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From the Parish Priest

As Lent approaches, let us remember the following.

- 1. Ash Wednesday is NOT a holy day of obligation to go to Mass or to receive ashes.** The ashes are meant as an outward sign that we are sinners in need of the saving work of Jesus. Ashes will be distributed here only during the nine o'clock morning and the six o'clock evening Masses on Wednesday, February 26. If you want to come to Mass, you are welcome. If you want to receive ashes but you cannot make it here right at nine or six, please consider coming late to Ash Wednesday Mass. Ashes will be distributed after the sermon at each Mass on Ash Wednesday.
- 2. Anyone, even someone not yet baptized, should feel free to receive ashes.**
- 3. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the only days of obligation to FAST for persons aged 18 until aged 59.** This means that the equivalent of one full meal plus meals that, added together, do not add up to a second full meal may be licitly eaten by Catholics in this age group. The full meal may be taken at the hour most convenient for the person fasting. If your physician orders you not to fast for physiological reasons, or if you are blessed to be a mother carrying or nursing a child, you must humbly exempt yourself from the fasting obligation.

Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of obligation to ABSTAIN FROM MEAT for persons who are fourteen years old and older. There is no upper age limit to this requirement. Please refer to http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/questions-and-answers-about-lent.cfm?cssearch=62801_1 for information on what is permitted to be eaten on days of abstinence.

- 1. To integrate the spirit of the Lenten discipline, when we attend an All-You-Can-Eat lobster, clam, eel, or barracuda fry, broil, bake, or boil we should still avoid eating absolutely all we can.** We can perhaps save eating all we can until Easteride.
- 2. Use the sacrament of reconciliation early and often.** During the last two weeks of Lent, the availability of confessions will be considerably reduced from what it will be during the rest of Lent.

Finally, remind your friends, schoolmates and co-workers that Lent is a call to conversion to Christ long after the ashes will have worn or been washed off our faces. In our Tradition, all the penitential practices of works of mercy, prayer, and fasting and abstinence mean a choice of God alone as the source of happiness, and the free exercise of mercy in his name for the good of our neighbor; as God in Christ freely died for our sakes, and exercises mercy to each of us unto this day.

-- Father Rolando

2020 LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES – Please Note that these Times Are Subject to Change

*****Regularly Scheduled Confessions on Saturdays (11:00am - 11:30am & 3:45pm - 4:15pm) & Sundays (8:45am - 9:15am) will remain the same.**

Sunday, February 23, after 9:30am Mass

Tuesday, February 25, 8:00am - 8:15am

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 7:45am – 8:15am & 5:00pm-5:45pm

Thursday, February 27, Noon – 1:00pm

Sunday, March 1, after 9:30am Mass

Tuesday, March 3, 8:00am - 8:15am & 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Thursday, March 5, Noon - 1:00pm

Sunday, March 8, after 9:30am Mass

Tuesday, March 10, 8:00am – 8:15am & 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Thursday, March 12, Noon - 1:00pm

Sunday, March 15, after 9:30am Mass

Monday, March 16, 8:00am – 8:15am

Tuesday, March 17, 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Thursday, March 19, Noon - 1:00pm

Sunday, March 22, after 9:30am Mass

Tuesday, March 24, 8:00am – 8:15am & 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Thursday, March 26, Noon – 1:00pm

Sunday, March 29, after 9:30am Mass

Tuesday, March 31, 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Thursday, April 2, Noon – 1:00pm

Friday, April 3, 8:00am – 8:15am

Saturday, April 4, 8:00am – 8:15am

THE WAY OF THE CROSS Schedules

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
- The school children will lead The Way of the Cross on Fridays during Lent in the church at 2:10pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Tuesdays during Lent at 5:30pm-6:15pm.

COME BASK IN THE SON!!!

