4:30PM Henrietta Leitgeb

Sunday March 9th First Sunday of Lent

10:30AM Gregory Klucharich

Stewardship Corner

Week of Sunday 02/23/2025

Basket collection \$4635.00 plus online \$1065.00

Please continue your weekly or monthly giving to our parish. Your contributions are vital in order for us to meet our obligations. If unable to attend Mass, kindly send your envelopes through the mail or drop them in the rectory mail slot.

Your **support** to your parish is critical.

I thank you for your kind and generous response.

Please be assured that you and your family are always in my prayers

Monsignor James



CONGRATULATIONS to our newly confirmed who were sealed with the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, February 25th.

Lilah Keppel, Adam Marakovits, Jackson Sedora, Barbra Shirmacher, and Owen Weston



FLAME OF LOVE

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
At 6pm



HOLY HOUR

NO HOLY HOUR ON
Wednesday March 5, 2025



PRAYER GROUP

If you would like your name or the name of a family member to be added to the list please call the office at 610.262.2417



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- Scroll down and click St Peter Coplay
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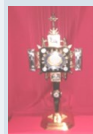


DEVOTIONAL LAMPS

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory of
Joseph Horvath

Offered by Veronica Horvath



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LIGHT

Will burn in memory of Mary and John Stubits
Offered by Sue and Ron Rabenold



RICE BOWL

During this Lenten Season we should be atten-

tive to the needs of the poor. Your prayers and generosity extended to the needy will bring blessings to them and Glory to God.



When: Sunday, March 9, 2025

Where: St. Peter Church Social Hall
4 South 5th Street, Coplay

Time: Doors open at 1PM, Bingo starts at 2PM
Food is available for purchase.

Cost: \$15 admission gets 2 boards (4 faces)
\$5 book purchase

Proceeds to benefit Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative

Chips and daubers are available for purchase
Items for the food pantry are greatly appreciated.
List can be found at

<https://tinyurl.com/WCHIPantrylist>

If you have any questions, please call Liz at
484.274.6687



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

is accepting enrollment for students entering grades K-8 in 2025-2026, Preschool (3 years old) and Pre-K (4 years old). For more information, please call the Advancement Director at 610-262-9171



HOLY APOSTLES RE

610.261.0144 or holypostlesre@holypostlesre.org

Office Hours: M-Th 3-8PM; closed Fridays

No Regular Classes

March 5th Ash Wednesday everyone attends Mass at St. John the Baptist at 6:30pm

March 22nd First Communion Retreat at St. Peter From 9-12pm



"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret!"

Stations of the Cross

with Benediction

every Friday during Lent

4:30pm at St. John the Baptist
7pm at Saint Peter



In the Cross is Salvation;
In the Cross is life;
In the Cross is protection against our enemies
in the Cross is infusion of the heavenly sweetness;
In the Cross is strength of mind;
In the Cross is joy of spirit;
In the Cross is excellence of virtue;
In the Cross is perfection of holiness;
There is no salvation of souls nor hope of eternal life;
Save in the Cross



With Monsignor James and Deacon Mike Kudla

COPLAY FOOD PANTRY

During the season of Lent, we will be collecting food items for the Coplay Food Bank.

Containers will be provided in the vestibule.

Please make sure the items that you are donating are not outdated. They are in need of microwavable food... spaghetti sauce, rice pouches, fruit cups, tuna, Hormel meals, canned pasta, applesauce, instant potatoes, coffee, tea, crackers, paper products, toiletries....No big items please.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #4050



Please join us for some Lenten meals with family & friends.

Friday March 14, 21 & 28
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

(April 4 snow make-up date, if needed)
St. John the Baptist Social Hall
(Corner of Chestnut St. & Ruth St., Whitehall)
Carry-Out available

Adult Fish Dinner	\$15.00
Pierogi Dinner	\$10.00
Child Fish Dinner	\$10.00
Child Mac & Cheese Dinner	\$5.00
Side of Pierogi	\$4.00
Side of Mac & Cheese	\$2.00

Dessert & beverage included with all dinners. Potatoes, corn, coleslaw, applesauce & roll also included, depending on the dinner choice.

