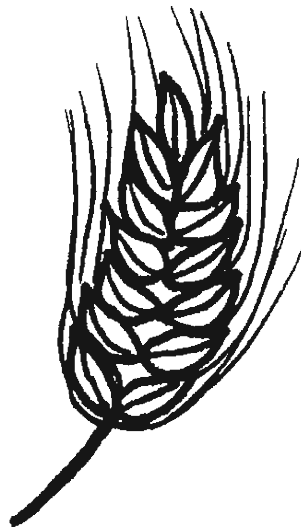


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Lent



Signs and Symbols

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His life and faith continue
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How to use this book:

This little book in your hand is a gift. Each page holds a special message about God and our church. Do one full page every day during Lent and you will discover symbols and signs about our Catholic Faith.

Symbols and signs help us to see and understand what is true and good.

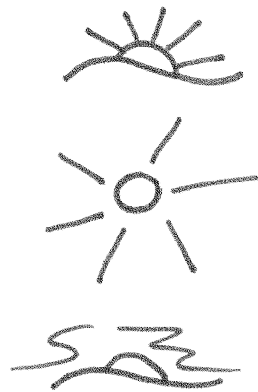
Mysteries have pathways into understanding. Let us take these pathways of symbols and signs. By Easter, you will be glad you did.

Do one page everyday starting on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Ask for help if you need it.

Blessings on you this Lent!

Sunday before Ash Wednesday

TIME is how we spend our lives.



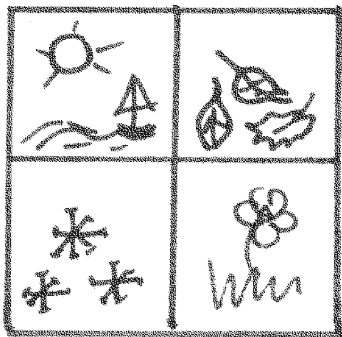
Our Days:

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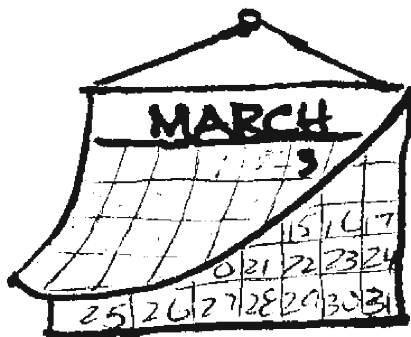
S _ _ _ _ **g**

all add up to

y _ _ _ **s**

as we turn the pages of our

c _ _ _ _ _ **s.**



Our **Church**
counts time always with our eyes on
Jesus.

We remember and celebrate the most important times in His life on earth.

Write the names of each season around the circle and color them.

Purple: Advent, Lent

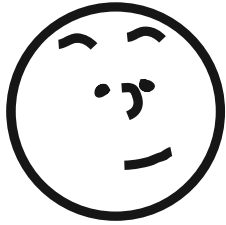
Red: the Feast of the Holy Spirit

Green: Ordinary time

Leave as White: Christmas time and Easter time



Monday before Ash Wednesday



People have always been known to get together in groups. I wonder why?
What do you think?

Let's name some groups of people.



(Draw them with stick figures.)



Family

Team

Who else?

and...?

Our **Church**
is a group — people who get together
for many reasons.

What reasons?

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T	S	E	R	V	E	H
E	I	X	Y	A	E	K
A	N	Z	Q	L	Y	R
C	G	R	P	O	V	O
H	S	U	W	V	L	W
M	N	O	A	E	B	D

Find:


support
teach
serve
pray
sing
work
love
help

When we come together to pray,
we are called an **Assembly**.

This group or assembly is called
the Body of Christ
or
the People of God.

Tuesday before Ash Wednesday

By **Water**

and the Holy Spirit 

receive the gift of

New Life



In our church we see water. In some churches it is in a big bowl. In other churches it is in a pool.

This is the **B** _ _ _ _ _ .

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The word "Baptism" is from the Greek Language. It means "to plunge." We touch the water when we go into the church. We bless ourselves in the Name of

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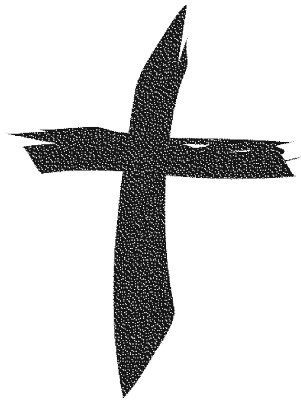
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Amen.

We remember that we are plunged into a new life and a new assembly and into a way of living that will follow Jesus.

Ash Wednesday



Going through the day today with a smudge on our forehead is a sign that

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23 5 2 5 12 9 5 22 5

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9 14 10 5 19 21 19[•]

The Ashes are double-blessed:

1. when they were palm branches blessed last year on Palm Sunday,
2. and now burnt and ground into dust for our use today as ashes.

**Ashes are a holy sign
that blesses us on
our Journey of Lent.**

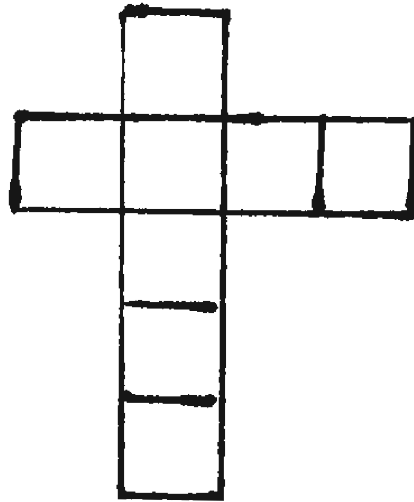


In the beginning pages of the Holy Bible, the creation story says that God created the first man from dust of the ground. (Genesis 2:17)

**Think about that when you
touch the ground!**

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<u>Letters Converted to Number Values</u>												
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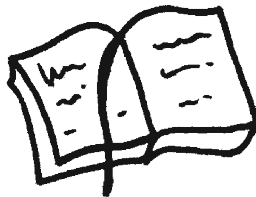
Thursday after Ash Wednesday



(Write the word GOOD across and write the word DOING down)

That is how Jesus spent His whole life.

(Acts 10:38)



When people were jealous of Him and when they did not like what He said and

did, He did not stop **d _ _ _ g**
g _ _ d.

He would never stop because He was showing God's love.