

## *The Warden's Corner*

Lent is a time when we as Christians remember our sins, repent our sins, ask for God's forgiveness and remember that God's forgiveness came at the ultimate "self-offering", the death of Christ on the cross on our behalf.

We all observe Lent in our own ways. For some, it is a time for quiet contemplation. For others, it is "giving up" or abstaining of something – a favorite food or a normal activity. Some may donate their time for in-reach or out-reach projects. Some spend it in deep prayerful reflection. We do these things to remember that Christ died for us on the cross so that we may have a path to salvation.

We look to commemorate the final week of Lent, Holy Week. It starts with Palm (Passion) Sunday, a memorial of Jesus' return to Jerusalem where he began his paschal mystery. We observe Maundy Thursday, the commemoration of the Last Supper with the Apostles and the institution of the Eucharist. We mourn on Good Friday for Christ's death, we venerate the cross and we celebrate the Lord's Passion. Holy Saturday or Black Saturday is a day of prayer to remember Christ in the tomb, the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

For me, Lent has been a time for personal reflection on my own faith. It brings me closer to God. It is a building of anticipation for Easter. It is a time when I realize the significance of Christ's Death, Christ's Burial and Christ's Resurrection.

Easter is the Feast of the Resurrection. Easter is the Salvation. Easter is a joyous time.

We walk with Christ. We are with Christ. We are with each other in Christ.

HAPPY EASTER

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