



7 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM

February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday: The Imposition of Ashes



SAINT JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL
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HOURS & INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8am Holy Eucharist, spoken

9am Breakfast
Adult Formation: Dean's Forum,
Taliaferro Hall

For Children & Families: Family Eucharist (First Sundays), *Cummings Chapel*, Family Flex Cafe (activities for children ages 4 - 10), *Ingram Lounge*

10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with organ and choir

Children gather in the Taliaferro Hall foyer before the 10:30 a.m. service, and return to their families at the Peace. Blessing Bags with quiet activities are available for children who remain in the service.

11:45am Lunch and Fellowship, *Taliaferro Hall*

Hakimian Family Nursery Hours

10am to Noon

St. John's Cathedral Bookstore & Gift Shop Hours

Sun: 9am to 12:30pm

M-Th: 10am to 4pm

F: 10am to 3pm

Vestry

John Sefton, *Chancellor*; Martha Cox, *Sr. Warden*; Patrick Kimball, *Jr. Warden*; Paul Arrington, *Treasurer*; John Bass, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, T. R. Hainline, Paige Hakimian, Lewis Hunt, Lisa McKenna, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith, Shane Williams

Clergy

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson, *Vicar*; The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera, *Associate Priest of Theology and the Arts*; The Rev. Thomas O'Dell, *Associate Priest for Welcome and Engagement*; The Rev. Sandra Kidd, *Deacon for Pastoral Care and Outreach*

Music

Timothy Tuller, *Canon for Music*

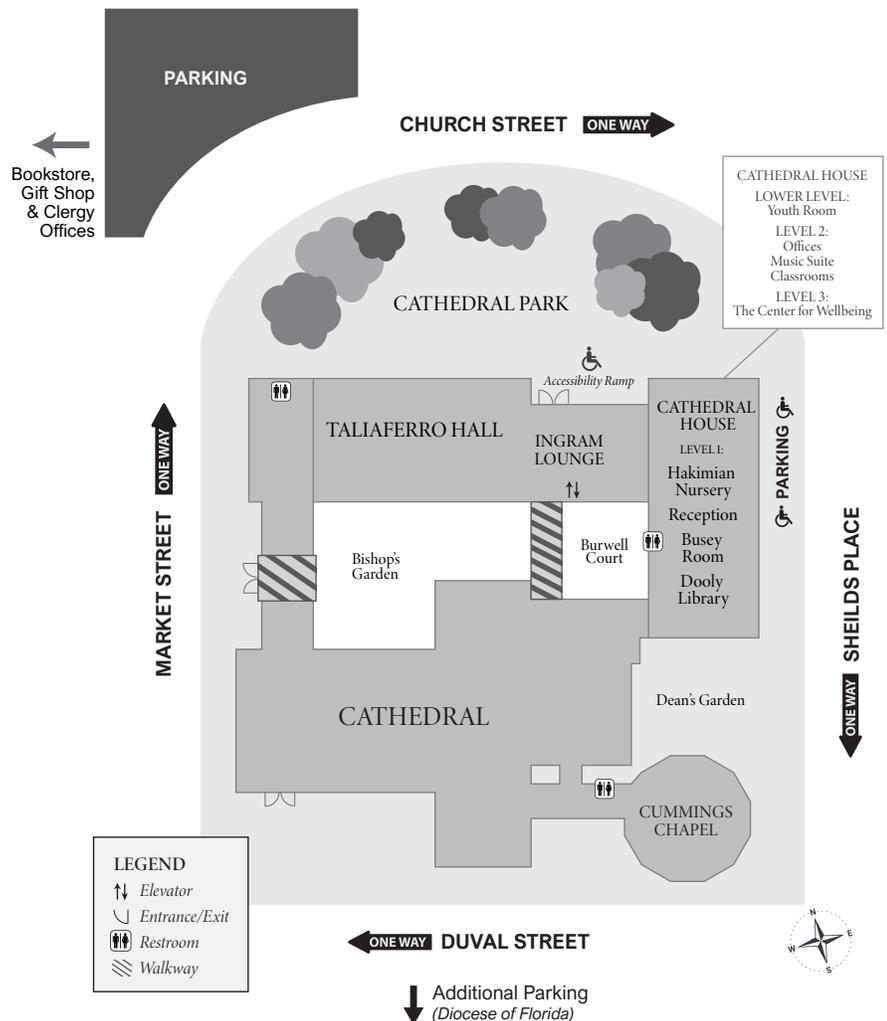
WELCOME

Whether you're visiting for the first time or you've been worshipping here for years, our welcome ministry, **Engage@JaxCathedral**, is here to help you make a home for your faith at St. John's Cathedral.

