



The Incarnation Word

March 2025

We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

Like the Camino de Santiago that I'll walk this summer, Lent is a sort of pilgrim journey that we all take each year. And many of the lessons of the Camino apply to our keeping of Lent.



might mean limiting or eliminating time on social media or watching the news. For others it might mean adjusting our habits and lifestyle to make room for

more time with God. We pack light.



On the Camino, you carry all your belongings for the six weeks in a pack on your back. Every ounce matters, so you only take the

essentials: one outfit to wear and one to wash, bars of soap and shampoo and even lotion as they're lighter than liquid, a small towel which can also provide privacy in your bunk. Similarly, Lent is a time to examine our lives for what serves us well and what's unnecessary. It's a chance to fast from the things that separate us from God and pack only those things that help us spiritually into our backpacks. For some of us that

On the Camino, you have a lot of time alone with your thoughts, so it matters what you fill your mind and heart with.



Some put in earphones and listen to their usual music. But most spend the time drawing closer to God: appreciating God in the beauty of the landscape and the kindness of strangers, pausing to eat a bite and read the Bible, dropping into the town's church to pray. Similarly in Lent our journey includes focusing on prayer and Bible study. It's not too late to join us in the Bible Challenge (more on that beginning on page 3).

On the Camino, nobody makes it on their own. You're forced to rely on seasoned pilgrims to guide you in selecting the hostels where you'll stay each night and in treating the blisters that inevitably plague your feet.



You're forced to rely on locals to tell you when you've strayed from the path. But on the Camino there's a spirit of camaraderie and giving which makes strangers eager to reach out and help others. Similarly on our Lenten pilgrimage we renew our efforts to give to others. Some volunteer in soup kitchens or food pantries, others do chores or prepare food for those who are sick or home-bound. We reach out and give.

This Lent, I invite you to pick up your scallop shell, the symbol of a pilgrim, and join the Pilgrim Way. What will you leave out of your backpack, how will you draw closer to God, and how will you serve others along the Way? Let's get walking!

God's Peace,
Jenny+

Godly Play Sundays at 9:30

Our children continue to listen for God speaking again in the stories of our faith. This month's stories are:

March 9 - Jesus in the Wilderness

I wonder what it was like to be alone in the desert for such a long time? I wonder what Jesus and God talked about in the desert?



March 16 - Jesus and the Children



I wonder what Jesus said to the children? I wonder what the children said to Jesus? I wonder what it was like to be close to Jesus?

March 23 - The Good Shepherd

I wonder if you have ever found good grass? I wonder if you have ever had the cool, fresh, clear water touch you? I wonder if you have ever had to go through a place of danger?



March 30 - Jesus the King

I wonder why Jesus the King rode on a donkey instead of a horse? I wonder what kind of king Jesus would be? I wonder what it would be like to live in Jesus' kingdom?



W, March 5:

Num 27-29, Psalm 49, Luke 7

T, March 6:

Num 30-32, Psalm 50, Luke 8

F, March 7:

Num 33-35, Psalm 51, Luke 9

S, March 8:

Num 36, Psalm 52, Luke 10

Sun, March 9:

Hear the Scriptures read in church

Adult Ed - Bible Challenge Sundays at 9:30



Reading straight through the Bible provides a much fuller picture of the people of God than hearing isolated stories in church does.

Join us in this adventure! If you haven't started yet, Lent is the perfect time to start this discipline.

Week 9

M, March 3:

Num 21-23, Psalm 47, Luke 5

T, March 4:

Num 24-26, Psalm 48, Luke 6

Week 10

M, March 10:

Deut 1-3, Psalm 53, Luke 11

T, March 11:

Deut 4-6, Psalm 54, Luke 12

W, March 12:

Deut 7-9, Psalm 55, Luke 13

T, March 13:

Deut 10-12, Psalm 56, Luke 14

F, March 14:

Deut 13-15, Psalm 57, Luke 15

S, March 15:

Deut 16-18, Psalm 58, Luke 16

Sun, March 16:

Hear the Scriptures read in church

Week 11

M, March 17:

Deut 19-21, Psalm 59, Luke 17

T, March 18:

Deut 22-24, Psalm 60, Luke 18

W, March 19:

Deut 25-27, Psalm 61, Luke 19

T, March 20:

Deut 28-30, Psalm 62, Luke 20

F, March 21:

Deut 31-33, Psalm 63, Luke 21

S, March 22:

Deut 34, Psalm 64, Luke 22

Sun, March 23:

Hear the Scriptures read in church



Week 12

M, March 24:

Joshua 1-3, Psalm 65, Luke 23

T, March 25:

Joshua 4-6, Psalm 66, Luke 24

W, March 26:

Joshua 7-9, Psalm 67, John 1

T, March 27:

Joshua 10-12, Psalm 68, John 2

F, March 28:

Joshua 13-15, Psalm 69, John 3

S, March 29:

Joshua 16-18, Psalm 70, John 4

S, March 30:

Hear the Scriptures read in church

Coffee and Conversations Second and Fourth Tuesdays 11:00

Join us each second and fourth Tuesday as we explore the riches of the Prayer Book and the seasons of our faith.

