


1986 LENT / EASTER CALENDAR

These days are spent with Jesus Christ. We are too weak without Him. We feel like running from it all. But Jesus has gone before us. And every minute, He renews His love from the cross. There is no crown without the cross. The cross renews His death. The Resurrection renews His life. Our suffering and sacrifices are a share in His cross. In His strength, we die to whatever in us is not of Christ. This preparation in the winter of our souls, gives birth to the springtime of the Church: Easter, Resurrection, Life!



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		February	Ash 12 Wednesday Remember your end. Eternity. Our doubts are traitors. They make us lose the good we could win. Begin again. (Lk. 9:22-25) (Rom. 8:31-34).	13 Do not seek to take the splinter from your neighbor's eye until you have removed the plank from your own eye. (Mt. 7:1-5).	14 St. Valentine—Love your neighbor. When much is given, much is required. Give generously from what God has given to you. (Lk. 12:35-48).	15 Anger is a wind that blows out the lamp of the mind. Every time you give a piece of your mind you add to your own vacuum. (Mt. 12:33-37).
16 Finding it hard to cope? God transforms the lowest into the highest, humbles the proud and creates light from darkness. Trust! (Psalm 31).	17 Nothing is too difficult for one who loves. Where have you been weak? Follow Christ's voice. Resolve to do better. (Mk. 14:66-72).	18 Some "open minds" should be closed for repairs. The mind is the window of the soul. Examine your attitudes about Christian values. (Is. 1:19;16-20).	19 It is not the perfect but imperfect who have need of love. Can you love God without loving your neighbor? (1Jn. 2:1-11).	20 Half a mind to do something equals a whole mind to do nothing. Work to lift the spirit of another. Bring cheer. Smile! (Lk. 10:40-42; Rom. 12:8).	21 What foolishness if you advertise your troubles. There is no market for them. In His will is our peace. (Prov. Chap. 10).	22 Good seed multiplies. So does good example. Have you given any today? (Mk. 4:1-32).
23 One who desires to see the living God should not seek him in the empty universe of the mind, but in human love. (Jn. 14:1-21).	24 How poor the person without patience! All recommend it; few practice it. Endure others if you wish them to endure you. (Gal. 5:1-5).	25 Control your tongue and you will be close to God. The steam that blows the whistle can't be used to turn the wheels. (1Jam. 1:19-26; Psalm 12).	26 It isn't the load that weighs us down, it's the way we carry it. Trying times are times for trying. (Mt. 11:28-30; Psalm 103).	27 The wishbone will never replace the backbone. Trust in Jesus when the going is hard. (Psalm 33; Jn. 6:16-21; Mt. 14:22-33).	28 Be true to yourself. If you blame others for your failures, do you credit them with your successes? (Ex. 3:11-20; Mt. 11:28).	March 1 He who walks in another's tracks, leaves no footprints. We walk in Jesus' tracks when we love others as He did. (Mt. 5:43-48; Jn. 13:31-35).

