2012 Regulations for Lent

“The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social”.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, marks the beginning of Lent.
The following fast and abstinence regulations are observed: · Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 6, are days of fast and abstinence.
Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.
All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays during Lent.
All Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal and two smaller meals unless dispensed or excused.

Lenten Reminders
Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.
We are provided with three personal challenges associated with our individual observance of Lent:
· Almsgiving – generously giving to those in need
· Fasting – practicing self-discipline and self-denial
· Prayer – reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God

Lent is also a penitential season.
It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?
· By “giving up” things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.
· By “doing” things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.
· By “adding” to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner
Immaculate Conception Church Hall
Wednesday, February 22nd
Serving 5:00PM to 7:00PM
Takeouts start at 4:00PM
Donation: Adult $8.00
Children $3.00
Tickets may be purchased after all masses this weekend or call the rectory to reserve your tickets. Social Concerns will be providing and delivering fish dinners to our shut ins. We will be setting up the hall on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00PM. On Ash Wednesday, we will need help in the kitchen from 11:00AM on. We are also looking for some volunteers to deliver the dinners and distribute ashes to our shut-ins between 3:30 and 4:30PM. If you can help, please call Joyce at 654-2753 or just stop by. Thank you.

Today is The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time To follow the readings in your Gather Missalette see No 1111

Parish Lenten schedule
Members of our parish Art & Environment Committee will be preparing our worship sites for Lent on Tuesday, February 21st. If you can help, please join them at Holy Redeemer at 1:00PM and/or Immaculate Conception at 3:00PM. Thank you

●February 22nd is Ash Wednesday
   Distribution of Ashes will be as follows:
   7:30AM mass & ashes @ ICC
   8:30AM mass & ashes @ HR
   12:10PM mass & ashes @ ICC
   5:30PM distribution of ashes @ ICC (no mass)
   6:30PM distribution of ashes @ HR (no mass)

●Daily Mass Schedule for Lent
   (beginning Ash Wed)
   7:30AM @ Immaculate Conception Church
   8:30AM @ Holy Redeemer Church
   12:10PM @ Immaculate Conception Church

●Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent)
   6:00PM @ Holy Redeemer Church
   7:00PM@ImmaculateConceptionChurch

●Lenten Soup & Scripture
   Mondays during Lent @ 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church hall (beginning Mon, March 5th …speakers TBA)

●East Side Road to Resurrection
   2/29 - St. Maria Goretti - Fr. Gerard Shantillo,
   3/07 - Our Lady of the Eucharist - Fr. Joseph Elston
   3/14 - Queen of the Apostles (Avoca) - Fr. Edward Buchheit
   3/21 - St. Joseph Marello Parish – Fr. Louis Grippe,
   3/28 - St John the Evangelist - Fr. Philip Altavilla

●Biblical Walk through the Mass
   St. Anthony’s Center - Wednesday’s @ 7:00PM beginning on February 29th
**Family Mass**
Our next scheduled “family mass” will take place on **Sunday, March 4th at the 9:00AM Mass at Holy Redeemer Church**. The CCD students in 5th grade and older will participate as lectors, gift bearers, ushers, etc and the younger children will be invited to sing with the Youth Choir. Following the mass, all will be invited to join the children in the church hall for light refreshments. CCD classes are cancelled at Holy Redeemer on this day.

**Parish Office will be Closed Monday Feb 20th. - President Day**

**Holy Name Meeting**
The Holy Name will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00PM in ICC rectory. The annual Father/Son Breakfast and April/May fundraiser will be discussed. All members are asked to attend.

**Seniors Meeting**
Our next meeting will be held on **February 29th** at 1:00PM in ICC school. All are invited to join us for an afternoon of laughter, card/game playing, and refreshments.

**Parishioners in Hospitals**
If you, a family member, or a friend is going into a hospital, please call the rectory to let us know. *It is important to tell them at the hospital you are a member of Corpus Christi Parish.* We call the hospitals, but many times parishioners are not listed.

**Congratulations “Wish to Win” winners!!**

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**EM’s, Lectors, Altar Servers, Cantors**
The new ministry schedule is in the sacristies of the churches. Please take one home today.

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**Family Mass**

**Weekly Collection**
February 12, 2011
$8,407.10