Tuesday, March 11— Palm Sunday

The liturgy on this day moves quickly from the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry to the story of his passion and death.



We'll discuss the history of Episcopal observance of the day as well as the themes and symbols of the day.

Tuesday, March 25 — Maundy Thursday



On this day we remember the Last Supper. Jesus will share the first Eucharist, and we'll discuss what

that sacred meal means. He'll also wash his disciples' feet, an act of shocking service and humility for a renowned rabbi. Come discuss it all!

Pastoral Care

Birthdays

March 5 Cynthia Glidden
 March 11 Miles Gettys
 March 20 Noah Lindemann
 March 20 Ila Goodling

Prayer List

The Homebound and Those with Long-Term Needs:

Gail Barzee
 Lauren Bridges
 Angie Carrera
 Jeff Colson
 Tom Cooper
 Billy Corbett
 Ida May Glidden

Ed Gumphrey
 Lynn Harkins
 Deloris Livingston
 Garrett Moss
 June Oman
 Gary Pope, Sr.
 Greg Power
 Cathy Roberts
 Dennis Rostenboch
 Dever and Carolyn Smith
 Linda Wilkins

Those Expecting Children:

Joy and Fran Swankowski

The Deceased:

Reneé McFalls
 Tim Wood

March Readings

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
March 2	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Cor. 3:12-4:2	Luke 9: 28-43a
March 9	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Rom. 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 16	Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Phil. 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 23	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 68:1-8	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 30	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Hospitality

Breakfast Sunday, March 2 9:30am

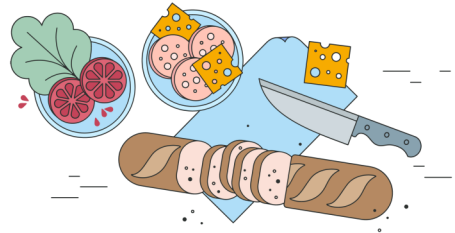


Our breakfast this month comes the morning after the oyster roast, so we're keeping

it simple. We'll pull out all the unsold deserts and have them available for a Continental Breakfast of sorts. Come enjoy your final sweet and fattening foods before you start your Lenten fast!

Baptismal Reception Sunday, March 2 11:45 am

We'll celebrate our two newest baby sisters as we welcome Ila and Naomi into the family of God and our family at Incarnation.



Outreach

Bread from Heaven

We got a huge donation from Wal-Mart, so we have a lot of new food to give away this month. Here's the schedule:

Thursday, March 13

8:00 Take Appointments

10:00 Set Up

12:00 Unload Produce

Saturday, March 15

8:30 Serve our Shoppers

Wondering what food you might donate? We always need:



Canned tuna or chicken
Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter
Canned vegetables
Canned greens
Canned fruit

Worship

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday ushers in the penitential season of Lent. On this day we pause to remember our sinfulness and mortality and to confess our utter inability to draw close to God without Jesus. We'll be invited to a season of self-examination and repentance by prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Then we'll each receive the sign of the cross on our foreheads out of ashes, a sign of our penitence.



Sundays in Lent

You'll notice some changes in worship during the season of Lent. Our altar lin-

ens and vestments are purple, the color of mourning. We pack away the silver and brass and use simple wooden or pottery vessels. Colorful altar flowers will be replaced by a simple dried arrangement.

Our services begin with an extended confession as we focus on penitence and our unworthiness to come before God. We'll also have prayer candles available as you come forward to Communion. Feel free to light one as you say a prayer. The heat of the candle will continue to lift the prayer up to God even after your mind has wandered on to other things.

May we all draw closer to God this Lent in humility and penitence.

Lenten Wednesdays 6:00pm Supper 6:30pm Service

Each Wednesday evening in Lent we'll gather at 6:00 for supper. At 6:30 we'll move into the church for a casual service. Readings, discussion, and activities will help us focus on our Baptismal Covenant, bringing the words to life for us.



