



# ASH WEDNESDAY

Dear Holy Name School Families,

Ash Wednesday – marking the beginning of the season of Lent in the church year – begins in just over a week, on Weds. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Since it falls during school vacation, I want to give special encouragement to everyone to find a way to mark this day by coming to church. The message of this day calls us to reflect on our lives and on how we are called to better ourselves with the help of God's grace.

I encourage you to go to your own churches on this day. Here at Holy Name – where all of you are always welcome – our schedule is as follows:

7 a.m. – Mass

9 a.m. – Mass

12:10 p.m. – Service with Distribution of Ashes\*

*\* This is a shorter service for those who may be coming on their lunch break*

6:30 p.m. – Mass

During Lent we will have other opportunities for prayer and service, and marking Ash Wednesday makes sure that we start off this season on the right foot. Please know that you'll be in my prayers for a safe and rejuvenating vacation!

- Fr. Williams