

# Clarion

MARCH 2026



*The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to Mary*

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

***The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all  
those who are seeking God's unconditional love.***



## ***From the Vicar***

Lent is a season that not all Christians observe. Obviously, we Episcopalians do. We actually make a big deal about it. We begin the forty days of Lent by having ashes imposed on our foreheads, which symbolizes the ashes and sackcloth donned by those who were doing penance for the sin they had committed.

The vestments and hangings in our churches change to one or more variations of purple, although unbleached linen is also acceptable. The unbleached linen symbolizes the sackcloth worn by the penitent. There are exceptions. White is used for burials during Lent, because burials come outside liturgical time, and red becomes the color for Holy Week; Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday.

Many of our churches, like ours, have Wednesday evening suppers during Lent, usually serving soup or something similar.

However, the true meaning of Lent is that it is a time when we are invited “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,” as recorded in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP, p. 265).

The idea of fasting, which in our contemporary world means “giving up something for Lent,” comes for Holy Scripture. We heard this in the Gospel reading from the First Sunday in Lent. “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.” (Matthew 4:1)

Many in the early Church, particularly those in monastic orders, did limited fasting, taking only water and a small bit of bread each day to stay alive. Today, the tradition is to “give something up” for the forty days. But what is the point?

Ideally, the point is that when you have the desire for that which you give up, you will resist the temptation but also remember that story about Jesus in the Wilderness. Hopefully making you a better Christian in the process.

When I was growing up, each member of my family practiced this “fasting.” In fact, most of the other families in the neighborhood did as well. How much it helped us may be open for debate, but it was a seed that was planted in our spiritual growth.

What to give up? A priest friend of mind would tell his congregation at the start of Lent to give up something you desired. Something that would be hard to eat or drink or participate in. He also reminded them that giving up watermelon, even if you loved to eat watermelon, didn’t count, because watermelons aren’t in season when Lent occurs.

Some take these forty days as an opportunity to break a habit, like smoking or watching too much TV.

On the other hand, Lent is a good time to take on something positive, rather than giving something up. This might be helping at a food pantry or volunteering with a non-profit agency or visiting shut-ins. Perhaps writing a letter each day in support of one or more worthy cause.

It could even mean changing the way you do things. Getting up early and watching the sunrise. Letting waiting cars into traffic. Smiling at people you see at the store. Anything that will help you remember why we observe Lent.

One more thing. Don’t tell anybody what you’re doing to observe Lent. Like the time Jesus fasted form forty days in the Wilderness, this is also found in Scripture. Some of you may remember the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, when Jesus told his disciples, "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."

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.

Father David+

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



- 1:00 PM – Pawdi-Gras Parade (Pet Parade) on Main Street
- 12-6pm Downtown Festival
- 2:00 PM – The Main Event: The Crestview Mardi Gras Parade
- 2-6 pm: Beads & Wheels Car Show
- 3:00 PM - Festival Continues with a FREE Concert! by The Shenanigans

*Fri, March 20, 12:00 pm to  
Sun, March 22 Mar 08:00 pm*  
**Crestview Community Center**  
1446 Commerce Dr, Crestview

Live tattoo, tattoo contest, vendors, food trucks, door prizes, live entertainment



### *Downtown Main Street Crestview*

The **Triple B Festival** is one of **Main Street Crestview Association's** legacy events, proudly celebrating **over two decades** as one of Crestview's largest and most anticipated community gatherings.

**Three entertainment stages** with live bands and DJs performing throughout the day.

**A barbecue competition** with trophies and **cash prizes awarded**

A full day of family-friendly fun, food, music, and community engagement



# UPCOMING EVENTS In The DIOCESE

## Pastoral Care: How to Cover Your Future

**Mar 07, 2026, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

*Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 222 N Bonita Ave, Panama City, FL*

Hosted by:

**Protestant Episcopal Church Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast**

Sponsored by the Commission on Affirmative Aging

An informative workshop focused on area seniors' preparation for their future (end-of-life). Do you have the necessary documents in case of an emergency? Are you staying physically active? What questions do you have but are uncomfortable asking? etc.



