

## A close-up detail of a colorful, abstract artwork. It features a prominent red circular shape in the lower right, a blue curved shape on the left, and a large white area in the center, all set against a textured, light brown background. The colors are vibrant and the textures appear to be from a physical medium like paper or fabric.

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4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 31, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

there are meditative traditions within the Church

Exciting news! For Lent this year, we are partnering with **Hallow**, a FREE CATHOLIC app (**Hallow LITE**) that would assist both the parish and the school and anyone interested in doing something meaningful for Lent. And with the help from a generous parishioner, we are happy to offer for everyone a free upgrade to their premium version (**Hallow PLUS**) that provides more materials until Easter.

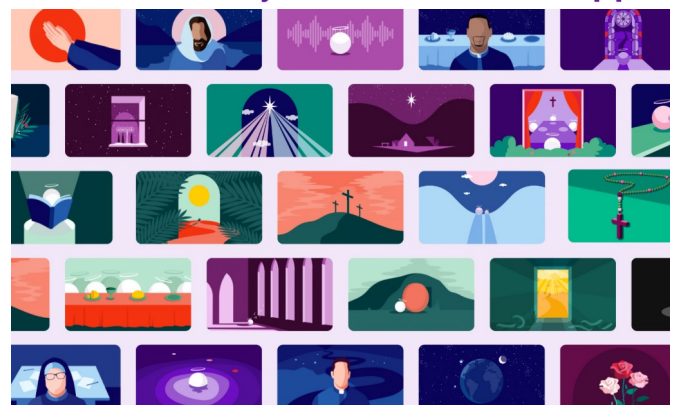
there are meditative traditions within the Church. Interestingly enough, there has not been a rise in atheism. Instead, there has been massive growth in the self-described “Spiritual But Not Religious”. Despite all the challenges that the Church is facing, this is an incredibly hopeful sign (i.e., that they are still searching for the divine in their lives) and reflective of that fact that the desire to know God is written on the human heart.

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**1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:21-28 Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

## Catholic Prayer & Meditation App



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,  
11:00 am, 12:30 pm  
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm

**Weekdays:** 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

**Saturday:** 8:30 am

### HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Eve of Holy Day: 5:00 pm

Holy Day: 7:00 am, 8:30 am

12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** (Children's Chapel)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

## PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Saturday & Sunday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## PANTRY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**BAPTISM:** Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Center to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to officiate at your wedding.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Holy Communion will be ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Center to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Each Saturday morning at the 8:30 am Mass. In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9

## PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121

Rev. Moise Aime, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165

Rev. Patrick Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166

Rev. Francis D. Sang, *In Residence*, Ext. 170 (Retired)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

Deacon James A. Murano, Ext. 127

Deacon William Sperl, Ext. 112

Ms. Amora Laucella, *Religious Education*, Ext. 145

Ms. Georgette Fromigia, *Social Ministry*, Ext. 105

Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

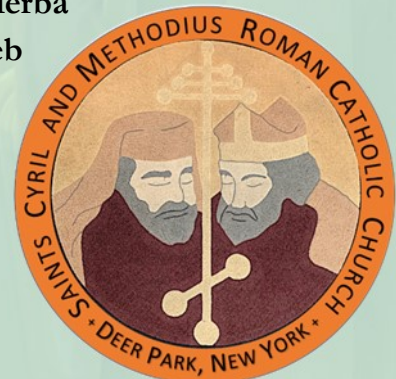
Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music* Ext. 127

Sister Susan Snyder, CSJ, *School Principal*, Ext. 133

## PARISH TRUSTESS

Mary Malerba

John Grieb



Mrs. Jane Carleo Ext. 111, *Bookkeeper*

Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

*Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor*

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

*Baptism & Wedding Coordinator*





## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 1</b>
7:00 AM:	For Mary Bridget Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	John T. McCann
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 2</b>
7:00 AM:	Roger R. Konecny
8:30 AM:	Julia Gleeson
12:15 PM:	Catherine and Arthur Baumann
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 3</b>
7:00 AM:	For Bailey Kravitz's intentions
8:30 AM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Mario A. Manni
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 4</b>
7:00 AM:	Sheila Malerba
8:30 AM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 5</b>
7:00 AM:	Ernesto Ramos
8:30 AM:	( <b>Open</b> : no offered intentions)
12:15 PM:	Alicia Morales
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6</b>
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM	Louis (Buddy) Giordano, John J. McMahon, Tony LaSelva, John Sparacio
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 7</b>
8:00 AM	Ann Traverso
9:30 AM	For Our Parishioners
11:00 AM	Jose C. Tabanda Jr.
12:30 AM	Andrea Milfort
6:00 PM	Margaret Boccio

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>February 6</b>
5:00 PM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>February 7</b>
8:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
9:30 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
11:00 AM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
12:30 PM:	Fr. Greg Cappuccino
6:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia

