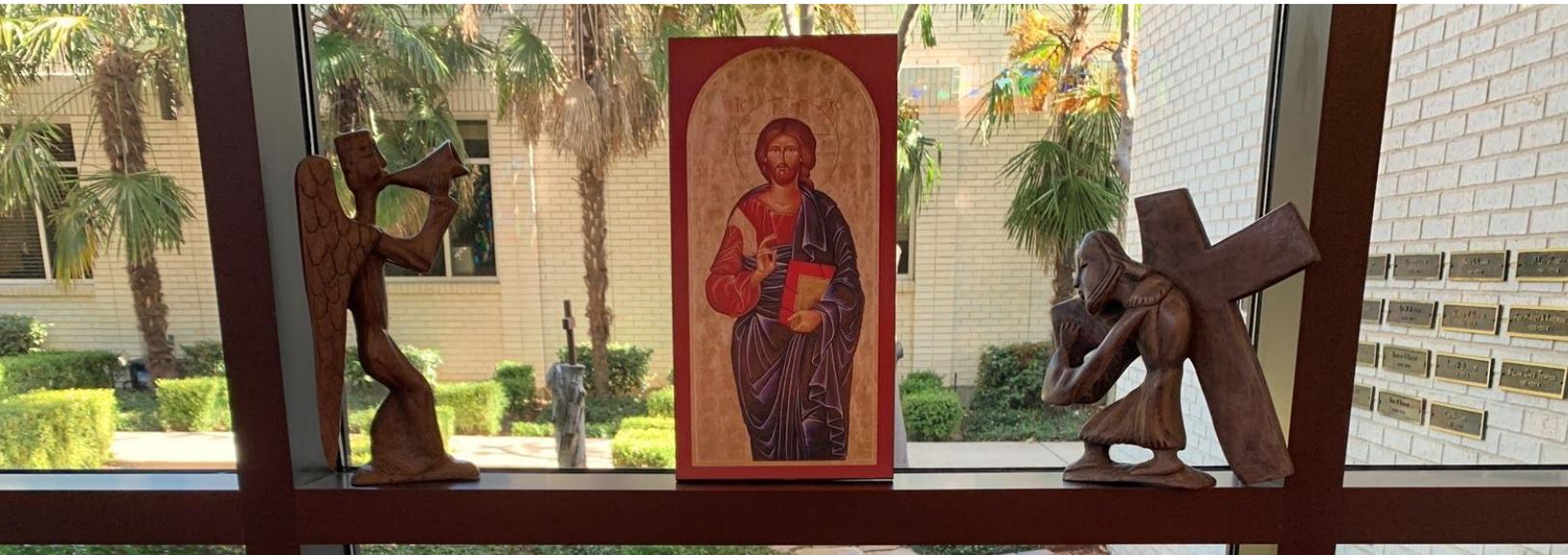


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## **Lent Reading Plan**

*A Plan to Nurture Your Faith this Lent*



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## BE THE CHURCH.

The Hebrew Scriptures were vitally important to Jesus. He made them his solid foundation in life. They helped him weather the storm of persecution from those who didn't understand his mission of grace. They held him tall when his closest friends betrayed him. When the world closed in on him, they gave him a great vision of what is to come.

To be the church is to live like Jesus in our world, and Jesus built his home on the rock of God's Word. Jesus offers us his words for us to build our lives on.

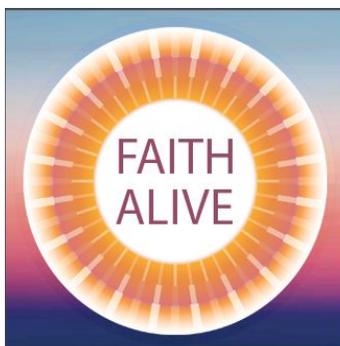
**“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise builder who built a house on rock.” (Matthew 7:24)**

Our Holy Scriptures are the source and norm of our life. They carry authority with us that helps us make decisions in life. They're more than good advice; they are sound wisdom that we can't make up on our own.

They have the ability to comfort and console us in our darkest moments, and they direct us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of the community around us. They have the power to change lives unlike any other written material available in our world.

They are meant to be read and lived.

