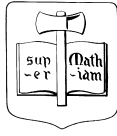


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The
Presentation
of our Lord
Jesus Christ
in the Temple



St. Matthias
the Apostle

LENT

Epiphany/Lent

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As we move through February we face another of our seasonal times of change as we enter the **Lenten season** on **Ash Wednesday** which is on the 22nd. Lent will go on for 40 WEEK DAYS as usual and ends at Easter. Easter is a “movable feast day” and will be on April 8th. In Lent we wear purple ribbons and wooden crosses. It is a time of **quiet reflection** and **preparation** as we prepare for the coming of **Holy Week** and **Easter**. Many people find the music a bit “downbeat” during Lent but that simply reflects the mood of the season. For us in a “liturgical church” there are times of great joy and times of sadness, times of remembrance, times of quiet preparation etc. and the music reflects where we are in the seasons. Liturgical churches like ours find no need for Christmas or Easter “pageants” as other churches have because we adjust our worship to reflect where we are in the life of Christ and of the Church. This is most obvious and visible in the services in Holy Week at the end of Lent with Maundy Thursday (the Last Supper and foot washing), Good Friday (the Crucifixion) and the Great Vigil on Saturday (the Resurrection). But for now we must travel through the **40 weekdays of Lent** during February and March. Do not be impatient with the quieter music but use it to be reflective. And so a time of change and transition will be with us for a while. Butwe, in the Acolyte Guild continue to go about our quiet ministry at the Altar.

Don't forget Shrove Tuesday pancakes!! Feb. 21st

Roster and Schedule.

PLEASE take a moment to review the schedule and roster to make sure your name appears **SOMEWHERE** on it.

I am always worried that I may have occasionally left a name off by mistake and left a member wondering what is going on. My eyes are getting old and the lines are small and it can happen! Remember, we do NOT play favorites, we do NOT quietly dump someone, we DO make every effort to be fair and to make serving in church a pleasure for you. This is YOUR ministry and I am merely called to lead it for you. YOU are our top priority.

New Member training

Good grief we are almost ready to train new members again! One of the great pleasures of being an Acolyte Master is to find and encourage new members or even when they find me as happened last Sunday. It is also a fine thing for YOU as our existing members to find and encourage new members. Remember, we start new members as young as 10 IF they are ready (or a little later if they need a little more “growing” time). Please do let me know of anyone you know who is ready. We especially look forward to taking in your younger siblings when they are ready!

Ash Wednesday

You will see that we have a scheduled team for Ash Wednesday evening service and there is an opportunity for a VOLUNTEER team for the 6.00 AM service! Its EARLY!! It's a challenge open to anyone.

Blessings to you all and your families. We are truly thankful to God for YOU and that it is in your hearts to serve Him as you do. It is a special and beautiful ministry and it takes special people to do it. Each time you come to vest we are delighted to see you.

With love in Christ, Mr.B.