## REST IN PEACE

Maria A. Hernandez, Richard C. Staufenberg, Charles Benigno, Dorothy A. Byrne, Joyce Rose Koch, Gerald E. St. George Sr., Roseann Zito, Charles L. Baiera, Annmarie Aliberti Walsh

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

T. J. Hicks, Christian Daniel, Owen Chapman, William Shirk, Baby Bella Barra, Rita Haggerty, Catherine Rizzo, Rosemarie Dorsty, Margaret McCartney, Richard J. Murphy, Nuala Egan, Theresa Schaefer, Leonard Caltabiano, Mary Massa, Joseph Massa, Jacqueline Lullis, Mary Anne Farrell-Tzanetos, Frank Persico, Joan Olcott, Barbara Wineberger, Connie Rigert, Steve Peterson, Frank Peterson, Diane Peterson, Catherine Troiano, Luida Samson, Matthew Locascio, John Giusto, Omar Stuart, Robert Glaser, Lucille Sanelli, Michael Ferro, Stanley Urbanowski Angelina Diramacco, Joseph Giammarino, Maryann Farrell, Stephen Neveroski, Eugene Sheehy, Edward Muldowney, Alberto Sanelli, Stephen M. Murphy, Clemente Oropallo, Kevin Talbot, Maria Nunziato, Joseph E. Torres, Paretk Gisell Torres, Sydney Ann Torres, Julio C. Rivera, William Haile, Patrick Mendola, Keith Thomas, Jean Fortunato, Gayle Ryan, Jen Scicutella, Anthony Ferrero, Luke Vaughn, Joyce Ratushny, Barbara Dunne, John Townsend, Myra Bianco, Hazel Mills, Kristen Mills, Caroline Palma, Diane Canavan, Phyllis Catapano, Michael Naglieri, Christopher Scheuer, Geralyn, Joseph, Nicole and Meala Vizzari, Glenn Tarquinio, Lisa Hulsen, Eleanor Collazo, Jean Simeone, Providence Hulsen, Antoinette Fisher, Patricia LaMotte

## WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Sgt. Joseph Evola, Karley Hawkins, Gabriella Hawkins, Ryan Ferrara, Sean O'Farrell von Fenton, Lt. Patrick H. LaMonica, Lt. Jonathan W. LaMonica, 1st Lt. Charles Gulotta, 1st Lt. Matthew Gulotta, James Powers, Cordel Breitenstein, Commander Christopher Grande

If you would like your family member added to the list or if one has returned home, please contact the Parish Office or email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org)

## FROM THE PASTOR

...from cover page

The APP contains:

1. **Daily prayers** that includes Lectio Divina on the daily Gospel, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, spiritual writing, family prayers (morning, dinner, evening) the Examen, Christian Meditation, Unguided sessions, and a prayer for Spiritual Communion.
2. **Praylists** has between 7-20 individual meditations using a variety of contemplative prayer techniques. Themes include Humility, Calm, Gratitude, Love, Joy, Making Decisions, Forgiveness, Patience, Hope, Letting Go. A special 19-session "stuck at home" praylist released for the global health pandemic is part of Hallow Lite. It also offers entire Litanies and an entire Music praylist.
3. **Sleep**: offers meditations focused on

unwinding with God and preparing users for bed in the evening. This includes Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, as well as Examens, Lectio Divinas, and Christian Meditations focused on the end of the day. And also Bible sleep stories led by Catholics you might be familiar with, including Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jonathan Roumie (actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen), Annie Deddens, and Lisa Hendey.

4. **Challenges**: Areas of the faith that we may be familiar with, but want to dive deeper into. Includes the Our Father (9 sessions, each focused on one line of the prayer), the Stations of the Cross (14 individual stations), the Saints (meditations on the prayers of 9 different saints), and the Psalms (3 meditations on specific

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### MEMORIALS — January 31 to February 6

**BREAD AND WINE** - Available

**ALTAR CANDLES** - Available

**CANDLES AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available

**CANDLES AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - In loving memory of **Patricia O'Rawe**. Love, Your beloved friends Dolores and Bill.

**FLOWERS AT ST JOSEPH'S SHRINE** - Available

**FLOWERS AT BLESSED MOTHER'S SHRINE** - Available

Altar Candles and Candles at Our Lady's Shrine and St. Joseph's Shrine Offering \$25; Bread & Wine \$50  
Flowers at Blessed Mother and St. Joseph's Shrine \$50; Altar Flowers \$50 per Vase \$100 for both.

*Stewardship*

**JANUARY 24, 2021**

**Regular Collection \$11,642.50**

**Online Giving \$ 1,367.46**

### **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Goal \$126,300**

**\$132,059.00 Pledged**

**105% of Parish Goal**

Thank you, and God Bless you, for your faithful weekly Stewardship of our Parish and for your support of the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

The people in the synagogue hear Jesus' teachings and understand that there is something powerful about Him.

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE: THREE (3) HOURS TO THE LORD**

- One hour in prayer each week
- One hour in service to others each week
- One hour's wages financial support of our parish family.

# Family Faith Formation and Religious Education

## Weekly Greeting from Ms. Laucella

We have been very busy here in the Office of Family Faith Formation! From putting out and filming ten videos, lessons, and assignments per week for each Level, keeping all of our students on schedule, ministering to the needs of our families, virtual meetings with our Diocese, and keeping everything running smoothly, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes that not everyone gets to see. We are so happy to see how well all of our students and their families have been doing, and how they have been embracing what it means to immerse themselves in their Domestic Church at home. Please continue to pray for us and our Program; All of you are always in our prayers!

## February Family Workshops

This week, we not only have our usual ten lessons and assignments going out for each Level, but we also have our February Family Workshops scheduled for our monthly Family Catechesis together! Google Forms to sign up for the timeslot that works best for your family were emailed home on Friday, January 22nd. If you have not picked a session yet, be sure to sign up to secure your family's spot! Everyone is reminded that there is a capacity cap for each Workshop to keep everyone socially distant and safe!



## January Family Projects

In honor of the New Year and the Feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrated at the beginning of the month, our January Family Project was for everyone to chalk any doorway in their home with the traditional Epiphany Prayer and House Blessing. This tradition is done to start the New Year by asking for God's Protection on your loved ones. 20+21 stands for the current year, while C+M+B stands for the initials of the names of the three Magi, and the Latin phrase "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*", which in English, translates to "*May Christ Bless This Dwelling Place*".

All of our families did such a great job, using the Epiphany Blessing Banner that we provided to them, or even used their own chalk! This week, I am so excited to feature and share with all of you the hard work of the Simicic, Woolley, O'Haire, and Dawson Families! You can see more of our families' hard work on their Family Projects our Program's Instagram page!

### Administration

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-2:30pm  
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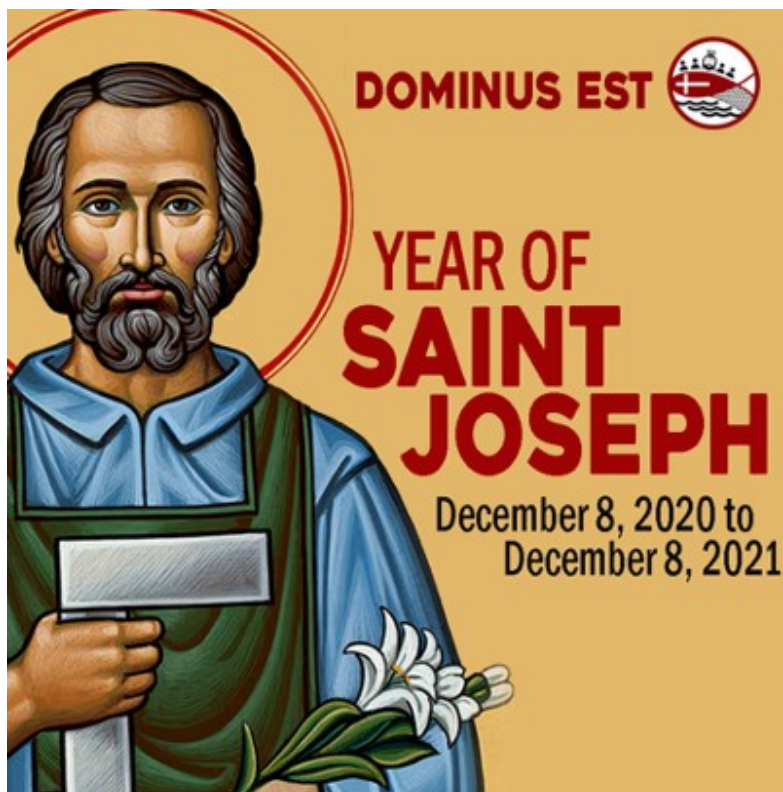
**Why am I here? What is the life I was made for?  
Is there a God? Does He even care about me?**

These are questions we all ask ourselves. Are there answers? Can true peace be found? *The Search unapologetically reveals that you were made for God, that your home is found beyond yourself, and that Jesus is the way.*

**This Lent, we are inviting YOU to journey through *The Search* with your own small group** (and if you don't have a small group yet...we encourage you to start one! It's easy, and *The Search* is a great resource to start with). In fact, each week Chris Stefanick from Real Life Catholic will be guiding us throughout Lent on how to use *The Search* in your own small group during his weekly show *The Life You Were Made For*.

