

# Our Lady of the Lake Parish

## Lent 2018

*"You shall return to me with your whole heart" Jeremiah 24:7*

### Lenten Prayer Opportunities

- Mass and Soup Supper  
Tuesdays 6 PM
- Lent Bible Study  
Thursdays 7 PM
- Lenten Mission with  
Stephen Binz  
February 26-28 7 PM
- Lenten Penance Service  
Monday, March 19, 7 PM

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### From the Desk of Fr. Tim

Recently, I heard about a new app that is gaining ground. It's called "WeCroak." Randomly five times a day this app reminds you that you are going to die. "What a cheery thought!" I said to myself when first hearing about this app that has quite a following.

On the surface, death frightens us with its unknowns and inevitability. Wasn't it Benjamin Franklin who penned, "Nothing is certain except death and taxes"?

Reading an article on this latest app helped me see the wisdom and rationale behind it. Also, I recall how St. Benedict in his Rule urges the monastic "To keep death daily before you." He does so, not in any morbid sense, but as an antidote to the lethargy that keeps us more dead than alive.

In the article by Kitty Knowles, Senior Editor of The Memo, she points out how "contemplating mortality helps spur needed change, accept what we must, let go of things that don't matter and honor things that do." As a priest, I've seen people change when faced with terminal diagnosis. They sense in their bones what matters and notice what is overlooked as we mindlessly navigate life.

In May Sarton's novel, "A Reckoning" Laura Spelman receives such a diagnosis. Walking out of the doctor's office onto Boston's Marlboro Street she sees "the low brick houses, the strong blue sky, the delicate shape of the leafless trees, even the dirty lumps of snow along the curb...piercing in their beauty."

Marked with ashes at the threshold of every Lent, we face a stark reminder of our mortality; that we are going to die. It is meant to be a call to change in the time that remains. I recall Merton's words from a journal entry as he writes, "This day will not happen again." So, "to let go of the things that don't matter and honor the things that do" brings us close to the mind of Christ and grace of metanoia.

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**Ash Wednesday  
Marked by a Cross**  
A Lenten Litany

Marked by a cross,  
cherished and forgiven  
**We are traveling home.**

Called to be holy,  
called to be happy  
**We are traveling home.**

Across deserts,  
over mountains  
**We are traveling home.**

God in our hearts,  
God in our lives  
**We are traveling home.**

~ written by Ruth Burgess.  
posted on the website of  
Patmos Abbey—  
The Order of Saint Columba.  
<http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

**Prayer at the Start of Lent**

God of our salvation,  
we embark this day on a  
journey that we have  
made before,  
a journey that will once again  
sweep us into  
unexpected places,  
always in pursuit of the path  
of your obedient Son.

Send your Holy Spirit  
to open our lips  
that our mouths may declare  
your praise  
and we may be guided  
on this path  
of penitence, prayer,  
and preparation. Amen.

~ written by Stephen Fearing and  
posted on Wild and Precious Life.  
<http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>



## Ashes To Remind Us

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them;..."

The opening words of Ash Wednesday's gospel are quite the contradiction to what happens at this liturgy. Moments later after the gospel and homily, we come forward to receive ashes on our forehead – a deed quite visible and easily seen by anyone encountered. Are we not heeding Jesus' advice given to us at the start of this gospel? Those ashes on our forehead are hard to conceal.

I really don't want to answer my own question honestly. Yes, I am struck by the juxtaposition of Jesus' comments and the reception of ashes but it seems as if the latter is less about performing righteous deeds than it is about something else. As the priest or deacon reads the remainder of this gospel, we hear Jesus again and again say clearly that our actions and prayer are best done in secret or hidden so that they are not seen or made public. Again, I am forced to ask myself, but why the ashes?

The sacredness of this day is made evident by our collective participation in it. From presider to child, all of us at the Ash Wednesday liturgy receive ashes. All are ashed. We leave there looking the same not as a sign of our righteousness, but our dependence on God, especially his mercy. Pope Francis defines mercy as the first attribute of God. In his book, *The Name of God is Mercy*, and in many of Pope Francis' homilies and writings, he uses the word encounter to describe the relationship between God and people. He sees the role of the Church not to condemn people but to bring about an encounter with the visceral love of God's mercy.

The reception of those ashes is a profound reminder that we are in need of God's visceral love especially when we are stained by sin. Those ashes are an encounter with God, a mark given to us that boldly tells us to be faithful to Jesus' words found in the gospel. Receiving ashes is not a righteous deed; instead, it's the reception of a command. Our willingness to come forward and receive those ashes is part of that encounter with God, an encounter God in the person of Jesus wants every day. With the start of Lent soon upon us, may we yearn to encounter that mercy daily and be a source of it for others.

