

Lent 2018

St. Dominic's Catholic Church

Save the Date for these Lenten Liturgies & Gatherings



Ash Wednesday ~ February 14th, 2018

Mass & Ashes: 6:45 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:15 AM (9:15 St. Dominic School Mass),
4:00 PM & 7:00 PM (7PM Church & Parish Hall)
Ashes Only: 12:30 PM Church

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper ~ Friday Evenings

6:30 PM Church followed by Ministry Sponsored Soup Suppers in the Parish Hall
February 16th & 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd

Parish Reconciliation Service ~ Wednesday, March 21st, 2018

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday ~ March 29th, 2018

Office of Tenebrae 8:15 AM Church Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM
Reposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 PM– Midnight Parish Hall
The Farewell Discourses of Jesus Christ 11:30 PM Parish Hall

Good Friday ~ March 30th, 2018

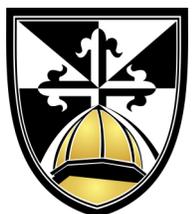
Office of Tenebrae 8:15 AM Church
Seven Last Words of Christ 12:00 PM
Veneration of the Cross & Communion 2:00 PM
Spanish Veneration of the Cross & Communion 4:00 PM
Veneration of the Cross & Communion 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil ~ March 31st, 2018

Office of Tenebrae 8:15 AM Church
Service of Light– Courtyard 8:00 PM followed by Vigil Church
Reception following Vigil, Mary Magdalene Room

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord ~April 1st, 2018

Sunrise Mass St. Dominic's Church Cemetery 6:30 AM (Parish Hall at 7AM if inclement weather)
7:00AM Mass Church only, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Masses Church & Parish Hall
Bilingual Mass 12:30 PM Church Only



2018 Lenten Regulations

Lent is a season in which the faithful are called to reflect on the Paschal Mystery in a particularly focused way. It is a time of spiritual renewal and to carefully examine one's relationship with God and others. It is also a time in which catechumens prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Church calls everyone, therefore, to a spirit of penance through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE. In order to foster a spirit of repentance and unite ourselves more closely to Christ, Church law, calls all persons, 14 years and older, to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is generally understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. Other forms of fasting, including abstinence from alcoholic beverages, television, video games, the internet and social media, is spiritually beneficial and strongly encouraged.

PRAYER. Catholics are urged to read and pray with sacred Scripture more intently during Lent, and to strengthen their knowledge of the faith by reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The faithful are encouraged to participate in special devotions offered by the parish, especially parish penance services and Eucharistic adoration. Other devotions such as the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are strongly encouraged. Lent is also a privileged time for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The faithful should be reminded that they are obliged to confess their sins at least once a year (CIC 989)

ALMSGIVING. From earliest times giving to the poor, or almsgiving, has been an invaluable spiritual practice, a religious duty, a form of penance, an expression of Christian charity, and an aid to interior conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are urged to give generously to assist the poor and support the charitable works of the Church, especially through their local parish and the Annual Catholic Appeal. The faithful are also encouraged to visit the sick, the homebound, the aged, and those in prison, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40). Fasting and abstinence together with almsgiving and charitable works unites us to the crucified Christ reflected in the image of our brothers and sisters who suffer.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Love - Sacrifice - Trust

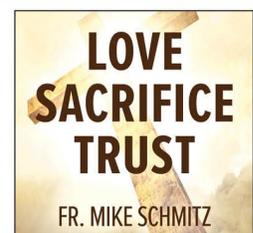
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