



# Lenten Calendar

Daily Scripture  
and Reflections for the  
Sacred Season

## 2010

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**17 FEBRUARY**  
**Ash Wed.**

This Lent, God wants us to quietly listen to the words of his Son.

*Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18*

**18 Letting Go**

In following Christ, the goal is not success, but self-denial and submission.

*Luke 9:22-25*

**19 Who do you serve?**

When we follow Jesus, he leads us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*Isaiah 58:1-9*

**20 Feast**

Celebrate in God's presence: gather your friends and eat your fill.

*Luke 5:27-32*

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

**21 Listen**

Jesus speaks the truth in our hearts. Let us respond to it in word and deed.

*Romans 10:8-13*

**22 With Experience**

God reveals himself in relationship, not in duty or rumor.

*Matthew 16:13-19*

**23 The Spirit Speaks**

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us words to pray when we have none.

*Matthew 6:7-15*

**24 Comfort**

It hurts to admit our faults, but confession and forgiveness are the balms that soothe.

*Psalms 51*

**25 Our Model**

God is always giving himself up for us, providing whatever we need to find him.

*Matthew 7:7-12*

**26 What He Asks of Us**

God is not glorified in selfish sacrifices, but in charity toward others.

*Matthew 5:20-26*

**27 A Holy People**

When we aim at what is right, God guides our paths to pure targets.

*Deut. 26:16-19*

**28 Look Up**

Imitate models of faith—Christ, the saints and those who are living the gospel.

*Phil. 3:17-4:1*

**1 MARCH**  
**A Bargain**

Holding on to guilt can be painful. Let's trade it in for mercy.

*Luke 6:36-38*

**2 Rabbi**

Your Word, O God, is the greatest teacher. From it, we find all truth.

*Matthew 23:1-12*

**3 Divine Sacrifice**

Jesus was exalted in his humility and glorified in his suffering.

*Matthew 20:17-28*

**4 Charity**

May we share what we have with the poor and hungry, the sick and lonely.

*Luke 16:19-31*

**5 Egypt's King**

For strength in times of adversity, look to Joseph, sold as a slave.

*Gen. 37:3-4, 12-26*

**6 Come Home**

Much distracts us from following God, but the lost may always return.

*Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*

**7 Gardening**

Heavenly Lord, help us to not remain dry and barren this year, but bear much fruit instead.

*Luke 13:1-9*

**8 Simplicity**

Lent may not shine with Easter miracles, but it holds little acts of love.

*2 Kings 5:1-15*

**9 Each and Every Time**

Look not at one's debts, but at the contrition or mercy he/she shows.

*Matthew 18:21-35*

**10 He is Timeless**

God's wisdom is holy and true, no matter how old or new it might seem.

*Matthew 5:17-19*

**11 More Powerful**

Be not afraid: the Lord, who casts away demons, is our strength.

*Luke 11:14-23*

**12 Priceless**

Nothing carries more value than this: to care for the least of God's children.

*Mark 12:28-34*

**13 Bowing**

As Jesus humbled himself to come to us, so must we humbly approach our God.

*Luke 18:9-14*



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**14 The Best You Can Be**  
 Reconciliation is a way to become an upgraded version of ourselves.  
*2 Cor. 5:17-21*

**15 Story Time**  
 Gather your family and share a time when the Lord filled you with life and joy.  
*Psalm 30*

**16 Unity**  
 All God's people come together under one baptism in the name of the Trinity.  
*Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12*

**17 Salvation Appearing**  
 When we reflect on Jesus' resurrection, his divinity is clear.  
*John 5:17-30*

**18 Local Witnesses**  
 May our small acts of penitence testify to the truth of God's mercy.  
*John 5:31-47*

**19 Our Shield**  
 You never need to fear speaking the truth; the Spirit that sends you will protect you.  
*John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

**20 Viewpoint**  
 Worry not about where someone has come from, but where he is going.  
*John 7:40-53*

**SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT**

Surely people who were involved in our Lord's Passion talked to each other about it. During the Sundays of Lent we will eavesdrop on the concerns and conflicts of people whose lives were touched by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

- **Malchus and Mark**

Mark 14:26-52

- **Barabbas and Caiaphas**

Mark 15:1-15

- **Pontius Pilate and Procula**

Luke 23:1-24

- **Simon of Cyrene and a Centurion**

Mark 15:16-39

- **The Two Thieves**

Luke 23:32-43

- **Mary and John**

John 19:23-42

**21 Repent**  
 Surrounded by critics? Turn from sin, and Jesus will restore your dignity.  
*John 8:1-11*

**22 The Word of God**  
 God's message is always the same: "Be not afraid. I am with you."  
*Psalm 23*

**23 Declaring to All**  
 In his rising to heaven, Jesus professes his glorious name to the world.  
*John 8:21-30*

**24 Cheer**  
 The Father smiles when we yearn to please him with love and obedience.  
*John 8:31-42*

**25 A Blessed Name**  
 In God, our identity is one of an adopted child, a chosen love.  
*Genesis 17:3-9*

**26 Definition**  
 Holiness isn't in avoiding the threat of evil, but in trusting the power of good.  
*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

**27 Ultimate Sacrifice**  
 Caiaphas said, "From the death of one man, all are united in God's name."  
*John 11:45-56*

**28 Palm Sunday**  
 Though we, too, will die someday, Jesus gives us hope in new life.  
*Philippians 2:6-11*

**29 Courage**  
 The reality of the crucifixion is frightening, but Christ knew God was with him.  
*Psalm 27*

**30 Contrite Hearts**  
 Show us how we betrayed you, Lord, so we can admit our guilt.  
*John 13:21-38*

**31 A Bitter Cup**  
 Jesus' suffering began with the betrayal of Judas Iscariot, one of his own.  
*Matthew 26:14-25*

**Traditional Lenten Disciplines**  
*Worship & Meditation:* During Lent, many congregations offer added opportunities for public worship and encourage their members to more frequent and fervent prayer, Bible study and private meditation on the saving love of God in Jesus Christ.  
*Fasting & Abstinence:* As an aid to devotional life, many Christians give up certain foods or activities through Lent. Some also set aside certain days for more rigorous fasting in the Lord's honor.  
*Almsgiving:* Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

**The Paschal Triduum**  
*from Maundy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening*

<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b>
<b>Join in the Banquet</b>	<b>Never Betrayed</b>	<b>Looking for God?</b>
When you are full of compassion for another, feast in the divine overflowing.	We flee and hide and deny our God, but today we are redeemed by his Son.	Seek the Lord where he can be found: with his people, among the living.
<i>1 Cor. 11:23-26</i>	<i>John 18:1-19:42</i>	<i>Luke 24:1-12</i>