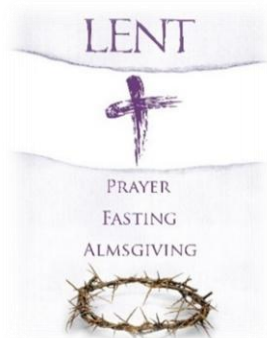


9:AM AND 6:PM

# Ash Wednesday

02/18/2026



## BEFORE MASS

9:00 AM -by Student Choir

-and-

6:00 PM Masses - by Choir

## ASHES

Tom Conry



1. We rise a - gain from ash - es, from the good we've failed to
2. We of - fer you our fail - ures, we of - fer you at -
3. Then raise us up from ash - es, your heal - ing ease our
4. Give thanks to God the Fa - ther, who gave us life and



1. do. We rise a - gain from ash-es, re-deemed, O Lord, by
2. tempts, the gifts not ful - ly giv-en, the dreams not ful - ly
3. pain. Though spring has turned to win-ter, and sun - shine turned to
4. breath. Give thanks to Christ our Sav-ior, who saved us by his



1. you. Our pen - ance, Lord, our sor - row, our griev-ing hearts re -
2. dreamt. Our stum - blings, give di - rec - tion, our vi - sions wid - er
3. rain, your rain will nur - ture grow-ing and cre - ate our world a -
4. death, who, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, cre - ates the world a -



1. new, an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
2. view, an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
3. new— an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.
4. new from an of - fer-ing of ash-es, an of - fer-ing to you.

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## OPENING HYMN #140 (MI)

### LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra - cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas - sion -
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
5. past, An Ea - ster of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

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*Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.*  
**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Joel 2:12-18

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, and say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51: ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL YEARS



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- 1.) Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. **R/.**
- 2.) For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight." **R/.**
- 3.) A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R/.**
- 4.) Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R/.**

### SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2**

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,  
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION NO. IX-A



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**>If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. R/.**

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

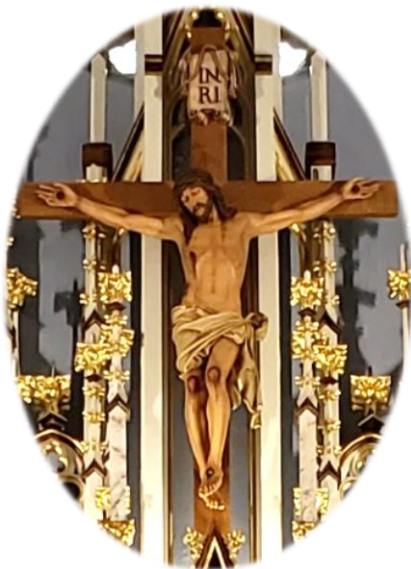
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father, who is hidden. And your Father, who sees what is hidden will repay you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



# ASHES TO ASHES

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Ash - es to ash - es, from dust un - to dust. The  
cross on our fore - head, your prom - ise, O God.  
Read - y us to fol - low the way of your Son, to rise from these  
ash - es, re - deemed in the fire of your love.

Verses: Ash Wednesday

1. Sound the trum - pet in Zi - on, an - nounce from the Lord
2. Rend your hearts, not your gar - ments; re - turn to the Lord,
3. We have seen in the heav - ens and held in our arms
4. Let us fast from un - kind - ness and turn from our greed,
5. Though this life that we trea - sure must fade like the grass,

to Refrain

1. that the day of God's fa - vor is ev - er close at hand.
2. who de - lights when we of - fer a tru - ly hum - ble heart.
3. what the hand of our Mak - er can fash - ion out of dust.
4. giv - ing bread to the hun - gry and lift - ing up the poor.
5. heav - en's glo - ry a - waits those who put their trust in God.

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“Even now, says the LORD,  
Return to me with  
your whole  
heart...”

Joel 2:12

## ~ PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026 ~

Blessed Trinity, source of our life and our unity, we ask for your presence with and within us, as we undertake this synodal journey. **CREATE IN US** and all those responsible for preparing the synod, a discerning spirit.

**HELP US** to deepen our relationship with you and with one another over the months and weeks ahead.


**GROW IN US** the fire of your love, that we may eagerly respond to your loving invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel, and to serve the poor, suffering and vulnerable.

**FORM US** to be better disciples, creating vibrant, mission-oriented communities, of faith, hope and charity. We ask this through the intercession of our diocesan patrons, Mary, the Immaculate Conception and St. Matthew. *Amen.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN: #664 (MI)**

## Hosea

### Verses




1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
2. The wil - der - ness 'though straight and tall;  
In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,  
3. You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)  
to your heart where I will speak.  
With ten - der - ness, I you shall know. (To refrain)  
faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

### Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and  
liv - ing deep - ly our new life.



## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN: #412 (MI)**

## SEND US YOUR SPIRIT

Dan Schutte



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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Send us your spir - it, O Lord.  | Eve - ning en - folds us and     |
| 2. Hold us with mer - cy, O Lord.   | Sor - row has spo - ken, has     |
| 3. Teach us your wis - dom, O Lord. | Shad - ows have cloud - ed, have |
| 4. Send us good sum - mer, O Lord.  | Win - ters have chilled us, and  |



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|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. holds us too near.   | Wake the morn-ing light. | Make our liv-ing |
| 2. bro-ken our hearts.  | Clothe us in your care.  | Be the life we   |
| 3. crowd-ed our sight.  | Give us hearts that see. | Set our lov-ing  |
| 4. stilled us too long. | Give us love's own fire. | Be our true de-  |



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|------------|-------|---------|------------|---|-------|
| 1. bright. | Shine | on our  | dark-ness, | O | Lord. |
| 2. bear.   | Feed  | us and  | fill us,   | O | Lord. |
| 3. free.   | Hear  | us and  | help us,   | O | Lord. |
| 4. sire.   | Send  | us your | spir - it, | O | Lord. |

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## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*





## HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness,  
and our hope! To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale  
of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy  
toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!



*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,*

**R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of  
Christ.**



*St. Joseph, the Worker, Pray for us.*


*Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, Pray for us.*

### **CLOSING HYMN: #128 (MI)**

## WITH THESE ASHES


Gerard Chiusano

Refrain




With these ash-es, we know your love, O Lord. With these  
ash-es, we turn our hearts to you. Daugh-ters and sons, we  
jour-ney as one. With these ash-es, we know your love, O Lord.

Verses



1. Join - ing to - geth - er on this jour-ney with you,  
2. With prayer and ser-vice, we will an-swer your call.  
3. We give of what we have to all those in need.  
4. And for those man - y times we stum-ble and fall,



1. we walk these for - ty days and nights. Called by your  
2. With voic - es raised, we share your word. Called by your  
3. We give as you would have us do. Called by your  
4. your mer - cy rains from heav'n a - bove. Called by your



to Refrain

1. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, lead us to your light.  
2. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, let our cry be heard.  
3. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, lead us back to you.  
4. grace, we an-swer in faith; O Lord, lead us to your love.

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