

About Lent

Lent is the time of year that the Church goes spiritually inward as we each take this time to explore where we may fall short of Christ's hope for us.

There are several things that happen to signify this time.

- We begin with our Shrove Tuesday Dinner at Jim's Restaurant located Bandera and 1604.
- In worship, we no longer say the word Alleluia or its various forms.
- We use this time to teach and participate in special classes that help us to explore more about what it means to follow Christ.
- Our Sunday morning liturgy takes on a different pace as we begin our worship recalling the Ten Commandments, offering the Confession, and receiving the absolution. These Sunday services focus on reconciliation with God and each other through Christ.
- Kelly Conkling will facilitate a group going "on retreat" with The Rev. Dr. John Philip Newell at the Oblate School of Theology the week of March 10th.
- We have Palm Sunday on March 24th which begins out in front of our worship space with a joyous procession and ends in the agony of the cross.
- During Holy Week we bring out the Labyrinth, on loan from the Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation, to walk and pray during this most desperate week.
- There is a special service on Thursday night, known as Maundy Thursday, where we recall the Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus.
- Good Friday will bring back Sam Carter Gilliam, to participate in a liturgy and dramatic presentation prepared specifically for our congregation.

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Lent 2013: Food, Fasts, and Fallen Empires



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Classes: The Lenten Buffet

Food

Women's Bible Study (*begins before Lent and goes 12 weeks*)

This group will meet Thursdays from 7-9 pm, at the home of Ashley Jackson, beginning on February 7th. "Made to Crave" encourages us to examine what we crave as women, particularly food issues, and how to crave God instead. The book costs \$15 and the member workbook \$10. For more information, contact Ashley Jackson or the church office, holyspirit@chssatx.org **Facilitator: Ashley Jackson**

Serving Sizes

Sizes	S	M	L
Serves	8-10	14-16	18-20
Per Serving	2 dozen	4 dozen	6 dozen



Fasts

LiveFast! A Study on Discipleship

Fasting, both during Lent and at other times, is a way of preparing ourselves to resist temptation. In this series, we're going to discover how to Live Fast and how doing so can help us resist the temptations that the devil used against Jesus and uses against us — the temptations of appetite, ambition, and affirmation.

This four-week discussion based class will meet Tuesdays from 10:30 am until Noon in the office area beginning Tuesday, February 19, and on Sunday mornings, beginning March 3. Register with the church office, holyspirit@chssatx.org

The Book, *Multiplying Missional Leaders*, by Mike Breen is recommended.

Facilitator: Jason Roberts

Classes and Special Events

History Studies

Fallen Empires

Our Group will study *THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH, PART II: From The Second Century to the Fall of the Western Roman Empire, 100 AD - 500 AD*. We will study the growth of Christianity from a small persecuted church to the most dominant institution in western Europe. The Group will meet at the home of Alfredo Castillo, on Wednesday nights from 7 - 8:30 pm, starting on Wednesday, February 20 for five weeks. Register with the church office, holyspirit@chssatx.org.

Facilitator: Tom McCarty

Creeds

This five-week Lenten Study is on Wednesday afternoons, at Pedrotti's Ranch, from 1:30 - 3 PM, beginning on Wednesday, February 20 on the *Creeds*. This study will examine why and how the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed developed and the results. We would like to know if anyone would be interested. This class is tentatively scheduled, please register with the church office, holyspirit@chssatx.org, so we can keep you informed.

Facilitator: Tom McCarty

Calendar of Special Events

Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday, February 12, from 5-7 pm at Jim's Restaurant.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 13 - Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 12:15 pm and 7:15 pm.

Lecture Series/Retreat - March 10-14 at the Oblate School of Theology

Labyrinth Prayer Walk - Open Wednesday, March 27th at 3:00 pm

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, March 28, at 7:15 pm, followed by the overnight Prayer Vigil

Good Friday - Friday, March 29th at 12:15 pm

Youth Lock-in/Camp-Out - Friday night, March 29th