

## **Lenten Terms**

1. Pre-Lent – preparation for Lent (purple vestments)
2. Lent – 40 days before Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending with the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) – a time of sorrow – Gloria is not said until the Easter Vigil (winter – leaves, flowers, and plants have died)
3. Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent – receive ashes (from the left over palms from the year before) as a sign of repentance – preparing for the death of Jesus
4. Paschal Mystery – death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus
5. Passiontide – the last 2 weeks of Lent ending – passion, death, and glorification of Christ
6. Passion Sunday – 2 weeks before Easter – reflects the suffering of Christ and unfaithfulness of the Jews whose place was taken by the baptized Christians
7. Palm Sunday – 1 week before Easter ... palms are blessed & given (symbolic of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem as the Messiah) Passion of Jesus read
8. Triduum – 3 most important/holy days in the Church calendar: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday
9. Holy Thursday – Jesus has His last supper with His apostles – institutes 2 sacraments: the Eucharist (Take and eat, this is my body, take and drink this is my blood) & Holy Orders (Do this in

memory of me) – betrayed by Judas for 30 pieces of silver – taken by the guards before Pontius Pilate

10. Good Friday – scourging, crucifixion, and death of Jesus -- died 3 P.M. – Mass is not celebrated – reading of the Passion of Jesus and Communion (extra hosts consecrated during Holy Thursday Mass) – Blessed Sacrament is not in the tabernacle, sanctuary candle is not lit, and the altar is completely bare (red vestments – Jesus’ sacrifice)

11. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – intense sorrow because of the death of Christ – Liturgy of the Light – Risen Christ as “The Light of the World” -- the church is in darkness – lighting of the “new fire” and the Paschal Candle – people have candles which are lit from the Paschal Candle – renewal of Baptismal vows – you receive the “Light of Christ”, and the vigil ends with the celebration of the first Mass of Easter – the Gloria is said and the organ sounds joyful music for the first time since Ash Wednesday

12. Easter Sunday – resurrection of Jesus – time of great joy and renewal (spring – everything blooming and coming to life again – butterfly) (white vestments – joy)

13. Paschal Candle – large white candle replaced each year -- usually to the left of the altar when facing the front of the church – decorated with a cross, the Alpha at the top of the cross (A – first letter of the Greek alphabet – Jesus is the beginning) the Omega at the bottom of the cross (looks like an upside down horse shoe -- last letter of the Greek alphabet – Jesus is the end) the numbers for the calendar year (20-- – 1 number in each right angle of the cross) and 5 pieces of incense (symbolic of the 5 wounds of Jesus – placed at the top, sides, middle, and bottom of the cross) lit during Mass and for Sacraments throughout the year

14. Ascension Thursday – 40 days after Easter – Jesus appears for the last time to the apostles and tells them that He needs to return to His father in Heaven -- they need to carry on His preaching and teaching

15. Pentecost – 50 days after Easter – Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles (flames of fire, gust of wind) – receive the “Gift of Tongues” and the strength and courage to continue Jesus’ work without being afraid – lasts for 24 weeks and goes back to winter and the beginning of the Church calendar again

16. Church calendar	seasons
Advent	Pre-Lent/Lent
Christmas	Easter
Epiphany	Pentecost
Winter	spring/summer

**Go-Learn:**

1. Who is the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi?
2. Who are the other 2 priests at St. Francis of Assisi?
2. Who is the principal of St. Francis of Assisi?
3. Who is the cardinal of the Archdiocese of Boston?
4. Who is the pope?