



THE GREAT GAZETTE

Lent Edition 2020



A Journey through the 40 days

Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness praying and fasting prior to undertaking his ministry.

At the Church's first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in AD 325, the Universal Church established a forty-day season of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The forty-day count began six Sundays before Resurrection Sunday and ended three days before the resurrection, which they called the Paschal Triduum.

Today we still count the forty days as the ancients counted.

The forty-day preparation was inspired by Jesus' forty days in the wilderness after His baptism by St. John and before His temptation. The Council called this period in the liturgical calendar Tessarukosti in Greek and Quadragesima in Latin, which simply means "forty-days."

As this season of Lent approaches,
it is a powerful invitation for each of us to embrace God's call to spread the Good News of the Gospel.
We invite you to join us in the Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Adoration,
and other events during this Lent!

We wish you a Blessed and Holy Lent!
Fr. Chris Worland and Fr. Pat Welsh,
and the Pastoral Staff of St. Albert the Great

Repent & Believe



Ash Wednesday, February 26

Masses at 8:30am, 12 Noon, *6pm Ashes distributed during Mass

**Join us in the Spirit Center after the 6pm Mass for a Potluck Supper "carry-in" of soup and bread.*

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance. We mark our foreheads with ashes to remind ourselves that we are not of this world. We are made for eternity with God.

1st Sunday of Lent

TEMPTATION

*"At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be **tempted** by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry..."*



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

~Mt 4:8-9

During the First Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the **Rite of Election**.

In the early history of the Church, Lent was first set aside as a time when the whole Church **fasted, prayed, and gave alms** for the 40 days preceding Easter. The purpose was to break the power of darkness in the world as new Catholics were welcomed into the Covenant family.

We keep that tradition in the Rite of Election when those who are prepared for baptism go the cathedral where they are presented to the Bishop. They will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Fasting & Abstinence: conversion in relation to oneself

Jesus was tempted by the devil. We all have temptation in life. Lent is a good time for purification.

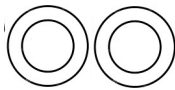
Fasting= On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
One full meal plus two additional smaller meals, if needed.

Abstain= On Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
This obligation prohibits the eating of meat.

ONE



FULL MEAL



two small meals

YES

- Fish
- Eggs
- Milk
- Grains
- Fruit/Veggies



NO

- Beef
- Pork
- Chicken
- Ham
- Deer/Lamb

What's happening this week?

Sunday, March 1 through Saturday, March 7

BREAD

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God."

MATTHEW 4:4

Sunday Morning: Small Faith Book Study 10:30am

Sunday: Benediction & Adoration 6pm

Wednesday: Lunch with the Lord Noon (St. Francis of Assisi Parish)

Wednesday Evening: Small Faith Book Study 7pm

Friday: Stations of the Cross 2pm and 7pm

Saturday: Lenten Morning of Reflection 8:30am-11am

Saturday: Blood Drive (see bulletin for times)

2nd Sunday of Lent

LIGHT

"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ...



*And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as **light**."*

~Mt 17:2

Lent is the season of **repentance, confession, and penance**.

During the forty days of Lent, we are called to deep soul-searching and to an examination of conscience to seek out the sin in our lives. We are called to confess our transgressions and to offer up our sincere desire to right the wrongs we have done. Through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we seek to obtain pardon through God's mercy for the sins committed against Him and against our brothers and sisters in the human family.

The Light is on For You: Encounter Peace

Make a commitment this Lent to join us on Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm as we gather for quiet prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be an opportunity to pray for all of the situations in our lives that need the healing grace of Jesus' love.

The church will be open, and you are welcome to come for a few minutes or for an hour.

Reconciliation at St. Albert the Great Parish

Fridays after Noon Mass *Exceptions: NO confessions if we have a funeral Mass or Holy Day Mass at 12 Noon*

Saturdays 3:15-4pm before 4:30pm Mass

What's happening this week?

Sunday, March 8 through Saturday, March 14

PLEASED

"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him."

MATTHEW 17:5B

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Sunday Morning: Small Faith Book Study 10:30am

Wednesday: Lunch with the Lord Noon (St. Francis of Assisi Parish)

Wednesday Evening: Small Faith Book Study 7pm

Friday: Stations of the Cross 2pm and 7pm

3rd Sunday of Lent

MESSIAH

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water..."



*The woman said to him,
"I know that the **Messiah** is
coming, the one called the
Christ. When he comes,
he will tell us everything."*

~Jn 4:25

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the **Scrutiny Rites** are celebrated.

