

Lent and Creeds
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See Liturgical Calendar

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm>

<http://ascensionpresents.com/category/frmikepodcast/page/5/>

LENT

Jewish roots. See N-3 in New Catholic Answer Bible (NCAB)

Acts 13:2-3 (NT 194) Early Christians

40 - a time of training, testing, preparation

Ashes - a biblical sign of penitence. See Job 42:6 (OT 603), Psalm 51 (OT 638), Jonah 3:6 (OT 1093). See also NCAB I-3.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14th. Masses at 7:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

1. Fasting - Isaiah 58 (OT 902), Joel 2:12 (OT 1076), Matthew 4 (NT 19), Luke 4 (NT 106)
2. Abstinence: No meat for those between the ages of 18 and 59 on Fridays of Lent, and Ash Wednesday.)
3. Almsgiving - Matthew 6 (NT 23)

Weekend of February 17-18

RITE OF SENDING Sponsors need to be present. Special prayers at the dismissal time. Catechumen will be called up first and after those sponsors are questioned, the Candidates will be called forward, and their sponsors will be questioned.

During BOTW, each seeker will sign the Book of Elect.

RITE of ELECT on Sunday, February 18th 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady's Cathedral, 3214 North Lake, OKC 73132. Again, see Save the Date sheet. Includes the children in RCIA for children program. Come and shake hands with the Archbishop.

Only one can accompany. At Rite of Welcome, I encouraged your "parish sponsor" to be the one to sign. At the Rite of Elect, your co-sponsor may be the one to accompany you. Communication is needed to determine who will be there with you.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross - Friday evenings

Soup Suppers on Fridays between 5:30 Mass and Stations of the Cross

(?March 8th - RCIA to host. Preparation crew 4:00, serving and clean-up to 7:15ish.)

Parish Mission - Feb 19-21; 7:00 p.m.

Confession (See Precepts of the Church Text p. 334-335)

RCIA Lenten Retreat, Saturday, March 17th, 9:00-3:00 p.m. Sponsors & spouses invited. Must RSVP by March 6th. Time of first confession.

DISCUSSION

1. Do you recognize any personal change in your spiritual journey since August?
2. What are some considerations about fasting for Lent? How will it improve your spiritual journey or relationship with God?

CREED (see text p.61-62 and p. 532-33)

Jesus is Lord (Acts 8)

1 Cor 15 in 30 A.D.

Four Marks of the Church

One - As the Trinity is One, the Church is to be One. That unity will persist in spite of human action.

Holy - The Holy Spirit, source of the Church, is Holy. As individuals, we still fall short, but our purpose is to strive for the purpose of God.

Catholic - Universal; for all.

Apostolic - Faithful to the teaching of the Apostles. Bishops succeed the Apostles, as responsible for authentic proclamation of the Gospel. Bishops are consecrated by bishops by laying on of hands. "Apostolic" means it is possible to trace the line of bishops back to the apostles. See U-3.