FIRST GETHSEMANE

LENT 2024 GUIDE

THE ROAD TO THE RESURRECTION



WHAT IS LENT?

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and concludes on Holy Saturday, March 30th. Lent is 40 days long, not including Sundays.

Significant Days

- Ash Wednesday (February 14th)
- Palm Sunday (March 24th),
- · Holy Week (March 24th-March 30th),
- Maundy Thursday (March 28th),
- · Good Friday (March 29th),
- · Holy Saturday (March 30th),
- Easter Sunday (March 31st)

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LENT?

Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. Although a solemn time, it is also a hopeful, expectant time of prayer and fasting before acknowledging/celebrating Jesus' death and then His subsequent defeat of sin and the grave on Easter.

This is a period of time where we can strive to abandon idolatry (which is putting anything in our lives above God) as well as the "selfsufficiency" of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy.

The Lenten season is set aside for self-examination, spiritual renewal, and growth.

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- FORGO an item or habit, sacrificially, that is part of your normal routine. (Ex. Fried foods, alcoholic beverages, social media, etc.)
- ADOPT a new spiritual discipline that will enhance your quality of life. (Ex. Therapy, meditation, exercise, solitude, etc.)
- **STRENGTHEN** your devotional life by setting aside at least 30 minutes per day for prayer and reflection.
- TREASURE sharing is a critical theme in the Lenten season. Be disciplined in your spending, save, and set aside a sacrificial offering above and beyond your normal giving and give it on Easter Sunday.

CORPORATE PRAYER SCHEDULE

Times/Conference Call Schedule

- Every Wednesday at 8 AM
- Every day of Holy Week
- Sunday March 24th at 8 pm
- Monday, March 25th -Saturday, March 30th at 8 am

Conference Call Information
Dial (267) 807-9598 Enter Access Code: 481-771-646

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ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

Please Note that during the Lenten Season we will be abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent. Fish is allowed during this time!

LENT BIBLE READING PLAN

(40 DAYS not counting Saturdays)

This Lent reading plan walks through each of the four Gospels during the Lent season. What better way to prepare for Easter than to read the complete story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection?

DAY 1 MATTHEW 1-3
DAY 2 MATTHEW 4-6
DAY 3 MATTHEW 7-9
DAY 4 MATTHEW 10-MATTHEW 12
DAY 5 TAKE A BREAK
DAY 6 MATTHEW 13-MATTHEW 14
DAY 7 MATTHEW 15-MATTHEW 16
DAY 8 MATTHEW 17-MATTHEW 18
DAY 9 MATTHEW 19-MATTHEW 20
DAY 10 MATTHEW 21-MATTHEW 22
DAY 11 MATTHEW 23-MATTHEW 24
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DAY 13 MATTHEW 25-MATTHEW 26
DAY 14 MATTHEW 27-MATTHEW 28
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DAY 16 MARK 4-MARK 6
DAY 17 MARK 7-MARK 9
DAY 18 MARK 10-MARK 12
DAY 19 TAKE A BREAK
DAY 20 MARK 13-MARK 14
DAY 21 MARK 15-MARK 16
DAY 22 LUKE 1-LUKE 3
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DAY 25 LUKE 10-LUKE 12
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