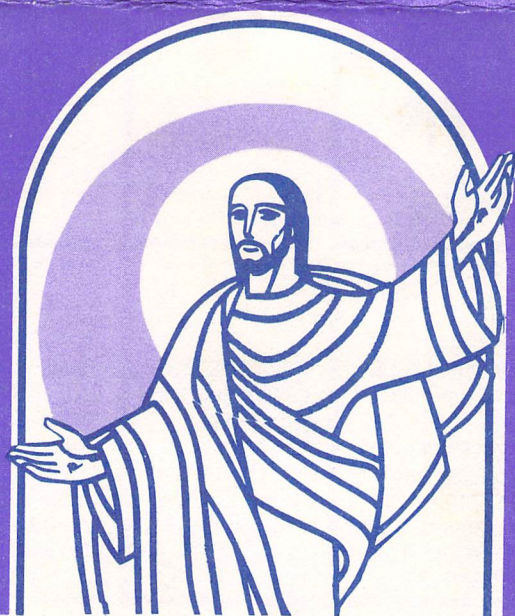
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2 Discipline your passions and selfish pleasures. Good example is still the best sermon. (2Macab.6:18-31; 1 Cor. 7:5-9).	3 Review your values. What does it profit anyone to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his/her soul? (Mt. 16:24-27).	4 There are no detour signs along a straight and narrow path. What direction is your heart taking? (Psalm 32).	5 If you think you have no faults, you have at least one! To yourself be true. (Psalms 38 & 51).	6 Jesus tells us not to fear. Do I see worry wrinkles on you? Worry is imagination misplaced. (Lk. 12:22-34).	7 It is smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces. Love them just as they are. Be kind, not jealous. (1Cor. 12:12-31; 13:1-13).	8 Do you control the TV you watch? A diet of amoral and immoral programs can and will corrupt the values and the heart. (Mk. 1:12-15).
9 When we pause to think, we have cause to thank. Thank Jesus. Compliment your pastor, family, friends. Let your light shine! (Lk. 17:11-19; 8:16).	10 The greatest tragedy is not to have failed, but to have failed to try. Use your talents well. (Lk. 12:35-38; Mt. 25:14-30).	11 He who loses money loses much; he who loses a friend, loses more but he who loses faith, loses all. (Eccl. 31:1-11; Mt. 10:37-39).	12 Your soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel. (Prov. 11:16).	13 Jesus is condemned. He says: "Do not keep judging by appearances; let your judgement be according to what is right." Think about that! (Jn. 7:24).	14 Jesus takes His cross. Finding it hard to cope? Need courage? God never shuts one door, but He opens another. (Mt. 7:7-12).	15 Jesus falls. To fall is no disgrace—only staying down. With Him we can rise again—if we wish. (Jn. 12:37-50).
16 Jesus consoles His mother. Lonely? Discouraged? Trust in Him who overcame the world. Help someone. Reach out! (Lk. 11:5-8).	17 St. Patrick's Day Simon helps Jesus carry the cross. Are you selfish? Like Simon and St. Patrick, do you use your gifts for everyone's good? (1Cor. 12:12-14; 27-31).	18 Veronica wipes Jesus' face. Perform some work of mercy. Forgive. Phone, visit the sick, old or needy. (Pet. 1:22-25; Jam. 2:14-26).	19 St. Joseph's Day Jesus falls again. Do I "fall" because of social pressure? How can I be strong like Joseph and not compromise my faith? (Eph. 5:1-20).	20 Women weep for Jesus. Take a risk as they did. Extend yourself for another in need. Love sees through a telescope. (Lk. 10:29-37).	21 Jesus falls the third time. Time to seek forgiveness for your sins. Your Father loves and forgives you. Forgive yourself and others. (Lk. 7:36-50).	22 Annunciation Jesus came to do His Father's will. Mary said "yes" that God might become man. Do you submit your will to God? (Is. 7:10-14; Lk. 1:26-38).
Palm Sunday 23 Do you call on Jesus, later to betray Him? Every deliberate sin is a betrayal of Jesus' love. Repent. (Psalms 107, 108; Jn. 18:15-18; 25-27).	24 Your outer life reflects your inner life. Jesus is our healing. He is our Light, Way and our Truth. (Mt. 20:29-34; Jn. 14:1-6).	25 Stripped of His clothing. Sin and vice does this to us. Jesus seeks the sinner. Look down on no one. The greater sin could be ours! (Lk.Chap. 15).	26 Jesus nailed to the cross. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." How does that apply to you? (Mt. 6:7-15).	Holy Thursday 27 If Jesus washed your feet, how would you feel? He washes your soul. Recall the Last Supper. (Jn. Chaps. 13-17).	Good Friday 28 Jesus dies for our sins. Spend time in quiet prayer and repentance. Renew your love and faith. (Jn. 12:23-36).	Holy Saturday 29 Jesus is buried. We all await judgement. Jesus is merciful. Live your life in the light of eternity. (Jn. 12:23-36).

EASTER SUNDAY

A blessed Easter! Easter is better than New Year's which reminds us we are a year older! Easter brings us not a new year but a new life. Let us pray that we truly live it, come fully alive, and rejoice in God's gifts. Father, who sets constantly before us the choice of life and death, we choose to live—to live by your commandments, in the power of your Spirit, in the humanity we share with your Son.

We come to you this Easter day, Father, from the passion of our lives, in the midst of sin and death that still threaten us, wars that could destroy us, and a world not yet at peace.

We come and proclaim the resurrection. We shout with all our hearts: "Christ is risen!" For this unquenchable hope, for this good news that rings like Easter bells over all the cries of sorrow and the din of strife, we give you thanks, and glory. (Acts. 10:34-43; Col. 3:1-4; Jn. 20:1-10).



31 Rejoice! It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of others. respect and trust your risen Christ. (Lk. 5:27-32).	April 1 Worry is often an "April fool". Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due. You are God's child. "Fear not!" (Mt. 10:12-39; Prov. Chap. 3).	2 Could I simplify my lifestyle, so I could share more with others. How generous am I? (2 Cor. 8:1-15).	3 Before you accuse anyone of a fault, take time to count to ten—ten of your own! Forgive. (Gal. 5: 7-15).	4 Put an end once and for all to discussion of what a good person should be, and be one. Perform works of mercy. (Lev. 19:1-2,11-18; Mt. 25:31-46).	5 God gave us two ears, but one mouth. There is a lesson here. Listen to His Easter message and live it daily. (1 Pet. 3:8-12).
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