



is February 10th. We will celebrate Mass with distribution of ashes at St. Francis at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 1st, Fr. Mario will be available to hear confessions at St. Francis from 5-7 p.m.



**Other opportunities for Reconciliation
In Deanery V during Lent 2016**

Monday	2/22	Oxford	5-8 p.m.	English
Monday	2/29	Tupelo	6 p.m.	Spanish
Wednesday	3/03	Corinth	5-7 p.m.	Bilingual
Monday	3/07	Tupelo	6 p.m.	English
Thursday	3/10	Houston	6 p.m.	Bilingual
Wednesday	3/16	New Albany	6:30 p.m.	Bilingual



SPECIAL NOTES OF IMPORTANCE FOR LENT

Lent is a time of renewal and solemn reflection on our lives and our journey to the cross with Jesus.

The Lenten Season

Fasting. Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On the weekdays of Lent, the U.S. Bishops encourage the faithful to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast. The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. Customarily, the two smaller meals when considered together should not equal the main meal.

Abstinence. All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent, unless the Friday is a solemnity.

Music

In observance of the solemnity of Lent, we will omit the opening and closing songs. During the Mass, we will only sing the Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, and the “Agnus Dei” (Latin version of “Lamb of God”), which is #6 in the “United in Christ” music book. All other responses will be said.

Gloria and Creed - The Gloria is not normally said/sung during Lent. However, the Gloria and the Creed are sung/said on Lenten solemnities. When the Creed is said during the Mass on the Annunciation, all genuflect at the words, “and by the Holy Spirit, he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”

Books – Both St. Mary and St. Francis (along with St. James) will now be using “United in Christ” music books, which go with our Sunday missals. This will provide a consistency across the parishes and make it easier for music ministers to select music.