

Season Of Lent 2022

Date	Description
02/03/2022	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent Begins <i>“During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the ‘living water’ of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.”</i> (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2021)</p> <p>The forty days of fasting before Easter includes every day of Lent except Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday inclusive. Thus, there are forty-six days of Lent (including Good Friday and Holy Saturday), but only forty fast days since Sundays are excluded. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. <i>Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of both fasting and abstinence from eating meat.</i> Abstinence is also observed on all Fridays of Lent. Catholics age 14 and older are bound to observe abstinence regulations except for serious reasons; Catholics age 18-59 are bound to observe fasting regulations except for serious reasons. For all other weekdays of Lent, the Church encourages fasting, either in the traditional sense or through some other form of self-denial determined by conscience. Other devotions, such as the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, Scripture Study, participation in daily Mass, and service to those in need, are strongly recommended. (Code of Canon Law 1249-1253)</p> <p>MASS TIMES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ 09:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes ✠ 12:05 pm Sacred Heart ✠ 05:30 St. Peter Chanel
04/03/2022	<p>FRIDAY after Ash Wednesday: Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence <i>“Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.”</i> (Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2021)</p> <p>Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Let us contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition during this season of Lent. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: <i>“Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.”</i> (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).</p> <p>SERVICES: 07:00 pm to 09:00 pm St. Peter Chanel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✠ WAY OF THE CROSS ✠ Sermon on “PASSION” ✠ MERCY HOURS (Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation)
06/03/2022	<p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C) <i>Jesus is Lord: Today we praise God for the marvelous things he did for our fathers, for his mighty hand outstretched arm. What he did for them he still does for us, in Jesus the Lord who conquered sin and death.</i> (The Sunday Missal)</p> <p>ORANGA TAMARIKI - DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN</p>

11/03/2022	<p>FRIDAY of the First Week of Lent: Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence <i>The season of Lent has a twofold character: primarily by recalling or preparing for baptism and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery. This twofold character is to be brought into greater prominence both in the liturgy and by liturgical catechesis. Hence:</i> <i>a) More use is to be made of the baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy; some of them, which used to flourish in bygone days, are to be restored as may seem good.</i> <i>b) The same is to apply to the penitential elements. As regards instruction it is important to impress on the minds of the faithful not only a social consequences of sin but also that essence of the virtue of penance which leads to the detestation of sin as an offence against God; the role of the Church in penitential practices is not to be passed over, and the people must be exhorted to pray for sinners. (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 109)</i></p> <p>SERVICES: 07:00 pm to 09:00 pm St. Peter Chanel ✠ WAY OF THE CROSS ✠ MERCY HOURS (Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation)</p>
13/03/2022	<p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C) <i>The Lord In Whom We Place Our Faith: Like Abraham, our father in faith, we are called by God to a new homeland. We are not to rest in the material comforts of this world, by to move onwards towards the land of promise, where the Lord in whom we put our faith will transfigure our mortal bodies into the likeness of his glorified body. (The Sunday Missal)</i> Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis, 2013</p>
17/03/2022	<p>THURSDAY: FEAST OF ST. PATRICK <i>Catholics celebrate St. Patrick, the fifth century bishop and patron of Ireland, whose life of holiness set the example for many of the Church's future saints.</i></p>
18/03/2022	<p>FRIDAY of the Second Week of Lent: Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence <i>During Lent penance should not be only internal and individual, but also external and social. The practice of penance should be fostered in ways that are possible in our own times and in different regions, and according to the circumstances of the faithful. (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 110)</i></p> <p>SERVICES: 07:00 pm to 09:00 pm St. Peter Chanel ✠ WAY OF THE CROSS ✠ Sermon on “DEATH” ✠ MERCY HOURS (Holy Hour and Sacrament of Reconciliation)</p>
19/03/2022	<p>SATURDAY: SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH <i>“Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. . . . At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.” (Pope Francis, Patris Corde, no. 2)</i></p>
20/03/2022	<p>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C) <i>The Lord of Compassion and Love: We celebrate today the Lord who resolves to free us from our slavery to sin, if only we will listen to his serious warnings to us to repent. (The Sunday Missal)</i> MASS OF FIRST SCRUTINY (Year A Readings) <i>The Living Water: Christ quenches our spiritual thirst with the living water; the love of God which is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We pray for those who are prepared for this baptism. (The Sunday Missal)</i></p>

