

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY



The Significance of Fasting

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God's graces and blessings be upon you and your families! This Wednesday begins for us the season of Lent. This most rich and fruitful season begins with the most strange ceremony whereby ashes are placed on our head and we are told, "Remember man, that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." We begin with a reminder of our own frail mortality. By this act too we are reminded of our own humility. Genesis tells us that Adam was created out of the dust of the earth, and God formed it and breathed life into him. Lent, I think, is a deep reminder to us to keep these two important realities before us always:

that we are dust and one day our body will become dust again, but that God breathed life into us and gave each of us an immortal soul. Everything we have is a gift from God, our body, our soul, our senses, our intellect, and especially our free will. Even our ability to choose to do good and to avoid evil is aided by His grace. The only thing we can truly claim as our own is our sin and guilt. Lest we forget this, Holy Mother Church gives us this season, to examine our own consciences, to move ourselves to sorrow for our past sins, to recognize how many graces God has given you and to give us the opportunity to do penance for our sins and the sins of others.

In the book of Jonah, God commanded the prophet Jonah to go to the city of Ninive and to preach to them a message to fast and do penance for their sins. Jonah of course was fearful and fled from his calling, but God brought him back, even after being swallowed up by a great fish. We will come back to this story in another bulletin message because the story of Jonah, Christ uses as a parallel to His own resurrection. The Ninivites are significant because they are the only example we have of a nation (pagan as well) that did public penance for their sins and was spared destruction.

In the book of Matthew, both John the Baptist and Jesus begin their public ministries with the words, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Let us take advantage of the graces of this season to move ourselves to penance for our sins while maintaining joy and charity with our family and neighbors.

Persevere always!

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LITURGY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5

SUNDAY: QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:00 AM LOW MASS
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: FERIA

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY

7:45 AM LOW MASS
6:00 PM HIGH MASS

THURSDAY: AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

4:30 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 PM MASS

SATURDAY: AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR
9:00 AM LOW MASS

CONFESSIONS

MONDAYS IN LENT: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

MON-THURS: 7:25 - 7:40AM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS

OR BY APPOINTMENT

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

7:15 AM Confessions
7:45 AM Low Mass

5:20 PM Confessions
6:00 PM High Mass

Distribution of ashes will be offered at the beginning of both masses. We can also do ashes by appointment.

Fridays in Lent

4:30 PM Solemn Holy Hour
(Confessions will be available during)

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Mass
(Confessions will be available during)

Mondays in Lent: Across the diocese parishes are asked to have confessions available from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Confessions will be available here on Monday nights from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.



Jesus heals the blind man

Stations of the Cross

The stations of the cross is one of the most ancient devotions in the Church. The tradition holds that they came from the Blessed Virgin Mary's own piety. As she witnessed her Son's sufferings, she marked the spots where significant events happened to Him on His way to Calvary. After the Ascension, she would return to Jerusalem and reverence each of those places with genuflections as she would retrace her Son's footsteps. She would continue this practice of reliving His sufferings with the 14 stations even while in Ephesus.

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

In addition, **all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.**

Fasting

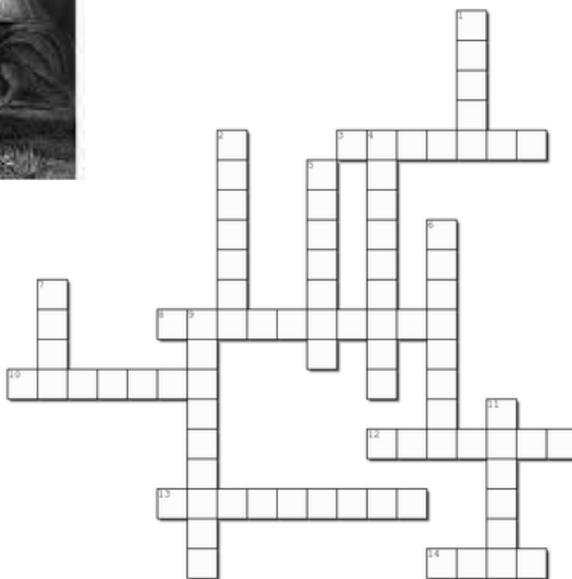
- Applies to everyone aged 18 to 59
- One full meal permitted and two other meals which, when combined, are less than a full meal
- Obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

- Begins on one's 14th birthday
- Obligatory on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent
- Obliges abstention from flesh meat (warm blooded animals)

Days of Penance

- Applies to all the Faithful
- All days of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent
- The obligation to do penance is lifted on Fridays which are also celebrated as a solemnity.



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Across

3. Tax collecting Apostle.
8. Penitential practice when one avoids eating meat.
10. Virgin and Martyr, patroness of musicians.
12. Maternal Grandfather of Jesus.
13. 50 days after the Resurrection.
14. Penitential practice when one limits his food intake to one meal and just 2 snacks per day.

Down

1. Citizens of Ninive wore ashes because of this prophet.
2. 4th book of the bible in numerical order.
4. Female martyr and patroness of dentists.
5. Money offered to a priest for saying mass for someone.
6. Forbidden word after Septuagesima.
7. Color of cloth that covered the Ark of the Covenant.
9. Sin against the 2nd commandment.
11. Apostle who was a twin.

"Brethren: If I should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have charity, I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity, I am nothing. And if I distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing."

ST. PAUL, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-4

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Pro Populo
Anthony Bogorowski
rb Karen Scatena

Monday: 7:45 AM

Sr. Angelina of the Blessed Sacrament OCD
rb Gillenkirk Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

+Tom Noll Sr.
rb Nancy Noll

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+James Ratchford
rb Dan & Liz Ratchford

Thursday: 7:45 AM

+William Schneider
rb Bill & Pat Schneider

Friday: 6:00 PM

Latricia Folda

Saturday: 9:00 AM

+Evelyn Tereshko
rb Maryann Czarnecki