Lent and the Liturgical Calendar

The Liturgical Calendar shows many events during the forty days of Lent.

To find out about them, go to the *Liturgical Calendar – Lent* at blestarewe.com/litcal/index.html. A church calendar or Bible will also help.

- On **Ash Wednesday** we hear the words, "**Repent and live the Gospel**" when we receive ashes.

- On the **First Sunday of Lent**, the Gospel of **Matthew**, Year A; **Mark**, Year B; or **Luke**, Year C reminds us how Jesus overcame the temptations of the devil.

- **March 20** or **March 21** is the vernal equinox which means "**Equal Night**." It is the first day of **Spring**.

- On **March 25,** the feast of the **Annunciation**, we celebrate the choice of Mary to become the Mother of God.

- The **Fourth Sunday of Lent** is also called **Laetare** Sunday. The second reading in Year A or B is Ephesians **5:8-14 (A); 2:4-10 (B)**. For Year C it is from 2 Corinthians **5:17-21**.

- On **Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion,** the Gospel tells of Jesus' sharing the **Passover** Meal with his Apostles. Jesus then went out to the Mount of **Olives** where he prayed before his arrest.

Parents, Catechists, Teachers – If needed, help your child navigate the website to search for the answers. If your child does not have access to the internet, a church calendar will be of help. Talk about ways of doing penance during Lent and how this helps prepare us for the great celebration of Easter.