All proceeds will be donated in support of
Faith, Family, Community & Life

LENTEN SPECIAL SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Masses

8:00AM at Saint Peter Church and

6:30PM at Saint John the Baptist

Confessions

Wednesdays during Holy Hour

Saturdays from 3:30-4:15

Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Every Friday 4:00PM at Saint John and

7:00PM at Saint Peter

Good Friday at 12 Noon at Saint Peter & 7:00PM

at Saint John the Baptist

Lenten Series— Every Wednesday Evening at 7PM
in the Church Hall

LENTEN SERIES: THE NICENE CREED

It was the year 325AD. The Emperor Constantine had granted the Christian Faith (the Catholic Faith) legal status in the Empire in 313AD with his Edict of Milan in recognition of the victory he had won over his enemy Maxentius, for control of the Roman Empire in 312AD, that he attributed to the power of Jesus Christ. His victory marked the beginning of his conversion to Christianity. The Church was spreading quickly having been freed of the persecutions of the Roman Emperors. The first generation of bishops after the apostles had passed away or been martyred. While all seemed to be going well, a controversy arose in the Church, started by a priest from Alexandria, Egypt, named Arius. He proposed that God the Son was created by God the Father rather than being co-eternal and of the same substance as the Father, which was the perennial teaching of the Church. This theological controversy which set bishops against bishops, priests against priests, and divided the faithful into anti-Arian (orthodox) and pro-Arian (heretical) camps. This teaching had dire implications not only for the unity of the Church and the Empire but more importantly for the work of salvation won for humanity through Jesus Christ. To bring an end to the controversy, Constantine called an ecumenical council of the bishops at the town of Nicaea, in modern western Turkey, from May until July 325AD. As part of the settlement of the matter, the Council issued what is today known as the Nicene Creed, which we profess every Sunday and Holy Day at Mass.

During this Holy Year which coincides with the 1700th anniversary of the Council and the adoption of the Nicene Creed, we will host a series of weekly talks on the Wednesdays of Lent (excluding Ash Wednesday): March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, and April 16. The talks will begin **AFTER** the weekly Holy Hour (6:00pm in the daily Mass Chapel) and will be held in St. Peter Church Hall. We will look at the competing schools of theology, their major proponents, and what the Creed teaches us. These talks are open to the parishioners of both Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parishes. There is no cost. Please bring a Bible with you. Why not make the Holy Hour and talk a combined part of your Lenten observance.

St. Mary's Church

122 Union St., Catasauqua



Good Old Fashioned

Lenten Fish Fry is Back

Friday, March 7

Seating 4:30 through 6:30

\$15.00 per dinner

Platter includes: Breaded, fried haddock with a side of homemade tartar sauce, coleslaw, beverage, and choice of seasoned roasted potatoes or cabbage & noodles, AND green beans or stewed tomatoes.

(Cabbage & Noodle Platter available for those who prefer that)

Desserts sold separately.

Kids up to age 8 - \$8.00

(fish or pasta with sauce)

for more information or advanced orders

call: 610-264-0332 or

email: kim.stmarys122@gmail.com



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TRAVEL WITH MSGR. DAVID L. JAMES

We will be visiting Rome, the Vatican, Assisi, Orvieto, Loretto, Florence, Siena, Padua, Salzburg, Burgenland, Eisenstadt, Vienna.

questions
please call
610.262.2417



Trip includes: transportation from/to Coplay, Airfare, Taxes and fees, 4 or 5 star hotels, Transportation with luxury bus. All breakfasts and dinners, Guided tours, Luggage handling (1 carry-on and 1 suitcase)



DATE: October 12-24, 2025

COST: \$6,599.00 per person

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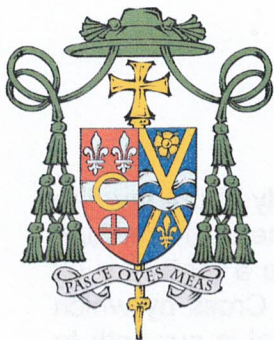