Keeping Lent



Lent Madness

Looking for a more lighthearted way to mark Lent? Lent Madness is patterned after basketball's March Madness. Each day of Lent two saints will be pitted against one another. Some very funny Episcopal clergy share what they find notable about each saint. Then we vote for our favorite, and the winner advances to the next level. In the end, the golden halo is awarded to the one saint still standing. It's a great way to learn about some notable saints and get inspired to follow their examples. To be part of the fun, go to LentMadness.org and register to receive each day's matchup by email. Follow along on the bracket on the bulletin board in the hallway.



A Commonplace Lent Daily Lenten Meditations

Episcopal Relief and Development has partnered with Jerusalem Jackson Greer to create daily Lenten meditations available starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and continuing through the Lenten season. Titled "A Commonplace Lent," the meditations reflect on daily experiences - prayer, worship, grace, love, community, service, and our connection to nature. They draw on monastic wisdom to emphasize the gifts of community.



Click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code below to subscribe to receive the daily meditations by email.



March Servers



Date	March 2 Last Epiphany 10:30	March 5 Ash Wed. 6:00	March 9 1st Lent 10:30
Altar Guild	Sudie Gelok Jackie Hoffman Nancy Fowler	None	Marty Marett Hope Greene
Coffee Hour	Breakfast	None	Marty Marett
Godly Play	None	None	Angharad Torres Jen Spencer
Greeters	Ed and Jackie Hoffman	Sudie and John Gelok	Morgan and Julia Johnson
Dig Greeter	Ben Torres	Niccie Dearing	Morgan Johnson
Camera	Max Hyde	Ellie Bird	Don Bird
Nursery	Cora Torres	None	Marty Marett
Euch Min	Niccie Dearing	Robin Childers	Cynthia Glidden
Crucifer	Angharad Torres	Asher Torres	Cora Torres
1st Lector	Cora Torres	Niccie Dearing	Ben Torres
2nd Lector	Scott Glidden	John Gelok	Cynthia Glidden
Intercessor	Don Bird	None	Joette Johnson
Flowers	Cynthia Glidden	None	None
Counters	Ed Hoffman Ellie Bird	None	Ben Torres Nancy Fowler
Pew Racks	Angharad Torres	None	Available

March Servers

Date	March 16 2nd Lent 10:30	March 23 3rd Lent 10:30	March 30 4th Lent 10:30
Altar Guild	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Joette Johnson Becky Vassy	Marty Maret Sudie Gelok Becky Vassy
Coffee Hour	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson	Sudie Gelok
Godly Play	Scott and Cynthia Glidden	Cora Torres Marley Goodling	Angharad Torres Jen Spencer
Greeters	Miles Gettys Charlie Zinko	Torres Family	Robin Childers Jennie Hamrick
Dig Greeter	Niccie Dearing	Angharad Torres	Cora Torres
Camera	Niccie Dearing	Angharad Torres	Asher Torres
Nursery	Becky Zinko	Morgan Johnson	Becky Zinko
Euch Min	Don Bird	Robin Childers	Niccie Dearing
Crucifer	Don Bird	Ellie Bird	Angharad Torres
1st Lector	John Gelok	Morgan Johnson	Jen Spencer
2nd Lector	Bobbi Albert	Noah Lindemann	Ellie Bird
Intercessor	Ellie Bird	Gena Poovey	Cynthia Glidden
Flowers	None	None	None
Counters	John Gelok Scott Glidden	Cynthia Glidden Joette Johnson	Robin Childers Ellie Bird
Pew Racks	Mimi McCully	Morgan and Julia Johnson	Asher Torres

March Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Last Epiphany 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Cont. Breakfast 10:30 Holy Baptism 11:45 Reception	3 8:00 MP on FB	4 8:00 MP on FB	5 Ash Wed 8:00 MP on FB 9:00 Worship Com. Mtg. 6:00 Ash Wed. Service	6 8:00 MP on FB	7 8:00 MP on FB	8
9 1st Lent 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Eucharist 11:45 Vestry	10 8:00 MP on FB	11 8:00 MP on FB 11:00 Chris- tian Ed.	12 8:00 MP on FB 1:00 DOK 6:00 Lenten Supper & Service	13 8:00 MP on FB 10:00 BfH Set-Up	14 8:00 MP on FB	15 8:30- 12:00 Bread from Heaven
16 2nd Lent 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Eucharist	17 8:00 MP on FB	18 8:00 MP on FB	19 8:00 MP on FB 6:00 Lenten Supper & Service	20 8:00 MP on FB	21 8:00 MP on FB	22
23 3rd Lent 8:30 Eucharist 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Eucharist	24 8:00 MP on FB	25 8:00 MP on FB 11:00 Chris-	26 8:00 MP on FB 6:00 Lenten Supper & Service	27 8:00 MP on FB	28 8:00 MP on FB	29
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