



Wednesday	February 17	ALL SCHOOL	5 <sup>th</sup> - A
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ASH WEDNESDAY (#219) 2 readings today!!!

Joel 2:12-18      Psalm 51      Corinthians 5:20 – 6:2      Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Notes:**      See NOTES at the end of this schedule for specific Lenten Reminders!  
 “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”  
 “Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return.”  
**During the Season of Lent, one student will carry in the vessel of incense at the beginning of Mass, and place it in front of the Altar.**

Thursday	February 25	ALL SCHOOL	3 <sup>rd</sup> - T
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Lent: Ask & You Will Recieve (LMC #179) – **FOOD DRIVE**

Isaiah 12:4b-5      Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things      Matthew 7:7-11

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Thursday	March 4	ALL SCHOOL	4 <sup>th</sup> - A
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Lent: Pray, Fast, and Share (LMC #176-2)

Isaiah 58:6-9      Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light      Matthew 6:1-4

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Lent, one student will carry in the vessel of incense at the beginning of Mass, and place it in front of the Altar.**

Thursday	March 11	ALL SCHOOL	8 <sup>th</sup> - A
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Lent: Love of God and Love of Neighbor (LMC #182)

Deuteronomy 10:12-14      Psalm 19: Your Words are Spirit & Life      Mark 12:28b-31

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Lent, one student will carry in the vessel of incense at the beginning of Mass, and place it in front of the Altar.**

Thursday	March 18	ALL SCHOOL	2 <sup>nd</sup> - T
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Lent: Forgive One Another (LMC #178)

Colossians 3:12-14      Psalm 51: Create in Me      Matthew 6:7-15

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Lent, one student will carry in the vessel of incense at the beginning of Mass, and place it in front of the Altar.**

Thursday	March 25	ALL SCHOOL	1 <sup>st</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> - A
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The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (#545) 2 readings! – **FOOD DRIVE**  
 Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10      Psalm 40: Here I Am      Hebrews 10:4-10      Luke 1:26-38

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Lent, one student will carry in the vessel of incense at the beginning of Mass, and place it in front of the Altar.**

Thursday	April 8	ALL SCHOOL	8 <sup>th</sup> - T
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Easter: Witness of the Resurrection (LMC #185)  
 Acts 2:32-33      Psalm 118: This Is the Day      John 20:11-18

**Notes:**      Each day in the Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday and the seven days following), is treated like Easter Sunday. The Easter Candle is lit, we sing the Glory to God and the Easter Dismissal. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**\*Make sure students notice the new Easter Candle (Paschal Candle)!\***

Thursday	April 15	ALL SCHOOL	7 <sup>th</sup> - A
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Easter: The Power of Jesus' Name (LMC #186)  
 Acts 3:1-10      Psalm 118: This Is the Day      John 14:12-14

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Easter, the Easter Candle is lit. We may also be sprinkled with Holy Water during the Blessing & Sprinkling Rite, which may take the place of the Penitential Rite, to remind us of our Baptism!**

Thursday	April 22	ALL SCHOOL	6 <sup>th</sup> - T
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Easter: Followers of Jesus (LMC #188)  
 Acts 5:17-21      Psalm 34: The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor      John 15:18-21

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Easter, the Easter Candle is lit. We may also be sprinkled with Holy Water during the Blessing & Sprinkling Rite, which may take the place of the Penitential Rite, to remind us of our Baptism!**

Thursday	April 29	ALL SCHOOL	5 <sup>th</sup> - A
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St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church (#557) – **FOOD DRIVE**  
 1 John 1:2-2:2      Psalm 103: The Lord Is Kind & Merciful      Matthew 11:25-30

**Notes:**      **During the Season of Easter, the Easter Candle is lit. We may also be sprinkled with Holy Water during the Blessing & Sprinkling Rite, which may take the place of the Penitential Rite, to remind us of our Baptism!**

Thursday	May 6	ALL SCHOOL	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> - T
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Blessed Virgin Mary (LMC #447-1/#448-2/#451-1) – MAY CROWNING (2 readings)  
 Isaiah 9:1-3a, 6-7a      Ephesians 1:3-6      Psalm 113: Praise the Lord      Luke 1:26-38

**Notes:**                      During the Season of Easter, the Easter Candle is lit.  
 \*Today we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each student brings a flower, which is presented by a representative of their class to the BVM.\*

Thursday	May 13	ALL SCHOOL	4 <sup>th</sup> - A
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Easter: Believe in Jesus (LMC #191) – **FOOD DRIVE**  
 Acts 11:19-22, 26c                      Psalm                      John 15:26-16:1

**Notes:**                      During the Season of Easter, the Easter Candle is lit. We may also be sprinkled with Holy Water during the Blessing & Sprinkling Rite, which may take the place of the Penitential Rite, to remind us of our Baptism!

Thursday	May 20	ALL SCHOOL	3 <sup>rd</sup> - T
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Easter: Preaching About Jesus (LMC #192)  
 Acts 16:22-34                      Psalm 117: Go Out to All the World                      Luke 9:1-6

**Notes:**                      During the Season of Easter, the Easter Candle is lit. We may also be sprinkled with Holy Water during the Blessing & Sprinkling Rite, which may take the place of the Penitential Rite, to remind us of our Baptism!