~Vince McGovern  
OLL School Principal



# Lent 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>February</b>	<b>14</b> Ash Wed. 7 AM Mass 9 AM School Mass 7 PM Mass	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM MASS 7 PM Lent Bible Study	<b>16</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>17</b> 4 PM Confession 5 PM Mass
<b>18</b> Lent 1 9:30 AM Mass Rite of Sending 5:30 PM Mass	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6 PM Mass/ Soup Supper	<b>21</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>22</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7 PM Lent Bible Study	<b>23</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>24</b> 4 PM Confession 5 PM Mass
<b>25</b> Lent 2 9:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass	<b>26</b> 7 PM Parish Mission	<b>27</b> 7 PM Parish Mission	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7 PM Parish Mission	<b>March 1</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7 PM Lent Bible Study	<b>2</b> 8:30 AM Mass with anointing of the sick.	<b>3</b> 4 PM Confession 5 PM Mass First Scrutiny
<b>4</b> Lent 3 9:30 AM Family Mass 3 PM Adoration 5:30 PM Mass	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6 PM Mass/ Soup Supper	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>8</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7 PM Lent Bible Study	<b>9</b> 8:30 AM Mass 7 PM Meaningful Movies	<b>10</b> 4 PM Confession 5 PM Mass
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<b>25</b> Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Mass 2:PM Gospell Musical 5:30 PM Mass	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Mass	<b>29</b> 7 PM Holy Thursday	<b>30</b> 11 AM School Stations of the Cross 7 PM Good Friday	<b>31</b> 8:30 PM Holy Saturday Vigil
<b>April 1</b> Easter Sunday 7:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM Mass No Evening Mass	<b>The Sacred Triduum</b>					

## Lent and Easter Events at Our Lady of the Lake

### Ash Wednesday Masses February 14 7 AM, 9 AM School Mass, 7 PM

The traditional marking of foreheads with ashes marks the start of the Lenten Season. We have three different Masses that offer you the opportunity to come forward and be reminded, "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" and go out to empty yourself to draw closer to God.

### Tuesday Evenings Daily Mass followed by Soup Supper 6 PM

Once again we will be having a Weekly Lenten Mass followed by a simple soup supper during Lent. Take this opportunity to come together with your community to share Mass and a meal with one another.

*No soup supper on  
February 27th*

### Lenten Bible Study Thursdays 7 PM

Thursdays in Lent come and study the Gospel of Mark and his understanding of who Jesus was, is and continues to be. It will be a reflective time for prayer, quiet and growth during this Lenten Season.

*Begins February 15th  
in the Parish Office Chapel*

### Parish Mission With Steve Binz February 26-28

This Lent Father Tim would like us to come together in a more structured way and make ourselves available to the graces God gives among us as we celebrate and reflect on our shared lives and faith in God." Stephen Binz, from Threshold Bible Study, will be here to guide us for three evenings of Scripture reading, reflection and prayer.

### Meaningful Movie Series Friday, March 9 7 PM Jubilee Hall

Join your community for an evening of watching a movie focusing on a social justice topic. Films will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Doors open at 6:30 P.M. for light refreshments. Film begins at 7:00 P.M. Event ends at 9:30 P.M.

*This event is free*

### Lenten Penance Service Monday, March 19 7 PM

As we seek out ways to find God this Lenten Season, take some time to find peace and reconciliation with God before Easter. Our Lenten Penance Service is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and find love and forgiveness together.

### Parish Life Crab Feed Friday, March 23 6 PM

Once again the famous "Get Crabby" Crab Feed returns! Cost \$20 per person will include all you can eat crab/clam chowder prepared by our Parish Life master chefs, corn on the cob, coleslaw, and a donation only wine/beer/soda bar.

Adults-only,

Come "Get Crabby"  
(bibs included)!

### Godspell (The Musical) Sunday, March 25 2 PM

A renowned celebration of community, kindness, love and irresistible goodwill, GODSPELL is one of the biggest Broadway successes of all time Jam packed with favorite hits like "Day by Day," "All for the Best," "We Beseech Thee," and "On the Willows," come and rediscover the magic of GODSPELL with OLL Choir and St. Catherine combined.  
**At St. Catherine of Siena**

### Holy Thursday March 29 7 PM

At this service, which is the first of the unbroken acts of worship that span three days, we will wash each others' feet as a sign of love and respect for one another, then we will strip the altar and carry the Blessed Sacrament to its altar of repose.

