

Cathedral of Saint Andrew

LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 17

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

7 a.m. – Mass, Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

Noon – Mass

5:30 p.m. – Mass

7:30 p.m. – Mass (Español)

Wednesdays during Lent (Feb. 24 – March 24)

7 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) in the Chapel

Sacrament of reconciliation available each Wednesday following the liturgy.

Fridays during Lent (Feb. 19 – March 26)

6 p.m. – Soup and Bread Supper

7 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (English, Español and Latin)

Sunday's during Lent (Feb. 21 – March 28)

11 a.m. to Noon – Awakening Faith (English, Español, Latin)

HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 27

4:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass with procession

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) – Sunday, March 28

10 a.m. – Mass (televised), Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

Noon – Mass (Español)

6 p.m. – Mass with procession

7:30 p.m. – Contemplative Mass

Chrism Mass – March 30

Blessing of the Oils and Consecration of the Chrism

7 p.m. – Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

This is a ticketed event.

TRIDUUM THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – April 1

7 p.m. – Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion – April 2

Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

1 p.m. – Mass, Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

3 p.m. Mass (Español)

7 p.m. – Tenebrae (An ancient tradition which closes Good Friday with a service of "shadows".)

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil – April 3

8 p.m. – Mass, Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

SEASON OF EASTER

Easter Sunday – April 4

10 a.m. – Mass (televised), Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

Noon – Mass (Español)

6 p.m. – Mass

7:30 p.m. – Contemplative Mass

DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. (Chapel)

Friday 7 p.m. (Español)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday 12:05 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. (Televised), Noon (Español), 6 p.m.

Contemplative Mass 7:30 p.m.

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The devil made me do it

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here's no end to the excuses we as God's creatures have made to cover up responsibility for things we have done. The blame-game started in the Garden of Eden and has only become more creative (or more self-evident) as time and human history have evolved.

It takes self-discipline and courage to own up to the truth. We don't like the prospect of facing up to the consequences of some of our actions. When Jesus, driven by the Holy Spirit, went into the desert to fast and pray before presenting himself for his public ministry, he faced the father of lies. The evil one tempted him, in his hunger and isolation, every which way he could dream up. Jesus resisted and overcame each and every stratagem the devil could devise. He did so calmly and with authority.

What if Jesus had done otherwise? He could have blamed his behavior on his weakened physical state or on his lonely spiritual agony. If so, he could have never faced down evil again. He could have never sent it howling out of the lives of so many afflicted ones. His mission would have been crippled and doomed from the start.

By trouncing the evil one in that deserted place, Jesus emerged strengthened and refreshed for an abundantly fruitful and effective ministry. From his mouth flowed God's own life-giving word. From his hands came the gentlest yet most powerful healing.

All this began with self-discipline, with fasting and prayer. These are the same elements of our own Lenten observance. We should not lose sight of their connection to Jesus' own life and ministry. As his disciples, we should expect the challenges of the evil one. But we can also be confident that with the support of Christ and one another, we too can trounce his pathetic stratagems.

We can expect to emerge from our season of self-discipline and fasting, of prayer and generosity, with a profusion of new energies to place with love at the service of God's people.