

Dear Padre,

At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Contrary to the dispositions of the Law of Moses, which prohibited a leper from drawing near, Jesus extends his hand and even touches him....Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to touch the poor and the excluded, because he is in them. Touching the poor can cleanse us from hypocrisy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 22, 2016

Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 15
Weekday
Gn 4:1–15, 25
Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 16
Weekday
Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10
Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 17
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday
FEBRUARY 18
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
FEBRUARY 19
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
FEBRUARY 20
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
FEBRUARY 21
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 9:8–15
1 Pt 3:18–22
Mk 1:12–15



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021



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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of February 13 – February 19

Sat 6:00 pm †Barbara Sexton
Sun 11:00 am †Grover Johnson (Anniv. of Death)
Sun 6:00 pm †Jim Freeman
Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
Tue 8:00 am †Don & Roland Landry

Ash Wednesday

Wed 8:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
Wed 6:00 pm †Deacon Bob Everard

Thr 8:00 am †Michael Brenke (Birthday)
Fri 8:00 am †Marianne Weinzierl

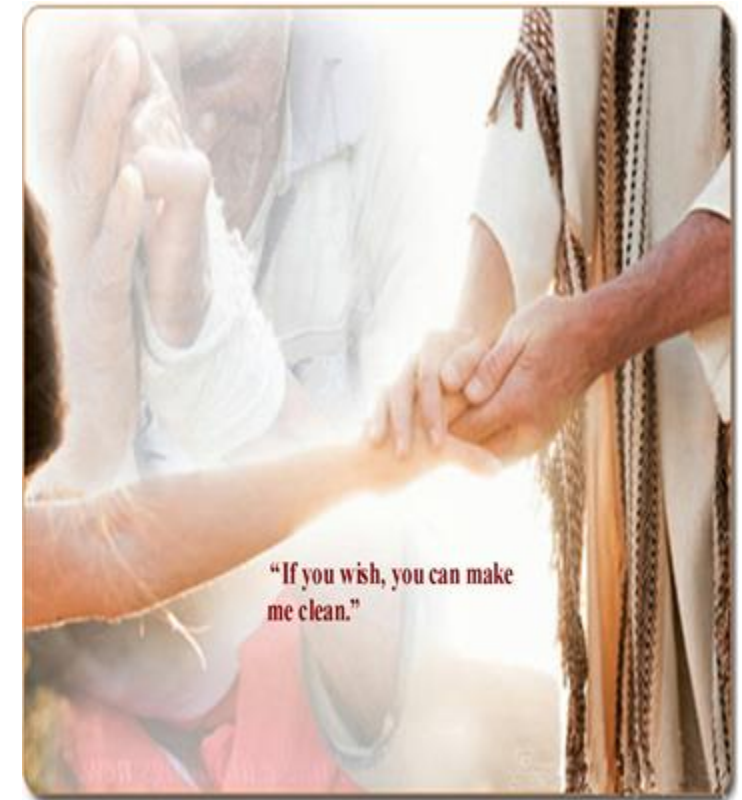
Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of February 13 – February 19

Sat 4:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Sun 9:15 am Falcone & Johnson Family
Tue 6:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory, esp. Johnson & Falcone Family

Ash Wednesday

Wed 4:00 pm †Ann Newman



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm