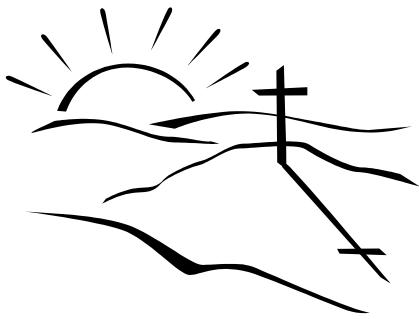


Lenten Grace

As we journey through Lent, may the food you provide sustain us and may we through our observances bless others. Amen



Walking miles, meeting new people,
calling them to follow, teaching,
helping and healing in many ways.

Greeted with Hosannas then
jeered, beaten and mocked.

Crucified.

For us.

Risen Lord – Thank you!

Alpha 12! Wow! Each Blessed course has touched so many lives, renewed so many lives. Blessed Gift. Spirit Renew St Maximilian's Parish in your power.



Easter Grace

This Easter, bless us as we share food, remembering those not as fortunate and help us to share the truth of our celebration, that, Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

I sit before the cross.
still.
Awed.
Such love.
For me!



Easter
Light, Love
Singing, Smiling, Feasting
Risen Lord
Alleluia

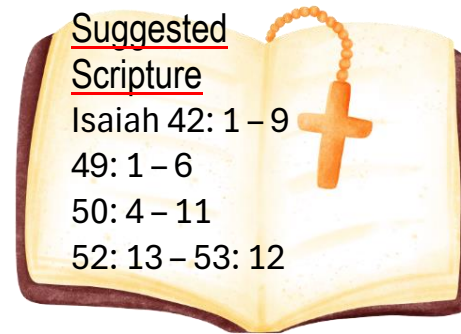
Lent & Easter

Prayers and Reflections 2025 The Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe

Please choose a prayer/reflection to share at Mass after Communion each day – please let Fr Peter know you have chosen one to read before Mass begins.

Suggested Scripture

Isaiah 42: 1 – 9
49: 1 – 6
50: 4 – 11
52: 13 – 53: 12



Lord, open my heart and ears to hear your voice this Lent.

Help me to find you in the snatched moments of quiet, in the still times of the day and the longer periods of prayer.

Create a Prayer Space this Lent

Some ideas you might like to consider are –

- Plant a bulb or seeds and care for them each day as you pray so that they grow and flower in time for Easter.
- Place stones, to represent our sins, things we wish to put down or our hardened hearts, in a bowl of water and then add some willow twigs and watch them take root (Fr. Peter has willow if you need some)
- Use an icon/picture/statue that is special to you
- Light a candle (taking great care!)

Lord you are full of love, mercy and goodness help us in our weakness as we begin this Lenten journey with you. By the power of the Spirit may we search our hearts and souls and become aware of the times we turn away from you. By prayer, fasting and almsgiving may we repent of all our faults and return to your arms and to your love. Amen

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

I simply sat and said;
"COME, HOLY SPIRIT,
COME!"

It was like nothing I've
experienced before.
A calmness, a warmth,
a presence, love.
Come, Holy Spirit,
pure love.



Lent
Praying, Fasting, Giving
Joyfully, Generously
Repent and Believe
Resurrection



Tree, the hint of spring, the sheer joy of seeing buds begin to peep out of their winter sleep. The sheer joy of colour returning. May this Lenten springtime journey grant me the sheer joy of knowing that I too am coming to life again, through you. May my joy give joy to others.

**Come Holy Spirit come
Guide me through my
Lenten journey and give me
the grace to be worthy of
this Holy Season.
When I falter, be with me to
restore my strength.
Keep me humble and
focused so that I can
respond wholeheartedly
and with joy and generosity
during this blessed time.
Come Holy Spirit come.**

Lent, Oh no! It's here again. Forty days of misery.

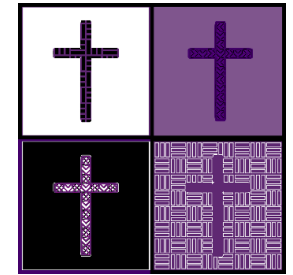
And the Lord said, "Walk with me, I want to tell you how much I love you. Walk with me, put aside false images of me, let me embrace you. There only love in my heart for you!"

Oh, so it's forty days of joy and then the greater joy of resurrection and new life!

Lord, during this season of Lent help me to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May my Lenten observances lead me closer and deepen my relationship with you. If I fall, help me to begin again and to persevere. As I journey the 40 days help me to make more time to invite the Holy Spirit to be with me. When I reach the font of new life let me be renewed in faith to go out as a witness and invite all to 'come and see!'



*Father, thank you so
much for the forty
days of Lenten love.
Now, fifty days of
excited
anticipation..
COME, HOLY SPIRIT,
COME!*



*God always
begins again!*

Jesus you loved me so much
That you died for me.
Thank you doesn't really cut
it, but I hope and pray that my
observance of this Lenten
Season, goes some way to
show you my appreciation
and love for you.
Be with me for these 40 days,
Sustaining and helping me to
make me worthy of your love.
Amen