**Visit: [reallifecatholic.com](http://reallifecatholic.com)**

Join us each week for the live show on [RealLifeCatholic.com/live](http://RealLifeCatholic.com/live), beginning on Thursday, February 18. Click the link below to get notified each week when the show is live and join us for what could be your most meaningful Lent ever!



**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace,  
mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.

# BIBLE STUDY CLASS CONTINUES ...ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom (Ascension Press DVD series by Jeff Cavins)

In these twenty videos Jeff Cavins provides an in-depth explanation of the Acts of the Apostles, including subjects such as: the Prelude to Power, The Power of Pentecost, The Miraculous Power of Jesus' Name, The Church Acts with Boldness, Problems Within, Persecutions Without, The First Christian Martyr, Kingdom Borders Expand, The Persecutor Becomes the Preacher, St. Peter's Un-Kosher Picnic, The Church in Antioch, Paul's First Missionary Journey, The Jerusalem Council and Paul's Second Missionary Journey, and Converts and Conflicts – Turning the World Upside Down.

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. beginning January 28<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the school. To register, please call Mary at 631-291-7020

## PORTAL of SAINTS

### ORDER FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Saint: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_ (Email)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone number)

\$100 - Payment: (check one) Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

## SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

### Reusable Grocery Bags

Make Excellent Gifts  
 Strong and Eco-Friendly

Available for Purchase  
 at the Rectory.  
 \$5.00 per Bag





## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People"**

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority his reputation spread throughout the region of Galilee. As his disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action by helping the poor and the suffering. Your donations to the Parish Poor Box help to support the poor and the suffering right here in Deer Park and North Babylon.

If you, or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please contact us at 631-667-4044 ext. 175, or at [sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com](mailto:sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com).

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

Please join us every first Saturday of every month for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:00am followed by the 8:30am Mass and recitation of the rosary. Our Lady requested at the Fatima apparitions her desire for this devotion for the conversion of all souls and world peace. The world is in great need of prayers at this time. The next First Saturday of the Month is February 6, 2021. Please consider joining the Rosary Altar Society. Call Nancy Lanni at 631-242-5078. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no meetings until after Easter.

### **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

**Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.** Maintaining social distancing practices we gather weekly to recite the Novena near the statue of Mary. Make this powerful 20 minute prayer an essential and routine part of your spiritual life. Let our Blessed Lady intercede for your needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION**

Will gather in the Church, by Our Blessed Mother's Shrine, every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

### **FEAST DAY OF THE FLAME OF LOVE FEBRUARY 2ND**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, FEAST OF CANDLEMAS IS THE HAPPY FEAST DAY OF THE FLAME OF LOVE

WE WILL RECITE THE ROSARY BEFORE THE 12:15 P.M. MASS ON THAT DAY.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

### **RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**

Join the Rosary Altar Society every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm. You may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us**.

**Meeting ID: 829-2223-8588 and Password: 0S6Qt1**



# Virtual Open House

Watch for us on Facebook  
and Instagram  
631-667-4044 or  
[Admissions@sscmweb.org](mailto:Admissions@sscmweb.org)

## **OUR SCHOOL SPIRIT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT – CATCH IT!**

We are a Catholic elementary school educating  
children of all faiths from Nursery through 8th grade.

### ***Here's just a taste of what we offer:***

- Latest Technology (iPads, iMacs, Smartboards...)
- Foreign Language –Rosetta Stone 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> )
- NYSSMA & SCMEA Participation
- Free High School Entrance Exam Prep
- Full Gymnasium
- Before & After Care
- Band
- Chorus
- (S.T.E.M.)

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psalms). Also includes a 9-day intro to contemplative prayer challenge that is part of Hallow Lite.

You may now download the app from the App Store or Google play on your phone, tablet or computer. It is free. An email address is all you need. No credit card required.

### **The Feast of St. Blaise** (February 3, 2021)

St Blaise is the patron saint of throat diseases. Due to the pandemic, the diocese has issued certain modifications in this year's blessing of the throat.

While still doing the individual blessing of the throat, we will adhere to the following procedure. At the conclusion of Mass, after the dismissal, the Priest and all receiving the blessing should wear masks. A distance of six feet should be maintained. The candles are held in the shape of a cross and tied together with a ribbon. Candles are not lit, and the prayer "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise ..."

is said over each person while maintaining distance. It must be restated explicitly **that candles may not be touched to the neck of any member of the faithful, and then touched to the neck of another**. This would be a direct violation of the pandemic protocols now in place in our region.

### **Ash Wednesday** (February 17, 2021)

There seems to be some anticipation and talk of what procedure is to be followed for Ash Wednesday. Because of space limitation, it will be discussed more extensively next week. But what you could do now is research on your own what other Catholic Churches in Europe and some Latin American countries do as an alternative to the imposition of ashes on the forehead. It will be interesting if you can also look into some references to Scripture of ways people expressed penance, or showed that one is penitent and is in mourning.

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