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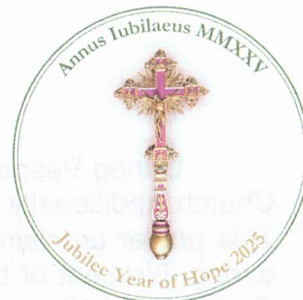
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5 March 2025
Ash Wednesday

Hail, O Cross, Our Only Hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During the Lenten season of penance, we as a Church unite ourselves to Jesus' forty days of fasting in the desert and meditate upon His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. Lent can be a somber time as we ponder and participate in Christ's suffering, but we are not abandoning the joyful hope of this Jubilee Year for the next forty days. *Because* Lent draws our attention and our hearts ever closer to Christ and His Cross, it is *especially* a season of ever-deepening Hope.

Our hope as Christians comes from Christ's sacrifice. The virtue of hope helps us desire and strive towards Heaven as our fullest happiness, and Heaven is only available to us because Christ entered our weakness and vanquished sin and death. Because Jesus has already experienced and defeated the worst of what life has to offer, our hope, from and in Him, carries us through the darkest of times.

The letter to the Hebrews describes that "we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." The Gospels describe how Jesus encountered temptation during his desert fast: He was tempted by pleasure when the Devil offered Him bread, power when the Devil offered Him kingdoms, and pride when the Devil suggested that He abandon His God-given purpose. All our own temptations can be boiled down to these same things: pleasure, power, and pride. Jesus was presented with them all—and beat them all.

To spend Lent walking with Jesus in the desert is not just to hone our own self-discipline. It is also to accompany the Victor in this battle. Lent is a reminder that Christ has vanquished the Tempter *for us*, so indeed we have hope even in our struggle. When we inevitably face our own weakness this Lenten Season, we will see the need to place our hope in the God who has already assumed and defeated that weakness.

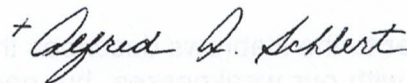
During Vespers (Evening Prayer) from Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday, the Church traditionally sings the "*Vexilla regis*," a hymn dating back to the sixth century. This prayer proclaims: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope!" This line can be a motto for us during this Lent of the Jubilee Year of Hope. We praise and exalt the Cross by which God brought His estranged children to Himself. We honor the Cross that is our path to eternal happiness.

Jesus tells us in the Gospels to pick up our crosses *daily* and follow Him. Often this may feel like a slog, dragging our burdens behind us as we strive to live holy lives. Even so, picking up our daily cross is our means to daily *hope*. Lent, by giving us extra occasions for penance and participation in Christ's Cross, gives us even more opportunities to receive God's gift of hope.

No matter what obstacles we encounter, even the most tragic of sufferings and most powerful of temptations, we can have hope because Christ has carried that Cross and is carrying it with us now. By our Baptism, Jesus has welcomed us into His life and grace, and He incorporates our suffering into His own. We may or may not see the signs of His victory in this life, but we will certainly see them in the next.

Please know that I will be praying for you this Lent. I invite you to join me in honoring the Cross, our only undefeatable hope, as we pick it up daily and follow Jesus.

