Ash Wednesday, March 6
Ashes will be distributed during Mass
7:15, 8:00 & 11:00 AM; 12:05, 1:00, 4:00 & 5:10 PM;
6:15 PM EN ESPAÑOL
If you would like an offertory envelope sent to you on a regular basis, please fill out one of the blue cards in the chapel entrance and drop it off at the Gift Shop.

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Item of the Week...
Books for Lent
The Chaplet of Venerable Bruno Lanteri

A Chaplet is a series of a certain number of prayers; for example, the Rosary.

The Chaplet of Ven. Bruno Lanteri is a series of prayers that he was known to recite in his lifelong devotion to Our Lady — praying a series of prayers 7 times as he walked through Turin.

We can take a short amount of time out of our day to pray this chaplet and increase our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

These Chaplet cards are now available at St. Francis Chapel.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is upon us — one of the most popular days of the liturgical calendar. Ashes have always been a symbol of penitence. References to placing ashes on one’s head as a sign of mourning and repentance can be found in Esther, Job, Daniel and Jonah in the Old Testament. There are also references to the use of penitential ashes in the early Church.

The history of Ash Wednesday as the beginning of Lent dates back to at least the 8th century AD. Ashes were used to launch the Lenten season of penance as preparation to combat sin in one’s life such as to be open to receive the Easter sacraments and the joy of the Resurrection.

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