

Lent and Creed
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US Catholic Catechism for Adults p. 334-335.
Ch 4, p.35-47.

New Catholic Answer Bible I-3, N-3
Homily by Bishop Anthony Basil Taylor.
Video of Stations of the Cross (42 minutes)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wW1t7M8HKT8>

contrition - to be sorry.

repent - desire to change actions/attitudes that cause negative results.

penance - act of atonement; effort to make up for wrong-doing.

penitent - one who is trying to make amends or do penance.

LENT

N-3 in NCAB cites Baruch 1:5, 10-13 (OT 981)

Acts 13:2-3 (NT 194) Early Christians continued the practice of fasting and prayer.

Liturgical Calendar - color purple for penance.

Ashes are 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 - March 6th. 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 4:1-2 (NT 19), Luke 4 (NT 106)
2. Abstinence: No meat for those between the ages of 18 and 59 on Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Text p.334-335.
3. Almsgiving - *Matthew 6 (NT 23)
Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. <https://www.csricebowl.org/about>

RITE OF SENDING at time of dismissal for Break Open the Word, weekend of March 9th and 10th.

Then RITE OF ELECT Sunday, March 10th at Our Lady's Cathedral, 3214 North Lake, OKC 73132. Be in the Cathedral no later than 4:00 p.m. Assigned seating.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Stations of the Cross - Friday evenings after Mass.

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

Parish Mission - Wednesday, April 3rd; 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

RCIA Lenten Retreat, Saturday, March 30th, 9:00-3:00 p.m. Time of first confession. Sponsors & spouses invited. Must RSVP by Friday, March 15th. (Rite of Elect would be good time to RSVP)

CREED

US Catholic Catechism for Adults, Ch 4 and also text p.61-62 for doctrinal statements about God.

Jesus is Lord (Phil 2:11 NT 295)

1 Cor 12: 3 (NT 251)

1 Cor 15: 3 in 30 A.D. (NT 255)

RO 10: 9 (NT 229)

Apostles Creed (description in text p. 45) Used when saying the rosary and during the sacrament of Baptism.

Hebrews 2: 14-18 (NT 332) "Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life."

Jesus experienced the same tests as every human.

Nicene Creed (Read description of Nicene creed from text p. 46.)

Debate about humanity and divinity of Jesus. Council of Nicaea (325) declared that Christ "consubstantial" (of the same substance) as the Father; and First Council of Constantinople (381) declared divinity of the Holy Spirit.

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 in NCAB.

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

Continue same routine of daily prayer time that includes a particular time, particular place, some quiet, and your Bible.

Wednesday, March 6th (Ash Wednesday): Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 (NT 23)
Prayerful practice.

Isn't it interesting how our physical (external) practice interacts with the spiritual (internal). They have to work in harmony with each other. Is my internal in sync with my external?

Thursday, March 7th: Luke 9: 22-25 (NT 116) Discipleship.
"Follow me." What does my path look like?

Friday, March 8th: Matthew 9:14-15 (NT 28) Fasting.

Fasting is not an end in itself. How can it lead to greater faithfulness (the true goal of fasting)? What is your goal in fasting?

Saturday, March 9th: Luke 5: 27-32 (NT 109) A tax collector as disciple.
Who qualifies? Who is called? You?

Sunday, March 10th: Luke 4:1-13 (NT 106) Temptation of Jesus.

How are we tempted by our strengths as well as our weaknesses? How does this play out in my life?

Monday, March 11th: Matthew 25: 31-46 (NT 61) Responding to the least ones.
Is my response one of fear of hell or one of love?

Tuesday, March 12th: Matthew 6: 7-15 (NT 23) The Lord's Prayer.

What do "daily sustenance" do I need?

What forgiveness is needed?