

# Saint George's Episcopal Church

## Observing a Holy Lent

Dear Friends and Family of St George's,

Our solemn observation of the holy season of Lent 2021 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Because of the pandemic, we are unable to have public indoor services. Weather permitting, there will be a live service on Facebook at 7:00 PM that evening. Sunday services during Lent will continue at 9:30 AM. We will be using Holy Eucharist Rite One from the Prayer Book until Palm Sunday.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** — Weather permitting, from 3:00 until 6:00 PM, the **imposition of ashes** will be available outside the church. Please enter the upper parking lot next to the cemetery and drive across it around to the left, down to the lower lot. I will be at the door to the rectory and will administer the ashes to each person in your car. If I am not waiting outdoors, just honk your horn, and I will come out to you.

Please remain in your car with your mask on and roll down your window(s). After you have received the ashes, please drive away. If you need to stay for conversation, please return to the upper lot and park there, then come down to the rectory, wearing your mask.

Other than on Ash Wednesday, I will host a virtual **Bible Study** each Wednesday from February 24 until March 24 at Noon via Zoom (you can participate using a cell phone). The theme of the Bible Study is "Building a Loving Community."

This is a difficult time for everyone. The pandemic is still raging, and the distribution of vaccines is not fast enough yet. Lent is usually a time for repentance, but our minds may not be in that place this year. So, let's declare this Lent to be a time of *reflection*, *re-imagination*, and *restoration*. I don't believe God is punishing us for anything, but there are many areas of our common life that bear examining in the context of God's Word.

After each Wednesday Bible Study, I will post the text and recording on our parish website – [stgeorgesmtsavage.org](http://stgeorgesmtsavage.org) and on our Facebook page.

I pray for everyone in the parish, and all their families and friends. Be safe, be healthy, and pray every day. May God bless you, and may you devote yourself to keeping a Holy Lent.

Father Tom+



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