Thursday	May 27	ALL SCHOOL	2 <sup>nd</sup> - A
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I Want to See Again (LMC #208) – **FOOD DRIVE**  
 Isaiah 42:16                      Psalm 27: The Lord Is My Light                      Mark 10:46-52

**Notes:**                      Ordinary Time

Thursday	June 3	ALL SCHOOL	8 <sup>th</sup> - T
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Thursday in Ordinary Time (#356)  
 Timothy 2:8-15                      Psalm 40: Here I Am                      Mark 12:28-34

**Notes:**                      Ordinary Time

Tuesday	June 8	ALL SCHOOL	7 <sup>th</sup> - A
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(LMC #496 / #497 / #500) 2 readings!!  
 Isaiah 63:7      Psalm 104: Send Out Your Spirit      Colossians 3:12,15b-17      Matthew 13:31-32

**Notes:**                      Ordinary Time

# LENT NOTES FOR TEACHERS

## LENT STARTS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

During Lent, we enter a season of reflection and repentance. We hear the stories of the persecution of Christ, and we come together to prepare ourselves to enter fully into the Paschal Mystery. During this Holy Season, we are given some direction from the Church.

- Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday.
- Alleluia is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.
- During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments played only to give necessary support to the singing of the assembly.
- The readings for the Lenten Masses have been chosen in relation to the themes of baptismal renewal and penance. The gospels and readings from the Hebrew Scriptures have been selected for their mutual relationship.
  
- **FAST & ABSTINENCE:** Our most common form of liturgical fasting is the hour we spend before receiving communion, abstaining from food and drink. *(This is all-year, not only during the Lenten Season.)* Most of us don't think about it anymore, but it used to be a three-hour fast, and prior to that, a fast from midnight. This had the advantage of making communion the first food of the day, a real spiritual "break-fast."  
We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and we fast (eating only one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
Everyone age 14 and older is bound by the law of abstinence. Younger children are to be educated in its significance. ALL Catholics are expected to avoid meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent no matter how old they become.  
However, fasting binds from after one's 18th birthday until after the 59th. Catholics younger and older than that need not fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy penitential practice, even when it is not required.
  
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Booklets are available for each classroom to celebrate the Stations of the Cross together during Lent. If you would like to have music when your class celebrates the Stations, please let me know and I will be willing to do that for you.
  
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** This Sacrament is greatly encouraged during the Lenten Season. Students and families should be encouraged to attend Reconciliation during Lent, either on Saturdays at 4:00PM or by attending our Communal Reconciliation Service.

# CATHOLIC LITURGY & RITUAL

## NOTES & REMINDERS FOR TEACHERS

Please review these things in your Classroom!

Ritual Texts:[*These are the official Liturgical Texts of the Church, which we should be praying, strongly and confidently!*]

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

**All respond: Amen!**

The Lord be with you.

**All respond: And also with you.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All respond: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

**All respond: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All respond: Lord, have mercy.**

. . . we ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All respond: Amen!**

The word of the Lord.

**All respond: Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

**All respond: Glory to you, Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pray friends that our sacrifice may be acceptable  
to God, the almighty Father.

**All respond:**

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of His name,  
for our good, and the good of all His Church.**

The Lord be with you.

**All respond: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All respond: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All respond: It is right to give Him thanks and  
praise.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All respond: And also with you.**

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All respond: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Body of Christ / The Blood of Christ

**Communicant responds: Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and to serve the Lord.

**All respond: Thanks be to God.**

Please remind the students that is their job, responsibility, and duty to be active in participation at Mass. This is not optional! Everyone should be responding to the prayers and everyone should be singing! This is what we believe and profess as Catholics. We all offer our prayer together!

Ritual Postures & Gestures:[*These are the official Liturgical Rubrics of the Church, which we should be following.*]

When we enter the church, we first dip our hand into the holy water Font, and we bless ourselves, making the sign of the cross.

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

Then we proceed to our seats. If we pass in front of the tabernacle, we stop, face the tabernacle, and genuflect, again making the sign of the cross.

If we have not passed in front of the tabernacle, then before entering our pew, we stop, face the tabernacle, and genuflect, again making the sign of the cross.

Once in our seats, we should kneel for a minute or two to center ourselves and offer our hearts in prayer. Then we should be seated.

Once the opening song is announced, then we all stand and sing together!!

We remain standing until after the opening prayer. Then we sit down for the reading(s) and psalm from scripture.

*Those who pass in front of the altar during Mass (readers, lectors, cantors, musicians, etc.) will stop in front of the altar, and reverently make a profound bow slowly from the waist, then go to their place.*

After the psalm (or 2<sup>nd</sup> reading if there is one), we stand for the Gospel Acclamation and sing together. Here we raise our voices and acclaim Christ present in our midst. We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel, and then are seated afterwards.

Following the Homily, we stand for the Profession of Faith (Creed) or for the Prayer of the Faithful (General Intercessions).

Once the intercessions are concluded, we are then seated for the Preparation of the Gifts.

Once the song during the Preparation of the Gifts has finished, all stand, and we pray together. We then continue with the Preface (The Lord be with you, etc.).

We sing the Sanctus (Holy, Holy) together, and then all KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer.

*Those who remain standing (cantors, musicians, etc.) will make a profound bow from the waist when the priest genuflects / bows during the Eucharistic Prayer.*

We all sing together the Memorial Acclamation. Then the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer continues. The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with all singing the Great Amen! Then all stand.

We pray together the Lord's Prayer, then offer a sign of peace to one another. All remain standing for the Lamb of God and the procession to Communion.

Once you have received the Holy Eucharist, you may kneel or be seated. During Communion, everyone sings together!!

Following Communion we observe a time of Silent Prayer & Reflection.

We then stand together for the Prayer after Communion, and the Concluding Rite. We then sing together the Song of Sending Forth.

Once the song has finished, we depart as we entered: Genuflecting to the tabernacle, and making the sign of the Cross, as we leave our pew.

