



CATHEDRAL-BASILICA of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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MASSES:

Saturday Morning Mass	8:00 A.M.
Saturday—Vigil Mass:	4:30 P.M.
Sunday:	8:00 A.M.
	10:30 A.M.
Weekday:	12:10 P.M.
Holy Days, Vigil Mass:	5:30 P.M.
Feast:	12:10 P.M.
Masses on Holidays:	9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Daily:	11:45 A.M.—12:05 P.M.
Saturday:	3:30 – 4:15 P.M.
	Anytime on request.

Prayer Request Line: 434-8291

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Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

Upcoming Masses & Special Collections

March 1 - Black and Indian Mission Collection
March 15 - Stained Glass Windows Collection
March 22 - Catholic Relief Services Collection

Cathedral Parish News

First Friday Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this Friday, March 6, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please sign-up for a particular hour of adoration on the north literature table or email office@mobilecathedral.org.

Mardi Gras Day/Ash Wednesday Masses

Mass on February 24th, Mardi Gras Day, will be at 8 AM. Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 12:10PM.

Fellowship Fridays During Lent

Stations are celebrated on Lenten Fridays at 5:15PM. After Stations, all are invited to the Portier House for a meatless meal, a presentation on Lent, conversation and questions.

Give Up Your Anonymity for Lent

To help Father Bill and everyone learn the names of others at Mass, all are asked to wear a nametag at Mass during the Sundays of Lent. Nametags will be available on tables in the back of the church. You are welcome to bring your own from home.

Young Adults Bible Study

Young Adults Bible Study will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6 PM in the Portier House beginning February 27th. The first subject will be Luke, Chapter 1.

Contribution Envelopes

Please pick up your box of 2020 church envelopes from the table in the back of the church (Dauphin Street side).

Parish Meetings

The Cathedral Altar Society meets the **third Thursday of each month** at 6 PM in the Portier House.

St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the **first and third Tuesday** of each month at 6 PM at the Portier House. Call 251-447-3504 or email cath.svdpmobile@gmail.com

RCIA Classes are held each Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral Office at the Portier House.

Choir practice is held each Wednesday beginning at 7 PM in the choir room of the Portier House. New members welcome. Contact Mr. Clint Doolittle at 251-434-1573.

The Prayer Network request line is 251-434-8291 and leave your prayer request. It will be forwarded to the Prayer Network.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Lenten Season

Fasting

Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all the week days of Lent the U.S. Bishops strongly encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller "collations," when considered together, should not equal the main meal and ideally should be eaten only if needed to maintain one's strength.

Abstinence

All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity (there are no Friday solemnities in 2019) In their Penance and Abstinence pastoral, the U.S. Bishops declared: "the obligation both to fast and to abstain from meat, an obligation observed under a more strict formality by our fathers in the faith, still binds on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation..." They also stated: "we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of the Fridays of lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from his penitential practice."

Gloria and Creed

The Gloria and the Creed are sung/said on the Lenten Solemnities. Note that when the Creed is said during the Mass on the Annunciation that all genuflect at the words, "and by the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

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