

## FORTY DAYS OF LENT

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah fasting came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord like them to be  
fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with Thy grace,  
and give us joy to see Thy face.

*Latin Hymn – Sixth Century*



## FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total abstinence from meat, and also days of fast, that is limited to a single full meal. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, a law which binds Catholics over 14 years of age. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until and including their 59th year.

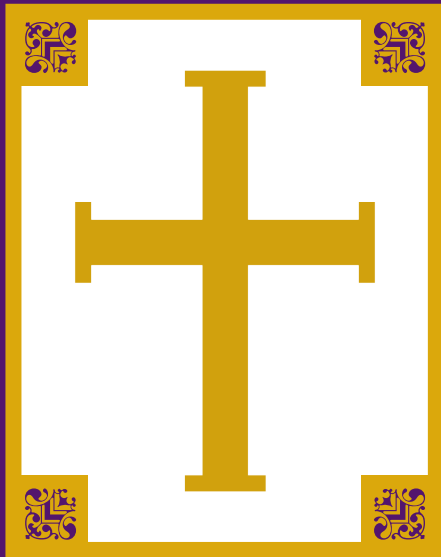


# LENT 2025



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## BIBLE SYMPOSIUM

*with*

Vy. Rev. Joseph Piekarski

All Meetings  
to be held at 7:00 pm  
in the St. Mary Room:

Tuesday, March 11th

Tuesday, March 18th

Tuesday, March 25th



## WHAT IS PRAYER?

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart;  
it is a simple look turned towards heaven,  
it is a cry of recognition and of love,  
embracing both trial and joy.

*St. Therese of Lisieux*



## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5

Masses: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 7:00 pm  
Prayer Service, with distribution of Ashes  
after the Homily: 12:00 pm

## TEACH WEEK DURING LENT

Friday (including Good Friday)

5:00 – 7:00 pm K of C Fish Fry *Parish Hall*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Mass  
11:30 am Mass

Monday – Saturday

8:30 am Mass



## HOLY WEEK

April 13 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Regular Mass Schedule  
Blessing of Palms at all Masses  
OCIA Retreat at 10:30 *St. Mary Room*

April 14 • Diocesan Wide Reconciliation Monday

3:00 pm – 8:00 pm *Any Church  
in the Diocese of Wilmington*

April 15 • Diocesan Chrism Mass

7:00 pm *Holy Cross Church, Dover, DE*

TRIDUUM ✠ ONE LITURGY OVER THREE DAYS

April 17 • Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
until 10:00 pm *Chapel*

April 18 • Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
3:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

April 19 • Holy Saturday

8:30 am Morning Prayer  
12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Food  
*St. Mary Room*

Easter Vigil

8:00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night –  
Celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation

**There is no 5:00 pm Mass**

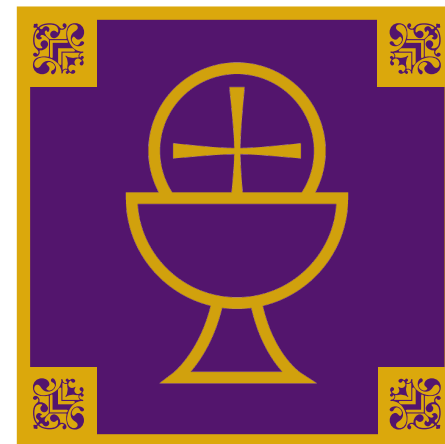
April 20 • Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord

Regular Mass Schedule  
Additional 9:30 am Mass *Church Hall*

## THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Throughout Lent we join our Catechumens and Candidates in prayer and support through special rites in the upcoming weeks.

You are invited to help these who seek full initiation into the Catholic Church by your witness and our community celebrations. Please join us at the Easter Vigil for this glorious celebration.



## OCIA EVENTS

Rite of Sending • March 9, 9:30 am Mass

Rite of Election • March 9, 3:00 pm  
*Holy Cross Church, Dover, DE*

Penitential Rite • March 16, 9:30 am Mass

1st Scrutiny • March 23, 9:30 am Mass

2nd Scrutiny • March 30, 9:30 am Mass

3rd Scrutiny • April 6, 9:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

April 7

9:15 am Adoration  
6:00 pm Benediction