

Living as Christians in the World



"Let those who say that the doctrine of Christ is incompatible with the State's well-being give us an army such as the doctrine of Christ requires soldiers to be, let them give us such subjects, such husbands and wives, such parents and children, such masters and servants, such kings, such judges – in fine even such tax-payers and tax-gatherers, as the Christian religion has taught that men should be, and then let them dare to say that it is adverse to the State's well-being! Nay, rather let them no longer hesitate to confess that this doctrine, if it were obeyed, would be the salvation of the State."

- St. Augustine in a letter to Marcellinus

Ash Wednesday

February 22
8:00 am – Morning Prayer
12:00 pm – Holy Communion
(with 1662 Commination)

6:30 pm – Evening Prayer (with 1928 Litany & Penitential Office)

Musical Offerings

March 26
Denton Bach Society
4:00 pm – Oratorios:

Carissimi's Jonas and Charpentier's Esther

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation 602 North Old Orchard Lane Lewisville, TX, 75077

Lenten Wednesdays

6:00 pm - Meatless Soup & Salad (potluck)

6:25 pm – Family Evening Prayer

6:35 pm – Symposium, with Q & A

7:00 pm — Choir rehearsal, or further discussion & cleanup

Colloquies

March 1

The Collapse of the West? Liberty, Equality, and Individualism Frank Bridwell

March 8

Being a Neighbor Ryan and Remy Davis

March 15

Venezuela

Fr. Jesus Quintero

March 22

What are we reading?

Dr. Esther Moon and Dr. Leta Sundet

March 29

End of Life Decisions

Kerrie Smith

Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving...

...are basic and joyful Christian disciplines. In a *Progressive Fast* items or disciplines are added or subtracted each week; fasting may and should always *be adjusted for spiritual or physical needs*. Sundays and Feast Days are outside the forty days of Lent, and should be enjoyed with wisdom.

Ash Wednesday: strict fast

Lent 1: from sweets and meats

Lent 2: add fifteen minutes daily Bible reading

Lent 3: add a daily prayer walk

Lent 4: write three "Thank You" letters

Lent 5: meditate on maps of biblical Jerusalem

Holy Week: from social media

Good Friday: strict fast

Holy Saturday: fast concludes after Vigil

Lenten Parish Prayer Focus:

Lent 1: Ember Days for more and godly clergy

Lent 2: revitalization of European Christianity

Lent 3: conversion of national leaders

Lent 4: devotion of young men & women

Lent 5: *conversion of Muslim leaders*

Holy Week: the peace of Jerusalem

REC 100 Lenten Offering

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