



## A TIME OF LENT

### The Feast of Saint Scholastic

Dear Parishioners:

Once again, we come to that time in the Church year when I will invite you to join me in the observance of a holy Lent. As *The Book of Common Prayer* reminds us that the season of Lent a time of self-examination and repentance; of prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and of reading and meditating on God's holy Word. As followers of Christ Jesus, remembering our Redeemer's sojourn in the wilderness, where he prepared himself for his earthly ministry, Lent helps us to prepare our own hearts, minds and bodies for the work God has called us.

So joining Christians from around the world, we begin our Lenten Journey on February 17<sup>th</sup> with the observance of Ash Wednesday.

As with every other aspect of our lives, COVID-19 has changed how we will observe Ash Wednesday at St. Thomas of Canterbury. We will have two (2) Liturgies – 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. – and both livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook. Our morning liturgy, which will take the place of our regularly scheduled Morning Prayer Service, will also be livestreamed on Instagram (@purchal). The evening liturgy offers the opportunity for In-Person worship. For those who choose to participate in-person at 7:30 p.m., all the restrictions and rules that apply to Sunday morning will be in place.

For more details and login in information, please see the back of this letter or see our website: [www.stthomasofcanterbury.net](http://www.stthomasofcanterbury.net)

Throughout Lent, I encourage everyone to consider adding a new spiritual practice, as well as keeping a practice of prayer and Scripture reading. Along with our regular 8:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer on Facebook and Instagram, on February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will also offer the Daily Office at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. We will also continue Tuesday Compline at 8:30 p.m. and our 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Midday Prayer. To further our understanding of our Faith, Prayer, Ministry and Scripture, please consider joining us on Zoom on Tuesdays for our 7:30 p.m. Bible Study of Mark or our 10:30 Wednesday Morning Bible Study. Upcoming Christian Formation offerings will be announced via email, our website and on social media.

To help us to continue our parish's Worship and Ministry, as well as to provide uplifting and challenging Christian programming for children and adults, a special Lenten offering envelope has been included. You may also donate online on our parish website. Beloved in Christ, I look forward to taking this Lenten Journey will you. God bless and keep you always.

In Christ:

  
Father John Jeffrey Purchal

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# LENT: 2021 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Livestreamed on Zoom, Facebook Live and Instagram (@purchal)

7:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship, and Livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Both Services are In-Person

10:30 a.m. will be Livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook Live

Zoom ID: 854 7362 2498 Passcode: STOC1958

### WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER FOR LENT

Beginning Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Livestreamed on Facebook Live

### AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays

Livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook Live

Zoom ID: 873 7410 8112 Passcode: STOC1958

### MIDDAY PRAYER SERVICE

11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays

Livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook Live

Zoom ID: 873 7410 8112 Passcode: STOC1958

### BIBLE STUDIES

Zoom ID: 873 7410 8112 Passcode: STOC1958

TUESDAY EVENING: GOSPEL OF MARK

7:30 p.m. on Zoom

WEDNESDAY MORNING: UPPITY WOMEN OF SCRIPTURE

10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Any Changes or Additions to the Schedule will be announced

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