

# LENT

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, and ends prior to the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022.**

The Lenten Season is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Faith.

The Season of Lent has a twofold character: by recalling or preparing for baptism and by penance, it disposes the faithful, who more diligently hear the word of God and devote themselves to prayer, to celebrate the paschal mystery (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 109).

In planning for the Season of Lent, the Triduum, and the Easter Season, it would be helpful to view the Seasons as a whole with the Parish Liturgy Committee and Music Director. A pertinent reference for planning these Seasons is found in the Florida 2022 Ordo: The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist beginning on page 69. Reference to the Florida Ordo is found throughout this Lent/Easter Newsletter.

The precept of confessing grave sins and receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season indeed merits a reminder to the Faithful. To facilitate this requirement, every Parish in the Diocese of Venice must be open with a confessor present on Friday, April 8, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 9:00 am to Noon. This is the minimum requirement for all Parishes, and it is encouraged that additional times for the Sacrament also be provided so that the Faithful may find ample opportunity to receive God's mercy in the Sacrament.