### Good Friday March 30 7 PM

The Triduum continues on Good Friday where we focus on the Passion of Jesus. With simple dignity that story is retold, followed by prayers for the entire world, for this powerful mystery brings blessings to the world. In thanksgiving for the sacrifice of our Lord, we will venerate the cross and have a communion service.

### Holy Saturday Vigil March 31 8:30 PM

This is the **climax** of the entire church year, where the church in worship expresses her faith in the mystery that brings her into being. On this night we celebrate Christ's resurrection! Here people will be baptized, confirmed and received into the Catholic Church. We will light candles in the dark of night and share in the Eucharistic bounty.

### Easter Sunday Mass April 1 7:30 AM and 9:30 PM

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. We will offer **two Masses** this morning, overjoyed that the tomb is empty and our Lord lives. The 7:30 AM Mass will be the quiet discovery of the empty tomb with the disciples. At the 9:30 AM Mass we celebrate as we are called to go and share the good news!

## Down the Via Dolorosa—Where Jesus Walked

This past October, I had the privilege to travel with 40 other parishioners and Fr. Tim to the Holy Land. We were able to walk where Jesus walked during his life. Our first day in Jerusalem, we went to the Old City with its immensely layered history, religious and cultural draws. It's a different world entirely, a place that simply cannot be compared to another city on earth. We spent a few days discovering what the Old City offered (The spices! The olive wood! The fresh-squeezed pomegranate juice!), but we spent our first day focused on the most critical Biblical sites strung along the "Via Dolorosa," what we Catholics think of as the Stations of the Cross. Jesus' path from being condemned to die, to the hanging on the cross, and finally being laid in the tomb.

Jesus' last walk through the city streets would not have been that unusual. His followers, including those who cheered and lauded him into the entrance of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, had all abandoned him. I wanted this path to be this prayerful and spiritual pilgrimage, but it was not to be.

The route today is filled with many distractions as well as incredibly crowded. The Old City does not keep quiet for the pilgrims who follow the pilgrimage route today, just as it did not pause when a beaten man walked its streets 2,000 years ago.

I know that on my own walk I found myself distracted and often irritated by the bustle of the crowds and the calls of merchants eager to sell tourist paraphernalia (probably some made outside the country). It was a bit like trying to have a spiritual experience in the middle of Fred Meyer on a big sale day.

As I reflect on it now, it rings true to how we approach Lent. We are easily distracted with just plain "life." Ideally, we hope for it to be a sacred and prayerful time during, but daily obligations continue to interrupt. We experience the path of Christ during Lent, sometimes in fits and starts, its power and mystery blurred by the busyness of our ordinary lives.

This Lent, let us attempt to keep Christ in the forefront of our hearts, minds and daily life, as we walk our own walk through these 40 days.

~Sara Hanson—PA Music and Liturgy



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Those ashes, smudged in the shape of a cross, reveal, too, how our mortal nature shares in Jesus' immortal triumph over sin as well: that luminous hope casting off the shadow of death. The wideness of such mercy offers this mortal world a new horizon: where death no longer is an end but a beginning.

Lent wants to resurrect within us belief which rolls away the gnawing doubts; all that throws into question the truth and goodness of God as well as ourselves, made in God's image and likeness as we are. To open us to the "piercing beauty" God is.

In the article, Knowles poses the sobering question: "Sooner or later, I hate to break it to you, you're going to die. So how do you fill in the space between here and there?" It's an apt and probing question for this season of conversion. With the help of grace, let us together "Begin with the end in mind."

Father Tim Clark, Pastor

## Our Lady of the Lake Parish Mission February 26–28

### What is a Mission?

A mission is a time for special grace as we come together in a more structured way and make ourselves available to the graces God gives among us as we celebrate and reflect on our shared lives and faith in God." So, a mission is as much about a parish being together for a little longer-than-normal period of time as it is about a guest speaker and their message.

For three evenings, Our Lady of the Lake community will come together for a presentation by Stephen Binz on Scripture and a relatable way to pray the Scriptures. Stephen Binz is a biblical scholar and an award-winning author of over fifty books. As a popular speaker, he offers keynotes, seminars, and workshops at international, national, and regional conferences as well as education for clergy and pastoral leaders.

Threshold Bible Study, which he founded is the Bible study for today—a dynamic, informative, inspiring, and life-changing series that helps you learn about Scripture in a whole new way. Each of its theme-based books will help you to explore new dimensions of your faith and discover deeper insights for your life as a disciple of Jesus.

