

Lent 2018

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th
and continues until sunset on Holy Thursday, March 29th .
Here are the schedules for worship and the other disciplines of the holy season:

Ash Wednesday

February 14th Mass will be celebrated with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
9:00 in the morning at Immaculate Conception
7:00 in the evening at Saint Jude

Daily Masses in Lent at 9:00am

Tuesdays at Saint Jude
Thursdays at Immaculate Conception

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Saint Jude
Thursdays following the 9:00am Mass at Immaculate Conception

Sacrament of Penance / Confessions

Saturdays, Saint Jude, 4:00 until 4:50pm
Communal Reconciliation (several Confessors) at Saint Jude, Sunday, March 18th at 4:00pm
Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00pm at Saints Peter & Paul, Palmyra
Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00pm at St. Isidore, Orange
(Other private confessions will be scheduled in Holy Week at both Louisa churches.)

Holy Week

Passion Sunday, March 25th the Blessing & Procession with Palm Branches at all Masses
Solemn Proclamation of the Lord's Passion

Mass of the Chrism

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond – Monday, March 26th at 6:00pm
The Solemn Blessing of the Holy Oils and the Sacred Chrism

Disciplines of Lent

In union with the whole Church, these penitential disciplines reflect the Gospel summons of Jesus
to unite ourselves more closely with Him and with one another
in resisting evil and strengthening us in our Baptismal resolutions:

Fasting

On these two days: Ash Wednesday, February 14th and on Good Friday, March 30th
one main meal only, and two lesser meals that together do not equal the main meal.
No meat is allowed. This obliges all Catholics who have passed their 18th birthday
and have not yet passed their 59th birthday.

Abstinence from Meat

Abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday,
on all the Fridays of Lent and on Good
Friday. No meat is taken by all who
have passed their 14th birthday.

Almsgiving

Works of mercy and charity to the poor, whether to the Rice Bowl or to our local charities: money that is saved during Lenten
penance is collected during the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. Simple "mite" boxes, cans and money cards are
provided for those who wish this to aid their Lenten practice.