

Putting it all Together: A *Possible* Schedule for the Period of Purification and Enlightenment

Ash Wednesday – Lent begins; all attend Mass/Service of Ashes

Thursday after Ash Wednesday – Temptation and Grace; the Universal Call to Holiness – a meditation on the upcoming Gospel of Jesus in the Desert; Communion of Saints – choosing a patron saint for Confirmation and personal intercession

1st Sunday of Lent – Parish Celebration of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop; Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates; Dismissal to reflect on the Word of God after Homily

Thursday of 1st Week of Lent – The Eucharist as Christ Revealed, Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart; a meditation of the upcoming Gospel on the Transfiguration

2nd Sunday of Lent – Penitential Rite (candidates); may also be celebrated during upcoming weekday session if a priest or deacon is present; Dismissal to reflect on Word of God after Homily

Thursday of 2nd Week of Lent – The Mercy of God, Personal Charity/Humility, and Mary as the Model: a meditation on the upcoming Gospel on the Samaritan Woman

3rd Sunday of Lent – First Scrutiny (elect); Dismissal to reflect on Word of God after Homily

Thursday of 3rd Week of Lent – Presentation of the Creed; may also be celebrated within a Mass after the Homily (RCIA 157); Sin, Pride and avoiding Spiritual Blindness; a meditation on the upcoming Gospel on the Man Born Blind

4th Sunday of Lent – Second Scrutiny (elect); Dismissal to reflect on the Word of God after Homily

Thursday of 4th Week of Lent – Bodily Death, Judgement, and Eternal life; a meditation on the upcoming Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus; Forgiveness in Baptism and Reconciliation; a workshop and practice for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

5th Sunday of Lent – Third Scrutiny (elect); Dismissal to reflect on the Word of God after Homily

Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent – Presentation of the Lord's Prayer; may also be celebrated within a Mass after the Homily (RCIA 178); a meditation on The Paschal Mystery and the events of Holy Week; Christ's Suffering, Death, and Resurrection – the source of our Redemption and all graces.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Dismissal to reflect on the Word of God after Homily; During Holy Week, all are to attend Tenebrae Service (Wednesday), Mass of the Lord's Supper (Thursday), and Service of the Passion (Friday)

Holy Saturday – Morning of Recollection; to include Morning Prayer (Lauds), Preparation Rites (Ephphetha Rite, Recitation of the Creed); revealing and discussion of Confirmation name/patron; Sacrament of Reconciliation provided for Candidates while Elect have meditation on select Scripture passages on God's mercy and forgiveness. Sacramentals brought forth for blessing as part of Concluding Rites. Practice or Review for Easter Vigil to be followed by a simple lunch.

Easter Vigil – 8:00pm