Fill out the Welcome card in the pew back and place it in the offering plate, or complete the form online at jaxcathedral.org/welcome (or scan the QR code) so we can get to know you.



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ASH WEDNESDAY: THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Introit (6 p.m.)

Hide Not Thou Thy Face, Richard Farrant

Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off Thy servants in Thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto Thee, and hide not our unrighteousness. For Thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

A Word of Welcome

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn #143 (12 & 6 p.m.)

“The glory of these forty days” *Erhalt uns, Herr*

The Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”

The Words of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

*Throughout this service, items in **bold** are spoken by the congregation in unison.*

At the sound of the bell, all stand. The bell tolls nine times, three times three is a symbol of the Trinity.

The people stand as the Ministers of the service enter in silence.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, in which Jesus walked into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. Lent is a time to reflect and become aware of the voices of temptation in our own minds.

All sit.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;
When the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.
But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children;
On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.
The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all.
Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word.
Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Anthem (6 p.m.)

Drop, drop, slow tears, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe thy beautiful feet
Which brought from Heaven the news and Prince of Peace.
Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye see sin, but through my tears.
-Percy Fletcher

All stand.

The Gospel is read from a golden book. Gold symbolizes heaven.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand

know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The good news of our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Meditation

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll (7 a.m. & 12 p.m.)
The Rev. Canon Mark S. Anderson (6 p.m.)

Invitation to a Holy Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

The Prayer over the Ashes

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*All sit.
A period of silence for reflection follows the meditation.*

*All stand.
The Priest instructs us about the season of Lent.*

Silence is kept; all kneel as able.

At 6 p.m., the Choir sings Psalm 51 during the Imposition of Ashes.

The word “sin” means in Hebrew “to miss the mark;” it does not mean that a person is bad, but rather that we make mistakes and need to forgive ourselves and others.

The Imposition of Ashes

All are invited forward to receive the imposition of ashes. The ashes are imposed with the following words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The Litany of Penitance

Almighty God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn and live, has given power and commandment to your disciples to declare and pronounce to the people, being penitent, the absolution and forgiveness of their sins. God pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe the holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech you to grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit, that those things may please you which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*God loves us and forgives us.
All we have to do is ask.*

The Blessing

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

*All stand. 1982 Hymnal.
We follow the cross into the
world to be the hands and feet
of Christ.*

In Recession, Hymn #149 (12 & 6 p.m.) "Eternal Lord of love, behold your church" *Old 124th*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Walking through Lent

Lent's forty days invite us to settle into practices that sustain prayer, deepen faith, and strengthen community. At the Cathedral, several opportunities are offered to help you dive into Lent with intention and community:

Lenten Choral Evensong The First Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 22 4 p.m.

Having marked the start of Lent with ashes and prayer, we carry this spirit forward into the season's first Sunday with Lenten Evensong, a contemplative service led by the Cathedral Choir. Come, let this Evensong guide your heart and spirit as you enter the journey of Lent.

Dean's Forum in Lent: "The Chosen," Season 5 Sundays, Feb. 22-Mar. 22 9:10 a.m. Taliaferro Hall

Last Summer, we explored Seasons 1-4 and ended with Jesus riding into Jerusalem. This Lent, we will watch & discuss clips from Season 5, as Jesus and his disciples experience "Holy Week."

Praying with Jesus Wednesdays, Feb. 25 - Mar. 25 5:30 p.m. Taliaferro Hall

Dean Kate and Clergy will teach us a different type of prayer each week. At 6:30pm, a simple meal of soup, salad & bread is served.

Walk the Stations of the Cross Friday, March 6 5:30 p.m. Cathedral

You may walk the Stations of the Cross any time the Cathedral is open, or join Vince Ferrigno for this guided, prayerful walk.

Take on a Plastic Fast

Try a different kind of fast: a Plastic Fast. Our Green Spirits and Creation Keepers will be taking on the practice of eliminating single-use plastics for 40 days, and we invite the whole Cathedral community to join them in this intentional act of care for God's creation, a practice that may be both challenging and meaningful enough to carry forward beyond Lent. Look for tips on our social media pages!



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