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## **MEDIA ALERT** — *For Immediate Release*

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 138 Fairfield St. SE, Aiken

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at noon, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 31 St. Gregory Dr., Bluffton, S.C.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. (children's Mass), 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ Cathedral of St. John the Baptist will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad St., Charleston, S.C.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ St. Joseph Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 3600 Devine St. Columbia, S.C.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 12:15 p.m.

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ St. Mary's Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, 111 Hampton Ave., Greenville, S.C.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ St. Michael Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** St. Michael Catholic Church, 542 Cypress Ave., Murrells Inlet, S.C.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 139 Way of Peace, North Augusta.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. (school Mass), and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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### **Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**

~ St. Anne Catholic Church will distribute ashes to the faithful ~

**WHAT:** Ash Wednesday Mass, including the distribution of ashes

**WHERE:** St. Anne Catholic Church, 1698 Bird St., Rock Hill, S.C.

**WHEN:** Feb. 22, 2023, at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (prayer service), and 7:00 p.m.

**WHY:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. This 40-day period is marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On this first day, Catholics attend Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross as a reminder of human mortality. In addition, Catholics fast and abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

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