

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance.

The ashes used are typically gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned.



The act of imposition echoes the ancient Near Eastern tradition of throwing ashes over one's head to signify repentance before God.

Ash Wednesday is a day of penance requiring fasting and abstinence as we begin the Lenten observance.

Masses are celebrated at 9:00am and 7:00pm on February 22 and include the imposition of ashes.