Devotedly yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of Allentown



St. Gabriel the Archangel/Truth



St. Michael the Archangel/Combating Evil



St. Raphael/Healing



Mary, Undoer of Knots



Mary, Mother of the Redeemer



St. Josephine Bakhita/Freedom



St. Monica/Victims of Abuse



St. Augustine/Conversion



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St. Agatha/Chastity



Holy Guardian Angels/Protection



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SAINT PETER'S CHURCH
COPLAY

chicken pot pie

DINNER

SIT DOWN OR TAKE OUT



DATE: 03/15/2025

TIME: 4-6PM

VENUE: SAINT PETER CHURCH HALL
4 SOUTH 5TH ST. COPLAY, PA 18037

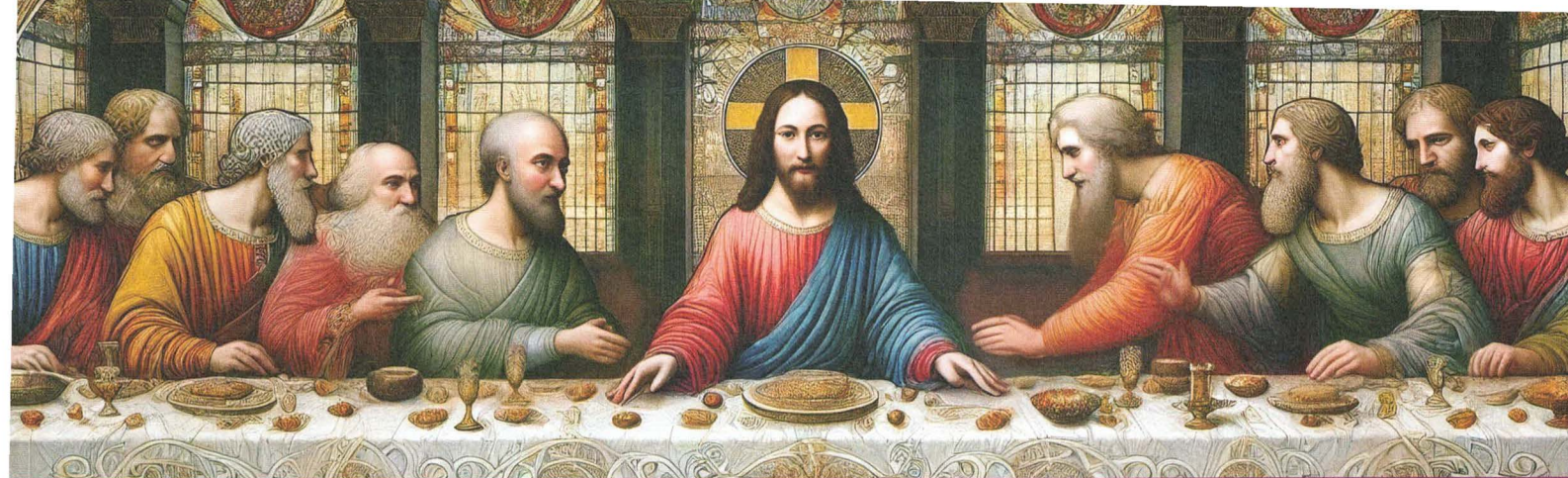
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Lent 2025