The threshold is a place of transition, a condition into which God invites us in order transform us. The threshold of God's word bids us enter that space where God's truth, goodness, and beauty can shine into our lives and fill our minds and hearts. The threshold is holy ground, a sacred space and a graced time. There God can teach us because God opens our lives to his word and fills us with the Holy Spirit of truth.

Look over Stephen's website at  
[www.Bridge-B.com](http://www.Bridge-B.com)  
for further information

## Becoming Like Christ

Lent is my absolute favorite time of year. I relish in the opportunity to become more intimate with and ultimately, to become more like Christ. This incredible faith of ours presents each of us with this moment to turn inward and dive deep into our relationship with Christ.

As we look at the Stations of the Cross and physically walk with Christ among his last breaths here on earth, we are invited to be transported to that reality. As we hear the Gospels throughout Lent, we are encouraged to focus on which character draws us in and reflects our own relationship with Jesus. We go with Jesus into the desert while he is tempted by the devil. What tempts us to be drawn away from God? Jesus talks of his Passion and Peter rebukes him out of fear. What anxieties hold us back from resting fully in Christ? We see Jesus storm through a temple in a righteous zeal to give glory to God. Do we desire to be a light to others and glorify God in every action or are we complacent in our faith?

Finally we participate in His passion. As we, the sinners, crucify our messiah, I urge you to focus on our Mother and the beloved disciple. Through the way they lived their faith to their complete devotion at the cross, ask yourself, how you can empty yourself to be filled entirely of Christ. Fasting, almsgiving and praying are the pillars of Lent. I urge us all to use these as opportunities to shed our lives of worldly things that draw us from falling in love with Christ. Turn to the Cross and ask yourself what you can do to stand confidently and humbly before our Savior.

~ McKenzie Mauss—PA Faith Formation



## What are the Scrutinies?

The primary way that the Church assists the catechumens (called the "Elect" after the celebration of the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent) in this conversion process during Lent is through the celebration of the rites called Scrutinies. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue. To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. The community does not scrutinize the catechumens; the catechumens scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize them and to heal them.

The elect deal with sin through the Scrutinies and through the waters of the font; the already baptized deal with sin through the Sacrament of Penance. The same kind of reflection that enables all members of the community to share in the Scrutinies can lead the baptized to celebrate this Sacrament of Reconciliation to renew their baptismal commitment.

Lent is the primary time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, because Lent is the season for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. Early Christian teachers called this sacrament "second Baptism," because it is intended to enable us to start again to live the baptismal life in its fullness. Those who experience the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should find themselves standing alongside the newly baptized at Easter filled with great joy at the new life God has given all of us.

*Please keep our candidates and catechumens  
in your prayers.*

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## Great Links for Ideas for Families to Practice Lent Together

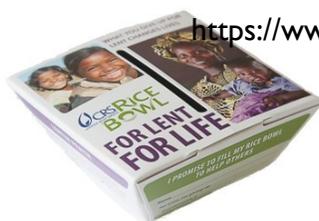
We thought it would be a great idea to look up some ideas to share that families can use to participate together for the Season of Lent. Here are some wonderful links!

<https://www.elizabethclareblog.com/lent-in-our-catholic-home/>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources/lent-at-home>

[https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/resources/40-ideas-for-40-days/?utm\\_source=cfflist&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=201601&utm\\_campaign=cff](https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/resources/40-ideas-for-40-days/?utm_source=cfflist&utm_medium=email&utm_content=201601&utm_campaign=cff)

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/40-lenten-activities-for-catholic-families/>



*And don't forget your Rice Bowl!*

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## Journey with OLL this Lent

### Tuesday Evenings

Lenten Mass followed by  
**Soup Supper 6 PM**  
(except Feb. 27)

### Thursday Evenings

**Bible Study 7 PM**

### Parish Mission

**7 PM, February 26, 27, 28**

### Eucharistic Adoration

**3-4 PM Sunday,  
March 4**

### Parish Penance Service

**7PM Monday, March 19**

### The Triduum

The great three days—  
**Holy Thursday, Good Friday and  
the Easter Vigil**—are considered  
one unbroken act of worship.

### Holy Thursday, March 29

**7:00 PM Eucharist**

### Good Friday, March 30

**7:00 PM Liturgy for Good Friday**

### Holy Saturday, March 31

**8:30 PM The Great Vigil of Easter**

### Easter Day, April 1

**7:30 and 9:30 AM  
Easter Sunday Mass**