**Mar 11, 4:00 PM – Mar 15, 4:00 PM**

*Beckwith Camp & Conference Center, 10400 Beckwith Ln, Fairhope, AL*

**Cursillo** (“Cur see yo”) is a three-day weekend that introduces people to simple methods for nurturing and growing their relationships with Christ and others. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community centered in interaction with other Christians. Its mission is to build up our parish churches by encouraging and empowering its members to prepare for doing the work of the church.

### 1307 E Three Notch St, Andalusia, AL


The event will include a service of Morning Prayer, times of silence, reflection, and an opportunity to make your own set of Anglican prayer beads. The event will close with lunch in the Parish Hall, followed by a service of Holy Eucharist.

— LENTEN QUIET DAY —

*Holding Our Prayers*  
Praying with Anglican Prayer Beads

Saturday, March 14, 2026  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Silence · Prayer · Making Prayer Beads

Come rest in God's presence and learn a simple prayer practice to carry with you through the season of Lent.




*Contemplative*  
**FOREST WALK**  
with Dr. William Thiele, guided by the poem,  
*When I am Among the Trees*  
by Mary Oliver

Saturday, March 21  
10 am to 3 pm  
Cost: \$45/person  
Naval Live Oaks Picnic Pavilion  
Bayside - North Side of Hwy 98

Includes Lunch!

CENTER FOR SACRED SPACE

### Naval Live Oaks Nature Preserve, 1801 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze, FL

Dr. William Thiele will lead us in learning divine truths of contemplative living from the nature beings all around us, tapping into the feeling of oneness with all beings in the natural world, and letting go of the illusions of separation from God and from one another.

# February Property & Maintenance Report

## ***Projects Completed***

- ◆ The new handicap pad is now completely cured and the parking bumpers have been put in place on it.
- ◆ Handicap signs have been installed for the new handicap pad.

## ***In Work***

- ◆ The sturdier handrails for the handicap ramp and front steps is awaiting quotes for the work.
- ◆ The new doors on St. Joseph Hall and the Garage Shed still need to be painted.
- ◆ The kneelers in the choir pews need repair.
- ◆ Three church pews need the seats reupholstered.
- ◆ The parking bumpers on the new handicap pad need to be pressure washed before being painted.
- ◆ The new handicap pad needs to have the lines painted after it is cleaned and ready.
- ◆ Awaiting a quote for a fence on the northwest corner of the property.

If you would like to assist on a project, or know of something else that needs attention, please let me know.

- *Maurice Phillips, Property Chair*

## EPIPHANY'S

### BIRTHDAYS

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### ANNIVERSARIES



Nikole Webb Mar 7<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie Evans Mar 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tracy Kueczynski Mar 13<sup>th</sup>  
David Clothier Mar 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mark Broadhead Mar 12<sup>th</sup>



None reported this month

## ***Sybil King***

June 23, 1927      February 21, 2026



Sybil Irene King passed away peacefully surrounded by her family Saturday, February 21, at the age of 98. Sybil served in the British Navy, taught pre-school, owned King Tastee Freez restaurants in DeFuniak springs and Crestview, ran the culinary department at Okaloosa-Walton Community Collage (now Northwest Florida State Collage), and was a founding member of the Church o the Epiphany.

Before Epiphany received gift of it's first building, services would often be held in one her restaurants and sometimes in the home.

She was know for her culinary skills which she generously shared. She was part of the group of English ladies that had come to the states after marrying a US service man. She with the other English ladies started a tradition of putting on a English tea several times a year and the ladies would get together and sing God save the Queen.

She was active in the church including the Altar Guild, and served as chair for a time. She remained a member of the guild most of her time with us.

She was a sweet and gentle soul and a very active member of the church and will be remembered and missed.



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### ***Come and Fellowship with the Choir***



The Epiphany choir meets on Friday mornings at 11:00 am, and Sunday mornings at 9:30 am before the service.

An additional day and/or time is being considered as I am aware some may not be able to meet during the work day. Please let me or the office know if you are interested, I would be happy to meet an afternoon or evening.

No experience is necessary to join the choir. Requirements: (1) a desire to sing praises to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and (2) demonstrated respect for the Episcopal Church's form of worship and people.

