



- Dear Friends,

This week we begin the Season of Lent, that time of personal “retreat” when we are asked by the Church to look into ourselves, to examine our ways of living our Faith, to seek ways of doing penance for our weakness or sin, and preparing ourselves to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus once again.

We begin by being “marked” with ashes. They are a sign of our sinfulness and of our humanness. But they are also a reminder that we are called beyond our human life into the life of Christ. Through our Baptism, Confirmation and sharing in the Eucharist, we become full members in the Body of Christ. We are called to lives of prayer, sacrifice and service to those in need around us. We are called to grow daily in our relationship with Jesus, our Savior. And we are invited to be true disciples of Christ as we minister to others.

May this Lenten season be for each of us an experience of newness. May we offer some sacrifice that will bring us out of our “old ways” and help us to truly be reconciled to God through our change of heart.

May the Lord bless us as we enter this Holy Season!

*Father Fred*