

Ash Wednesday

22 February 2012

*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel
9:30 am

Low Mass & Imposition of Ashes
10:00 am

Evening Prayer in the Mary Chapel
5:30 pm

High Mass &
Imposition of Ashes with Choir
6:30 pm

*Simple Lenten meals follow both masses,
and the Ash Wednesday offerings are
for Episcopal Relief and Development.*

*The 8:00 am Mass
will not be said on Ash Wednesday.*

The Annunciation

of our Lord to the BVM tr.
26 March 2012

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

Evening Prayer in the Mary Chapel
5:30 pm

High Mass with Choir
6:30 pm

*The 8:00 am Mass
will not be said on March 26.*

The Catechumenate

During Lent the following Rites will
occur with our catechumens at the
Sunday High Mass at 10:00 am.

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26

The Enrollment of Catechumens

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 11

Presentation of the Creed

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25

The Presentation of the Lord's Prayer



Lent at St. Mark's

*Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly; gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged; gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.
Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests,
the ministers of the LORD, weep.
Let them say,
"Spare your people, O LORD,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
Where is their God?"*

From the Prophecy of Joel



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Sunday Lenten Series: Embracing the Prophets & Confronting Our Pharoahs

February 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25
8:45 - 9:30 am in the Parish Hall

For the five Sundays in Lent we will study the prophets and their relevance for us today using a DVD series featuring Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann.

Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann presents this compelling faith exploration and develops contemporary significance and relevance of the Old Testament prophets as uncredentialed purveyors of covenant and moral coherence in a world of power, money and violence. - From the DVD series

Come discover how the prophets are relevant for today.

Studying the Scriptures

Friday Bible Study, 8:45 - 9:45 am

One of the ways to observe Lent is to study the Bible. Every Friday St. Mark's offers a Bible Study following the 8:00 am Mass. We discuss the readings for the following Sunday, and newcomers are welcome.

Parish Gardening Day

Saturday, March 17, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Refresh your green thumb on St. Patrick's Day. Help us spruce up the gardens for Easter.



Reconciliation of Penitents

It is a honorable spiritual practice to make one's confession prior to Ash Wednesday (February 22) as well as during the Lenten Fast. A priest will be available in the church on Saturdays at 4:30 pm to hear confessions, prior to the recitation of Evening Prayer at 4:45 pm in the Mary Chapel. The format used will be Form I from the BCP. If you have never made your confession, and you would like to try this spiritual practice, do not hesitate to speak with one of our priests. They will be happy to provide you with direction and counsel.

Stations of the Cross, Benediction of the Sacrament & the History of Our Faith

Fridays of Lent

February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Evening Prayer, 5:30 pm

Stations & Benediction, 6:00 pm

The History of Christianity, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Bishop's Visitation

On Friday, March 9, Bishop Fitzpatrick will join us for his annual visitation.

Join us as we walk the way of the cross, we adore our Lord in the Sacrament, and we gather for the BBC series, *The History of Christianity*, hosted by the great scholar Diarmaid MacCullough. The DVD series takes us from the early church through to the present day. We are excited to bring this popular BBC series to St. Mark's.

Lenten Almsgiving

During Lent we collect three different offerings for the Episcopal Church. On Ash Wednesday, February 22, our offering benefits Episcopal Relief and Development. On the Third Sunday in Lent, March 11, we participate in the United Thank Offering, the collection sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women. On Good Friday, April 6, the offering is for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.