We've assembled this latest Bible Reading Plan to help you grow your faith during this season of Lent. Lent is an opportunity to renew our faith through prayer, worship, and intentional acts of charity for others in need. We encourage you to join with the rest of the church as we journey through the Gospel of Matthew and the letter of James. May this be a moment when God helps your faith come alive.



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## A Way to Read Your Bible



Center yourself in the moment by taking a couple of deep breaths.

Say a simple prayer: *Lord, open my eyes and ears to see and hear what you want to say to me today. Amen.*

Pay attention to the words or verses that draw your attention the most. Underline and highlight those items if you'd like. How is God connecting to you through those words?

Don't spend a lot of time trying to figure out the confusing stuff. People can get frustrated and abandon the endeavor completely.

Jot down a question you might have and send it to the pastors. We're happy to reflect with you.

Wrap up your time with a final simple prayer. *Lord, thanks for your Word today and for showing me that you care for me and all others. Amen.*

Share, share, share. Let someone know about what connected with you. Post it on social media, write an encouraging note to someone, or tell someone close to you.

If you get behind, don't fret. Find a pace to catch back up, or restart in the current week.

We're praying for you this Lent! May God use this season to grow your faith. May you discover God's presence deeply embedded in the words of Scripture you read. May God connect you to Christ so that you can share in his mission of grace for this world. Amen!



Tip: Try a different version of the Bible than you are used to in order to encounter God's Word in a fresh way. Or download a Bible App ([YouVersion Bible is the most popular](#)), and listen to the Bible while taking a walk or on your daily commute.

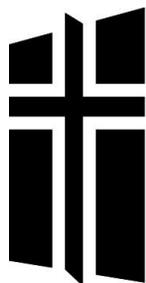
	<b>Day</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Focus Verse</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 26, Ash Wednesday	Worship at noon, 5:30 or 7pm	Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Ps 51:10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 27	Matthew 1	She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. (1:21)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 28	Matthew 2	When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. (2:10)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 29	Matthew 3	Bear fruit worthy of repentance. (3:8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 1, Sun.	Matthew 4	But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (4:4)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 2	Matthew 5:1-32	In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (5:16)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 3	Matthew 5:33-6:15	But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you... (5:44)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 4, Wed	James 1	Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 5	Matthew 6:16-34	But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (6:33)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 6	Matthew 7:1-14	Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. (7:7)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 7	Matthew 7:15-29	Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. (7:24)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 8, Sun.	Matthew 8	Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. (8:8)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 9	Matthew 9	Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners. (9:13)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 10	Matthew 10	So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. (10:31)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 11, Wed	James 2	For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead. (2:26)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 12	Matthew 11	Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (11:28)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 13	Matthew 12	For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (12:34b)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 14	Matthew 13:1-33	But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. (13:16)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 15, Sun	Matthew 13:34-58	The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (13:44)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 16	Matthew 14	But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (14:27)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 17	Matthew 15	It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles. (15:11)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 18, Wed	James 3	But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. (3:17)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 19	Matthew 16	Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (16:24)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 20	Matthew 17	For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." (17:20)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 21	Matthew 18	For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. (18:20)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 22, Sun	Matthew 19	Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (19:14)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 23	Matthew 20	So the last will be first, and the first will be last. (20:16)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 24	Matthew 21:1-27	Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive. (21:22)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 25, Wed	James 4	Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. (4:8a)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 26	Matthew 21:28-46	'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.' (21:42)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 27	Matthew 22	For many are called, but few are chosen. (22:14)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 28	Matthew 23	All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. (23:12)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 29, Sun	Matthew 24:1-31	For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (24:27)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 30	Matthew 24:32-51	Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (24:44)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar 31	Matthew 25:1-30	'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master. (25:21)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 1, Wed	James 5	You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. (5:8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 2	Matthew 25:31-46	And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (25:40)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 3	Matthew 26:1-46	Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her. (26:13)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 4	Matthew 26:47-75	Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." (26:52)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 5, Palm Sunday	Matthew 27:1-31	Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." (27:11)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 6	Matthew 27:32-66	Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son! (27:54)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 7	Matthew 28	When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. (28:17)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 8	Psalms 16	v.11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 9	Maundy Thursday	Worship with us at 7pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 10	Good Friday	Worship with us at 12pm or 7pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 11	Easter Celebration	Invite a family to join us from 10a-12p
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apr 12	EASTER	Worship with us at 9 or 11am! HE IS RISEN!

*Congratulations! You made it to the end!*



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