

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent is Feb. 17th. We have struggled with the Covid-19 for 1 year. This is longer than we could have imagined. It doesn't mean we can't make this Lent a season of quiet, beautiful and reflective prayer. It should be a time of spiritual renewal.

Although we continue to safe space, sanitize and wear mask there are many opportunities for *growing in our relationship with the Lord*. Please use our **website, bulletin, handouts and church prayer services** to make Lent especially meaningful for yourself and family.

Attendance at mass during the week or on the weekend is encouraged.

Celebrating the sacraments especially Eucharist & Reconciliation are an emphasis of Pope Francis during this year of St. Joseph, the patron of the Diocese of Baton Rouge in our 60th year.

In addition to our daily masses, remember our prayer chapel is open for private meditation. There is always sanitizer present.

On Tuesday's our 5 PM mass is followed novena, benediction and adoration till 8:30 PM. Adoration is also on Wed. evenings, Thursday and Friday mornings. Confessions are Wed nights and Saturday afternoons. Our rosary group prayer is Thursday evening which any family can share in by praying from home. Friday's we have Stations of the Cross at 5 PM but they can be prayed privately anytime. This year 2 of our high lights are our Lenten Booklets, "Embrace This Holy Season" by Fr. Joseph Sica and our Taize Prayer Around the Cross, Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30 PM. **Holy Week will be March 28- April. 4th.**