

### **Lent is Coming**

The cross...the central symbol of the Christian faith. An object of scorn and devotion. A universal symbol of suffering, death, love, commitment. A way of life.

It constantly invites reflection for each of us. Our relationship with it changes throughout life, yet is constant. We ponder its layers of meaning individually and collectively.

### **Come to the Lenten series, *Meditations on the Cross*.**

It starts on **Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm under the theme *Praying With the Cross***. This is the beginning of the forty days of Lent as we have ashen crosses traced on our foreheads as a sign of our baptism into death, a reminder of our humanity, and our need for repentance. It is a day of personal piety and devotion, emphasizing prayer, fasting, and the giving of alms.

**Then, each Wednesday at 12:00 noon, our midweek Lenten services** will ponder various representations of the cross in Christian art.

**February 29:    The Centrality of the Cross**  
**March 7:        Living With the Cross**  
**March 14:       Inspiration From the Cross**  
**March 21:       Clinging to the Cross**  
**March 28:       The Universality of the Cross**

Then, Holy Week will bring us to:

**Maundy Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>:    The Sacrifice of the Cross**  
**Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:    Dying With the Cross**  
**Easter Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>:       The Triumph of the Cross**

Lent is a time of soul-searching. May you, on your Lenten journey, find greater meaning and depth in your relationship with Christ and his cross.

Sincerely,

Pastor Dan