The word scrutiny means "search." The "lenten scrutinies" are rites of searching. They are meant to heal all that is sinful or weak in the hearts of those chosen for baptism at Easter.

These chosen ones are called "the elect." On these Sundays, the Gospel readings come from the Gospel of St. John and each story is about a "passover":

- ♦ a passing over from dishonesty to truth,
- ♦ a passing from blindness to sight,
- ♦ and a passing from death to life.

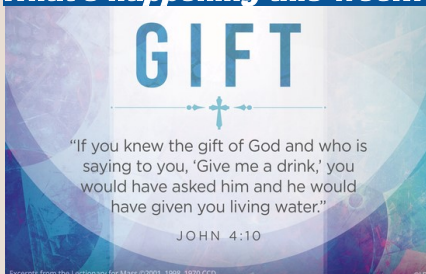
Scrutinies

Let us undergo our own scrutinies as we search for the Messiah.

First Scrutiny: Sunday, March 15 8am Mass
Second Scrutiny: Sunday, March 22 11am Mass
Third Scrutiny: Saturday, March 28 4:30pm Mass

What's happening this week?

Sunday, March 15 through Saturday, March 21



Sunday: 1st Scrutiny 8am Mass Small Faith Book Study 10:30am
Wednesday: Lunch with the Lord Noon (St. Francis of Assisi Parish)
Wednesday Evening: Small Faith Book Study 7pm
Thursday: Regional Penance Service 7pm (Incarnation Parish)
Friday: Bilingual Stations of the Cross 7pm
Friday: Spirits & Socials Reception 7:30pm Spirit Center

4th Sunday of Lent

SEE

*"As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
His disciples asked him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?..."*



*So then the Pharisees
also asked him how he was
able to **see**.*

*He said to them,
"He put clay on my eyes,
and I washed and
now I can **see**."*

~Jn 9:15

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is **Laetare Sunday**.

In Latin, one of the words used for "rejoice" is *laetare*, which gives the title **Laetare Sunday** to this Lenten Mass. On this day, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are halfway to Easter.

We rejoice because we are halfway to the Triduum.

Prayer: conversion in relation to God

The *Sign of the Cross* is a visual symbol that others can see our love of Christ.

The sign of the cross - a mini version of the creed - is a profession of faith.

By making the sign of the cross, one is saying 'I belong to God. Christ is my protection and I trust God.

With gratitude and love, I want to obey and follow God's law and Christ's teaching.'

The sign of the cross is a consecration of oneself to God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. When one prays the words of the sign of the cross, one declares the presence of the Holy Trinity and also enters into that presence.

The sign of the cross is the sign of redemption. This sign embraces one's whole being, body and soul.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

What's happening this week?

Sunday, March 22 through Saturday, March 28

BELIEVE

"Do you believe in
the Son of Man?"

JOHN 9:35B

Sunday: 2nd Scrutiny: 11am Mass Small Faith Book Study 10:30am

Sunday: Benediction & Adoration 6pm

Tuesday: The Light is on For You 7pm—9pm St. Albert the Great

Wednesday: Lunch with the Lord Noon (St. Francis of Assisi Parish)

Wednesday Evening: Small Faith Book Study 7pm

Friday: Stations of the Cross 2pm and 7pm

Saturday: 3rd Scrutiny: 4:30pm Mass

5th Sunday of Lent

UNTIE HIM

"Jesus called out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out'..."



*The dead man came out,
tied hand and foot with burial
bands, and his face was
wrapped in a cloth.*

*So Jesus said to them,
Untie him and let him go."*

~Jn 11:44

The Psalm of the 5th Sunday tells us God is a mighty and gracious God who in faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

The foundational call of Christians is to do "great things" for people in need.

During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.

Almsgiving: conversion in relation to others

We have the ability to help untie our brothers and sisters in need.

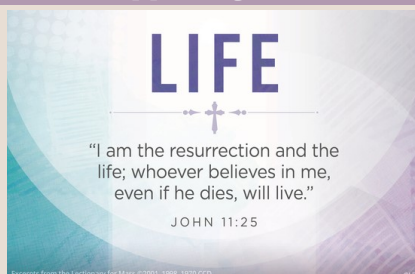
In simple terms, Almsgiving means helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy.

Almsgiving is

- ♦ A form of prayer
- ♦ Making voluntary contributions to help the poor
- ♦ The act of giving
- ♦ A form of self-denial and sacrifice on behalf of others

What's happening this week?

