

LENT & EASTER 2025

Ash Wednesday

The use of ashes at the start of Lent began in the tenth century. In many ways it is ironic that on the day we hear Jesus speak of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving being done in secret, we participate in what may be the year's most public physical statement of our belief in him! "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

Masses on March 5:

12:05 p.m. at St. Basil's with St. Paul School
 12:05 p.m. at Assumption with Assumption School
 5:00 p.m. at St. Basil's
 7:00 p.m. at Assumption



Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are universal days of fasting, and abstinence from meat. We are encouraged to abstain from meat on all Fridays during the Lenten season. We are also encouraged to choose another day each week during Lent that we would practice fasting.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be available every Friday in Lent at Assumption from 10:00am until noon.

Our regular reconciliation times are:

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 p.m. at St. Basil's
 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Assumption
 Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at Assumption
 6:00-6:30 p.m. at St. Basil's
 Sunday 4:30-5:30 pm at Assumption



Penitential Services

Wednesday, March 19	7:00 pm	St. Ambrose, Coaldale
Thursday, March 20	7:00 pm	St. Joseph, Vauxhall
Saturday, March 22	10:00 am	All Saints at Assumption
Thursday, March 27	7:00 pm	St. Catherine, Picture Butte
Friday, March 28	7:00 pm	St. Augustine, Taber
Wednesday, April 2	7:00 pm	St. Peter, Milk River
Thursday, April 3	7:00 pm	St. Martha's

Confession is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offences against God and against our sisters and brothers. Confession brings reconciliation between God and the penitent, between the penitent and others, and to the individual penitent.



Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us. Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."

Every Tuesday

at Assumption Church from 8:00 - 11:00 pm

Confessions during Adoration from 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Every Friday in Lent

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11
 At Assumption Church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
 Confessions from 10:00 a.m. until noon
 Rosary at noon
 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m.
 Teaching Session at 7:15 p.m.
 Benediction at 7:45 p.m.

40 Hours of Adoration for Vocations

St. Ambrose Parish

Sunday, March 16, following the 4:00pm Mass to
 Tuesday, March 18, 10:00am.

St. Martha's Parish

Thursday, March 20, 6:00pm to
 Saturday, March 22, 10:00am.

Blessing of Easter Foods

Saturday, April 19 10:00 a.m. at St. Basil's

In many countries the blessing of Easter foods was an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice. This centuries old custom is one in which the whole family can participate. Put together (and decorate) a basket, it can contain meat, boiled eggs, bread, and other foods. Bring the basket to St. Basil's Church where it will be blessed. The food is then taken home and eaten on Easter Sunday.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a simple way to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus. The 14 stations, focus on events of Jesus' last day, from His sentencing to His death and burial.

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. 5:30 p.m. at Assumption, during Eucharistic Adoration.

Soup Suppers

A simple meal of soup, buns and cheese will be served every Friday in Lent in Assumption hall at 6:00 p.m. Bring a meatless soup and share your culinary talents with the parish community. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Masses

All Saints Parish will celebrate Mass every Monday in Lent.

March 10 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's
March 17 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's
March 24 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's
March 31 7:00 p.m. at Assumption
April 7 7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's
Social to follow

Special Collections

Together In Action starts our Lenten journey with a collection on March 9.

Share Lent 2025: Turn Debt Into Hope Join Development & Peace as they work towards helping countries facing a debt crisis. Solidarity Sunday is April 6.

Holy Thursday: For the Poor
The April 17th collection will go to the Lethbridge Food Bank & Chalice Canada.

Good Friday: Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
The April 18th collection will help fund the Church in the Holy Land; the Holy Places and local communities.



Holy Week

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth.

Palm Sunday



April 12 & 13 - The Mass today recalls the Messianic entrance of the Lord Jesus into Jerusalem, coming to complete his Paschal Mystery. This remembrance will begin in the hall where the palms will be blessed and the Gospel will be read. The priest and worshipping assembly will then process into the church where Mass is continued.

Mass of Chrism

In our Catholic faith, there are moments that stand out as profoundly sacred, where the essence of our beliefs is tangibly felt. The Chrism Mass is undeniably one of those moments. On Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, the Diocese of Calgary will celebrate the Chrism Mass, where the oils used in sacraments are consecrated, and where priests from all corners of the diocese gathered in unity and renew their commitment to priestly ministry.



The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Through His Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed death; by rising, He restored life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, the celebration of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical year.

The Triduum, including Easter Sunday, will be celebrated at Catholic Central East. Please use the Vasey Hall entrance on 5th Ave S.



Holy Thursday | The Lord's Supper - The anniversary of the Last Supper, at which Christ instituted the Eucharist, the Mass, and the priesthood. April 17 at 7:00 p.m. We exit in silence.

The Altar of Repose will be at Assumption with Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday | The Passion of the Lord - Jesus was tortured, mocked, crucified, and died. It was a day of incredible suffering and hatred—so why do we call it Good Friday? Because the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus saved us from our sins.

As it says in Isaiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed."

April 18 at 3:00 p.m. We enter and exit in silence.



Easter Vigil - The celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ restored. The ceremonies relate to the Resurrection of the Lord and the Sacraments of Initiation. April 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Mass at Dawn - 7:30 a.m. at St. Basil's

Easter Sunday - 9:00 a.m. at Catholic Central &
11:00 a.m. at Catholic Central

There will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

