

# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2021

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## WELCOME

We are so glad you are here to experience the beginning of Lent and the meaning of this Holy Day. Here's what will happen next:

### Music - 91.1 FM

You can listen in to music curated by Music Minister Chris Weiss as you drive.

### Prayer Parking

You can pull off to the side parking lot to read through the Ash Wednesday guide with scriptures, a prayer, and reflection questions. Take some time for prayer and reflection. You can also write down a prayer/fast to give at the prayer station. When you are ready, you can exit the side parking lot and drive to station #1.

### Station #1 - Prayer

You are invited to stop and share your prayer. If you have a prayer or Lenten fast that you have written down, you can hand those to the people at the prayer station. Your prayers will be combined with all the other prayers and fasts, and then burned up in an offering to God.

### Station #2 - Offering

If you have tithes, offering or donations to give, you can stop at this station where a deacon will collect your gifts..

### Station #3 - Receive ashes

You can roll down your window and receive ashes from a q-tip on your forehead or hand. You can also keep your windows up and receive the "sign of the cross" hand-motion over your vehicle.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY** begins Lent, a season of forty days leading up to Easter. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word "lencten", which means "spring." The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time in church life for repentance, fasting and preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ. It is a time of self-examination and reflection.

Learn more and find resources to practice Lent at [southelkhorncc.org/lent](https://southelkhorncc.org/lent)

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