Come join our fun and fellowship!!

Pat Shew - Organist & Choir Director



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 1 - The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

March 8 - The Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

March 15 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service

March 22 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

March 29 - Palm Sunday

10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Sounds, St Joseph Hall

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and foot washing



## LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 1 - The Second Sunday in Lent

1st Reading - Ginny Bauer

2nd Reading - Michele Dennis

March 8 - The Third Sunday in Lent

1st Reading -

2nd Reading - Ginny Bauer

March 15 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

1st Reading - Melanie East

2nd Reading - Kat Ivanov

March 22 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

1st Reading -

2nd Reading -

March 29 - Palm Sunday

1st Reading - Melanie East

2nd Reading - Kat Ivanov

## ***We welcome you to join us during this Lent***

We are in the midst of the season of Lent in The Episcopal Church. But why do we celebrate Lent? We are opening our hearts and minds for Jesus as we remember his death on the cross.

Lent is the 46-day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Sundays are typically omitted from the count, so we are left with 40 days of Lent.

During the 40 days of Lent, we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness before facing temptation from the devil. The accounts of Jesus' temptation can be found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Lent is a quiet and solemn time in our church. We change around what services we use, simplify the altar, and sing different hymns.

During the week before Easter, called Holy Week, we remember Jesus' last few days before he died for our sins. [epi.wla.org/article/the-traditions-of-lent](http://epi.wla.org/article/the-traditions-of-lent)

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. [www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/life-transformed-the-way-of-love-in-lent)

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history.

Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly.

In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “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” (BCP, p. 265).

[www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/lent](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/lent)

# *Lenten Schedule*

February 17 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 18 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer

February 22 First Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

February 25 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Speaker in the Parish Hall  
Speaker TBD

March 1 Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

March 4 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Speaker in the Parish Hall  
Speaker TBD

March 8 Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

March 11 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Speaker in the Parish Hall  
Speaker TBD

March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing service

March 18 5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Speaker in the Parish Hall  
Speaker TBD

March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

March 25 5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Speaker in the Parish Hall  
Speaker TBD

March 29 Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

April 2 Maundy Thursday 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and foot washing

April 3 Good Friday 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

April 18 Good Friday 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



## EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

### Kat's Jalapeño Cornbread

*Contributed by Kat Ivanov  
Spicy, cheesy, and simple to make.*



#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 box Jiffy cornbread mix
- Milk (about what the box says, usually 1/3 cup)
- 1 egg
- Sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (a handful or two, however cheesy you like it)
- Zatarain's Cajun seasoning (to taste, start with a sprinkle)
- Salt and cracked black pepper (to taste)
- Jalapeños, sliced, for topping

#### **Directions:**

1. Preheat your oven according to the instructions on the Jiffy box. Grease your pan. Pie pan works, 8x8 or similar works too.
2. In a bowl, combine the cornbread mix, egg, and milk. Stir until just mixed.
3. Add cheddar cheese, Cajun seasoning, and a pinch of salt and cracked black pepper. Stir gently.
4. Pour the batter into your prepared pan. Smooth the top if you want, or leave it rustic.
5. Arrange jalapeño slices on top in any pattern you'd like. A smiley face is fun and always popular.
6. Bake according to the box instructions, usually around 20 to 25 minutes, until golden brown and a toothpick comes out clean.
7. Let cool slightly, then serve.

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Amelia Gorman,  
Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Procino, Betty Schwartzkopf,  
Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Buni O'Brien, Carol McCartney,  
Charlotte Green, Debbie Evans, Debbie and Jim Larson, Dennis Jackson,  
Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens, Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix,  
Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Jerry Giles, Judy Tinsley, Karen Traggorth,  
Kerrie Schwartzkopf, Lester Taylor, Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan,  
Michael Mazzerat, Michele Dennis. Mindy Post, Mitzi Purvis,  
Nancy Delierre, Nick Humeston, Nikole Webb, Phyllis Alles,  
Rocky Robinson, Sharon Lundy, Stacy Burleson, Susan Cole,  
Sybil King, Terry Algood, Thomas Giles, Tom Holmes,  
Ward Hendrix and Yisrael Goldman

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