The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Thursday with the celebration of the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery, the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. For catechumens, this takes place through the several stages of Christian initiation. For the faithful, this takes place through reminders of their own baptism and through penitential practices. Please check the Parish Bulletin and the Parish Website for additional information for our Parish observance of Lent.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND FASTING DURING LENT

The bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. Keeping a voluntary fast throughout Lent is encouraged on the part of all.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The description and schedule of the Lenten Rites for the Elect (catechumens) and Candidates for the Easter Sacraments will be announced in the Parish Bulletin all throughout Lent. These rites will take place at the Saturday evening 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday and at the Sunday 11:00 AM Solemn Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

The opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available:
- On Sundays at 9:00 AM (Basilica), 12:00 Noon in Spanish (Chapel)
- On Weekdays at 11:30 AM (Basilica) and on Saturdays at 4:15 PM (Basilica).

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

will take place each Friday of Lent in the Chapel immediately following the 12:05 PM Mass. 'El Vía Crucis, the Way of the Cross in Spanish, will take place each Sunday of Lent in the Basilica following the 12:30 PM Mass.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

By eating one simple meal weekly and placing your savings into the Rice Bowl, you will be joining yourself in solidarity with all who have so little to live on, and helping to reach out to assist them throughout the world and here in the Archdiocese. Rice bowls are available in the vestibules. Your donations can be dropped off during Holy Week and the first weeks of Easter in the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR EVENTS DURING THIS LENT

Each Wednesday of Lent, except for Ash Wednesday, there will be an additional Mass at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.
Acclamation Before
Praise and hooroo, to you, O Lord - Je-sus Christ.

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

5:15 PM
Ave verum corpus
Mozart, arr. Giffen
Cantus Angelorum Cathedral Children's Choir
English translation, sung in Latin
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) during our final examining.

11:00 AM
Meditatorium
Joseph Rheinberger
Cathedral Basilica Choir
(1839-1901)
English translation, sung in Latin
I will meditate on thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly:
and I will lift up my hands to thy commandments, which I have loved.

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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 holy Church.

Communion Rite
Lord's Prayer
Rite of Peace

Agnus Dei
Missa de Angelis

Communion
Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter un-der my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Eucharistic Prayer
Sanctus
Roman Missal Chant
San-cus, San-cus, San-cus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra glo-ri-a tu-a. Ho-sa-n- na
in ex-cel-sis. Be-ne-di-ctus qui ve-ni-t in no-mi-ne
Do-mi-ni. Ho-sa-n-na in ex-cel-sis.

Mystery of Faith
Roman Missal Chant
Save us, Sav io- r of the world, for your Cross...