			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			5 MARCH ASH WEDNESDAY How will you turn to God and change your life this Lent? ✠ <i>Psalm 51: 12</i>	6 Deny Yourself What must you leave behind to follow Jesus more closely this Lent? <i>Luke 9:23</i>	7 <i>Sts. Perpetua and Felicity</i> Fast from Food Share some food today with those who are poor and hungry. ✠ <i>Isaiah 58:7</i>	8 <i>St. John of God</i> Listen to Me, O God Take some time to lift your voice to God in prayer. <i>Psalm 86:1-2</i>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY				
9 Not By Bread Alone Pray to trust God to help with your needs? <i>Luke 4:4</i>	10 Love Your Neighbor as Yourself How might you be more loving to others today? <i>Leviticus 19:18</i>	11 Jesus' Prayer Take time to say the Our Father and let it become your own prayer to God. <i>Matthew 6:9-13</i>	12 Have Mercy, O God How might you best make reconciliation with someone today? <i>Psalm 51:3-4</i>	13 Give Good Things How might you imitate God's great generosity and give to others? <i>Matthew 7:7-11</i>	14 Fast from Anger Pray for someone with whom you are angry and let your anger go. ✠ <i>Matthew 5:23-24</i>	15 Love Your Enemies How might you respond to Jesus' call to greater love for others? <i>Matthew 5:43-45</i>
16 Listen to Jesus! How can I listen more carefully to Jesus' words? <i>Luke 9:35</i>	17 <i>St. Patrick</i> Stop Judging Strive today to be less judgmental about others and their actions. <i>Luke 6:37</i>	18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> Hear God's Word How might you find more time to listen to God's Word for you today? <i>Isaiah 1:10</i>	19 ST. JOSEPH Accept Jesus! Like Joseph, take Jesus into your home to be the center of your life. <i>Matthew 1:18-21</i>	20 God Probes Our Heart Be with Jesus as he reveals what you need to draw closer to him. <i>Jeremiah 17:10</i>	21 Be a Good Steward God expects you to care for the gifts you have been given. ✠ <i>Matthew 21:43</i>	22 Father I Have Sinned Like the prodigal son, let us go to God to ask for forgiveness. <i>Luke 15:21</i>
23 God Comes to Save God hears our prayers and comes to rescue us. <i>Exodus 3:7-8</i>	24 Thirst for God Be attentive to how much you want to draw nearer to God this Lent. <i>Psalm 42:3</i>	25 THE ANNUNCIATION Trust in God! Like Mary, trust that nothing is impossible for God. <i>Luke 1:37-38</i>	26 Obey God's Commands Which commandment do you most need to attend to today? <i>Matthew 5:19</i>	27 Listen to God's Voice What has God most been prompting you to do this Lent? <i>Jeremiah 7:23</i>	28 Fast from Idolatry How might you put God first in your heart and in your life? ✠ <i>Mark 12:29</i>	29 God Will Heal Us From what do you most want to have God heal you today? <i>Hosea 6:1</i>
30 Ambassadors for Christ With whom might I share what Jesus means to me? <i>2 Corinthians 5:20</i>	31 A New Creation How has God been working to create something new in you this Lent? <i>Isaiah 65:1-2</i>	1 APRIL Do You Want to Be Well? Ask Jesus to heal what ails you most in body or spirit. <i>John 5:6</i>	2 <i>St. Francis of Paola</i> I Cannot Forget You Like a mother, God cannot forget you and will always be with you. <i>Isaiah 49:15</i>	3 The Father Sent Me How might you respond to Jesus' presence to reveal God to you? <i>John 5:37-38</i>	4 <i>St. Isidore</i> Fast from Ignorance Spend time today learning more about Jesus and his message. ✠ <i>John 7:28-29</i>	5 <i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i> Who Is Jesus? Answer for yourself who you think Jesus is and what he has done. <i>John 7:40-41</i>
6 No Condemnation Like Jesus, how might I forgive others instead of condemning them? <i>John 8:11</i>	7 <i>St. John Baptist de la Salle</i> Sin No More Now is the time to change whatever draws you away from godly ways. <i>John 8:11</i>	8 Seek God Spend time today considering where God is most at work in your life. <i>John 8:28-29</i>	9 Remain in My Word Take time to quietly ponder Jesus' words today. <i>John 8:31-32</i>	10 Recall God's Works Praise and thank God today for the beauty of creation. <i>Psalm 105:4-5</i>	11 <i>St. Stanislaus</i> Fast from Revenge Put aside all desire to repay someone for any evil done to you. ✠ <i>John 10:31-32</i>	12 Be Loyal Jesus, let us be loyal to God's ways even if it means hardship. <i>John 11:47-50</i>
13 PALM SUNDAY God's Suffering Servant How might you share in the sufferings of others today? <i>Philippians 2:8-9</i>	14 Bring Forth Justice How can you create right relationships (justice) as Jesus did? <i>Isaiah 42:1</i>	15 One Will Betray Me How have you most betrayed your loyalty and commitment to Jesus? <i>John 13:21</i>	16 Done for You Draw courage from Jesus who sees his suffering from God's viewpoint. <i>Isaiah 50:7</i>	17 HOLY THURSDAY My Body Given for You Share yourself and your food as Jesus did. <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>	18 GOOD FRIDAY Behold, the Man! Spend time today contemplating Jesus in his last hours. ✠ <i>John 19:4-5</i>	19 EASTER VIGIL He Has Been Raised! Let us seek the risen Christ now in our everyday lives. <i>Luke 24:5-8</i>