



Spartan Newsletter

St. Paul of the Cross 2022-2023 School Year

School-Wide Learning Expectation: Academically Prepared; Spiritually Evolving; Active Catholic-Christian; Life-Long Learner **February 15, 2023**

65 Years of Developing Students Academically and Spiritually!

Principally Speaking:

Why Ashes?

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season. The ashes themselves are usually made by burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This symbolically connects the beginning of Lent with its end, connecting our change of heart with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Ashes are usually distributed as part of the Mass on Ash Wednesday, often after the homily. As people approach the priest or other minister, he presses the ashes to their foreheads, and speaks one of two phrases: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." In many places, Ash Wednesday services are among the most popular of the whole year—a day that's not even a Holy Day of Obligation. Cynics have suggested that this is because people "get" something, as they do on Palm Sunday. But there's nothing particularly appealing about getting smudged with ashes. Perhaps, the appeal is the expression through a physical sign of a desire for interior conversion. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday is a reminder that the real purpose of the season of Lent isn't to make public demonstrations of piety—even the wearing of ashes—but to seek conversion of heart.

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** DATES TO REMINDER **

NO SCHOOL ON:

Monday, February 20th <i>Presidents' Day</i>	April 7th – 14th <i>Easter Vacation</i>
Monday, March 13th <i>Bishop's Day Off</i>	Monday, May 29th <i>Memorial Day</i>

UP COMING EVENTS:

Friday, Feb. 17th <i>3rd Gr Mass</i>	Friday, Mar. 10 <i>Student Council Mass</i>
Wednesday, Feb. 22nd <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Friday, Mar. 10 <i>Fish Fry</i>
Thursday, Feb. 23rd <i>\$1 Free Dress</i>	Wednesday, Mar. 15 <i>7th Gr Patio Prayer</i>
Wednesday, Mar. 1st <i>NJHS Patio Prayer</i>	Thursday, Mar. 16 <i>1st/2nd Stations of the Cross</i>
Friday, Mar. 3 <i>NJHS Mass</i>	Friday, Mar. 17 <i>8th Gr Mass</i>
Friday, Mar. 3 <i>Fish Fry</i>	Friday, Mar. 17 <i>Fish Fry</i>
Saturday, Mar. 4 <i>2nd Gr First Reconciliation</i>	Sunday, Mar. 19 <i>Family Mass @ 10am</i>
Wednesday, Mar. 8 <i>8th Gr Patio Prayer</i>	Wednesday, Mar. 22 <i>6th Gr Patio Prayer</i>
Thursday, Mar. 9 <i>TK/K Stations of the Cross</i>	Thursday, Mar. 23 <i>3rd/4th Stations of the Cross</i>

2nd Mandatory Fundraiser

Parents:

Our second **MANDATORY \$100 FUNDRASISER IS DUE NOW!** We will be raffling baskets on Friday, March 24, during our last Fish Fry event. Each family will receive 10 tickets to be put in the raffle basket of their choice. Each basket will be worth \$100!



GOT FISH?

Save the DATES & TIMES

- Fish Fry #1 Friday, Mar. 3rd @ 5:00-7pm
- Fish Fry #2 Friday, Mar. 10th @ 5:00-7pm
- Fish Fry #3 Friday, Mar. 17th @ 5:00-7pm
- Fish Fry #4 Friday, Mar. 24th @ 5:00-7pm

Faith-N-Cheer Brunch

A big thank you to the Mota Family for hosting a very successful fundraising event at La Habra Heights Café. Faith and Cheer received \$1500 from this event.

Valentine's Day Donut Grams

A big thank you to the Yam Family for donating all the donuts from their donut shop A K's Donuts located in La Mirada. We had a 100% profit.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch menu for the month of March is included in family envelope. Money and orders are due by Friday February 24.

Fingerprinting

Parents getting fingerprinted is a mandatory policy that is put in place by the LA Archdiocese. We are working on getting 100% participation. You only need to get your fingerprints done once. Please keep in mind in order to volunteer on campus you must be fingerprinted.

Prayer Corner

If you would like to add someone to the prayer corner, please send in their name by Monday morning. Thank you.

Please Prayer for:

- Ms. H
- Father Chan
- School
- Kathy Alva
- Michelle Feltault
- Kyle Haber

For The Repose of the Souls of:

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI – Our former Pope
- Elizabeth Iglesias – Ms. H's Sister
- Janet Caballero – Barbara Woods' Sister

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer.  
~Philippians 4:6-7

## Lent Schedule

**Ash Wednesday: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Masses 8:30am & 7pm (*bilingual*)

Students will not be attending 8:30 mass.  
Students will be attending a prayer serves followed by distribution of ashes at 10:30am.

This serves will be led by Fr. Chan.

**Fish Fry Fridays @ 5:00pm-7pm**

Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>

**Stations of the Cross Thursdays**

**TK/Kinder Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup>**



**LENT**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Parents please sign-up.**

You need to do 5 BINGOS throughout the year.:

**\*\*Bingo Hours are on Fridays from 5:30 - 10pm**

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|-------------|------------------|
| February 17 | 3 parents needed |
| February 23 | 2 parents needed |
| March 2     | 3 parents needed |
| March 9     | 4 parents needed |
| March 16    | 4 parents needed |

**BINGO SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL**

## ~ Bingo ~

Parents, it is very important to show-up for the Bingo slot you signed-up for. Thank you.

| February 17      | February 23           |
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| Sarah Salgado: 3 | Anthony Hernandez: TK |
|                  | Sarah Salgado: 3      |
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## Scrip Sales

**You can order Scrip on Monday and get it on Thursdays or sign-up online to buy scrip.**