

Lent comes this month.

This year rather than worry about *what to give up*, how about a new thought, *what to take on*? Sure, life is full of the stuff of which we've already taken on too much of. But at its heart Lent is meant to return us to our selves. Here are some ideas of things worth taking on:

| What? | When? | Why? |
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| Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper served by and benefiting our Jr. and Sr. EYC | Tuesday evening, February 24 th 5:30 to 7 pm in the parish hall | Isn't it always more fun to begin a journey when you have a goodly company of friends? |
| <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> | At 12:15 and 7 pm on this day that marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. | Isn't it always more of a real journey when you begin with a prayer? |
| What do Christians do to prepare for Easter? | Sunday mornings, 9 to 9:45 am with Deacon John Linscott from March 1 st to the 29 th | Its part of the journey and please do remember what was said about having a goodly company of friends? |
| <i>From Jesus to Christ - the first Christians -- You can preview or follow along at pbs.org. Look for "Frontline Watch" and From Jesus to Christ.</i> | Wednesday Soup Suppers, beginning March 4 th and April 8 th , 5:30 to 7 pm. High-tech nights with web cast and LCD projector, but low-tech, highly delicious soups, salads, and other things. | The four-hour long PBS Frontline production will be our program spread in segments from 6 to 7 each night and discussions after each segment. Supper is served from 5:30 to 6:30. |
| <i>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</i> | 8 and 10 am, April 5 th | Holy Week begins this day. |
| <i>Maundy Thursday</i> | 7 pm, April 9 th | We recall the Last Supper and the institution of the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Mass, or Holy Eucharist; by whatever name, he took, blessed, broke, and gave to them what they had offered. |
| <i>Good Friday</i> | Noon, April 10 th | The Passion. |
| <i>The Great Vigil of Easter</i> | Saturday night? We haven't done this since we had a Deacon a while back. Since we have John and JoAnn now, maybe if we ask, they will help us do it again? | The Great Vigil is considered the first service of Easter Day and done between sunset on Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning. Of four parts, Service of Light, Service of Lessons, Baptism or renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Holy Eucharist, it is a most moving part of the Liturgy for Easter Day. |
| <i>The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday</i> | 8 and 10 am, April 12 th | Our journey doesn't end here, but we do give thanks along the way with the Great Thanksgiving and an Easter Egg hunt for the children. |