Sunday, March 29 through Saturday, April 4



Sunday Morning: Small Faith Book Study 10:30am

Wednesday: Lunch with the Lord Noon (St. Francis of Assisi Parish)

Wednesday Evening: Small Faith Book Study 7pm

Thursday: Regional Penance Service 7pm (St. Francis of Assisi Parish)

Friday: Live Way of the Cross 7pm Church SAYM Youth Ministry

Palm Sunday

PASSION

"Say to daughter Zion, 'Behold, your King comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden..."



And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"

And the crowds replied, "this is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

~Mt 21:10-11

The Sixth Sunday of Lent is **Palm Sunday** or the Sunday of **the Passion of the Lord**.

The vestments the priest wears today are red, just as they are on Good Friday.

This Mass celebrates the day Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem.

It was the day in the Old Covenant preparation for the Passover feast when the people chose the perfect male lambs or goat-kids for the sacrifice of the Passover.

This was the day Jesus, the true Lamb of God, was proclaimed Messiah by the people who placed palm branches before Him as he rode into the Holy City.

We remember that event and celebrate by carrying palms at Mass as signs of life and resurrection.

The Paschal Triduum (the three days of Passover) begins at sundown on Holy Thursday and lasts until sundown on the seventh Sunday, Easter Sunday, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Holy Thursday until sundown is the final day of Lent: the fortieth day of the forty days.

At sundown, Lent ends and the Paschal Triduum begins.

Good Friday is the day of Jesus' death when He died for the sins of the world.

Holy Saturday, also called Holy Sabbath. The Pascal Sabbath lasts from sunset on Good Friday to sunset on Holy Saturday. In the night between Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, our fasting ends, and the feast begins.

It is the night of the glorious Easter Vigil, and at Mass on this night, the catechumens will be baptized and begin their renewed lives as sons and daughters of the New Covenant in Christ.

Easter Sunday, is here at last! The Resurrection of our Lord.

What's happening this week? Sunday, April 5 through Saturday, April 11



Sunday: Palm Sunday

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Friday: Stations of the Cross 2pm

Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion Noon & 7pm

Saturday: Morning Prayer / Blessing 10am

Saturday: Easter Vigil 8:45pm

LENT

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Reconciliation

St. Albert the Great Parish

Fridays after Noon Mass

Exceptions: NO confessions if we have a funeral Mass or after Good Friday services

Saturdays 3:15-4pm before 4:30pm Mass

The Light is On For You

Tuesday, March 24 7-9pm

St. Albert the Great. An Archdiocese-wide program for confession and private prayer

Regional Penance Services

Thursday, March 19 Incarnation 7pm

Thursday, April 2 St. Francis of Assisi 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: February 28, March 6, 13, *20, 27

2pm Stations of the Cross with School

7pm Stations of the Cross

(no 2pm Stations on March 20)

Friday: March 20, Bilingual Stations of the Cross

7pm English/Spanish

7:30pm As part of the Spirits & Socials, join us in the Spirit Center for a Reception

Friday: April 3, Live Way of the Cross

7pm Presented by SAYM Youth Ministry

Benediction & Adoration

Sundays: March 1 & 22

6pm Church

Scrutinies

First Scrutiny: Sunday, March 15 8am Mass

Second Scrutiny: Sunday, March 22 11am Mass

Third Scrutiny: Saturday, March 28 4:30pm Mass

Lenten Activities

Lenten Morning of Reflection

with Fr. Pat Welsh & Deacon Dick Strominger

Saturday, March 7 8:30am-11am Spirit Center

Join us for 8:30am Mass, followed by a morning focused on the Sacrament of Healing. *Continental Breakfast*

Register / More information at

www.stalbertthegreat.net/LentenReflection2020

Lunch with the Lord

Sponsored by South Dayton Adult Faith Collaborative

Wednesdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Noon St. Francis of Assisi in Centerville

Lenten Small Faith Groups

Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning March 1

Based on the book "The Joy of the Gospel"

Register and more information at

www.stalbertthegreat.net/LentenGroups2020

Lenten Prayer Baskets

Prayer Request forms available in Church &

Chapel These will be used for the Easter Vigil fire

Rice Bowls

These are given to RE and School students for Catholic Relief Services

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 11am Mass throughout Lent

For ages 5-10; Children under 5 must be

accompanied by a parent. See bulletin for details

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Holy Thursday: April 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday: April 10

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Noon & 7pm

Stations of the Cross 2pm



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Holy Saturday: April 11

Morning Prayer and

Blessing Easter Baskets 10am

Easter Vigil: April 11 Mass at 8:45pm

Easter Sunday: April 12

Masses at 8am, 9:30am and 11am