

LENT 2026 AND A GIFT FOR YOU

Next Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The time between the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Lent was short this year, only 5 ½ weeks. It has been my goal to write a Lenten reflection for my parishioners for a few years now. Starting this weekend, you will be able to pick up my Lenten Reflections booklet at Church. Like all things with me, it is not complicated or too holy to follow. It gives the scriptures for the day followed by a brief reflection, something to reflect on and a prayer. I hope you find it a useful tool this Lent. If not, please bring your copy back so someone else may have a look. The details of how I wrote this booklet are in the introduction.

On this, my 3rd Lent with you, know that you will be in my daily prayers. I pray that your Lent is both fruitful and a time of growth. For me, Cycle A readings are always the most challenging and symbolic of what we are remembering. For some of you this Lent will be difficult and even perhaps unrewarding. That is okay. Not every Lent is going to be the best 40 days of your spiritual journey. You may have more growth during the Easter Season.

We will have our normal Lent Mass schedule with stations of the cross each Friday at 5:30PM in English and 7:00PM in Spanish. We will also have our 3 Lenten dinners on Wednesday, February 25, Wednesday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 18. We will **not** have a Lenten Reconciliation Service during Lent, but on many of the regular confessional hours, two priests will be available to hear confessions.

Confessions times are as follows:

Tuesdays at 5:00PM – 5:50PM

Thursdays at 5:00PM – 5:50PM

Saturdays at 9:00AM (except for First Saturday)

Saturdays at 3:00PM – 3:50PM

May your Lent be a time of prayer, reflection, good works, reconciliation, and peace. May you end these 46 days a better version of yourself, ready to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries.

Happy Lent!

Father John