



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : LENTEN OBSERVANCES AND ACTIVITIES 2025
DATE : 15 February 2025

Lent is a forty-day penitential season, beginning on *Ash Wednesday*, which serves as a preparation for the great celebration of the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**.

In observance of the Lenten Season, the University, through the Office of the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs, the Center for Campus Ministry, and the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST (SRP), prepared and organized the following:

1. RITE OF BURNING OF PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

- 4 March 2025 (Tuesday) | In front of the UST Chapel
- Please see [official SRP FB Page](#) for other details.

2. ASH WEDNESDAY (5 March 2025)

- **Masses with Imposition of Ashes** | UST Chapel
 - AM Schedules: 6:15 am; 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:30 am
 - PM Schedules: 1:30 pm; 5:15 pm; 6:15 pm
- **Kumpisalang Bayan:** 3:00 pm | Benavides Garden
- **University Mass:** 5:00 pm | UST Plaza Mayor

3. CONFESSION at the UST CHAPEL

- **Regular Confession Schedule:** 6:30 am and 5:30 pm | Weekdays | UST Chapel

4. WAY OF THE CROSS (*Via Crucis*) (Every Friday of Lent)

- 4:00 pm | Benavides Garden (March 7, 14, 21, & 28, and April 4 & 11, 2025)

5. INSTITUTIONAL LENTEN RECOLLECTION (11 April 2025, Friday)

- 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Lenten Talk and Reflection | UST Chapel
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Period of Silence | UST Chapel
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross | Benavides Garden
- 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Holy Mass | UST Chapel
- The Lenten Talk and Holy Mass shall be streamed live via the [official UST FB Page](#).



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6. FASTING, ABSTINENCE AND ACTS OF CHARITY

- On all Fridays of Lent, the faithful are to abstain from meat and/or do some exercise of piety or act of charity.¹

7. PRAYER AND SILENCE

- The Thomasian community is encouraged to observe moments of deep prayer and reflective silence on Ash Wednesday and throughout the season of Lent.

8. LIGHTING OF THE CAMPUS

- UST landmarks will be lit in violet, symbolizing penance, repentance and reconciliation on the Fridays of Lent from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

May we trustingly prepare ourselves to embark on the Lenten journey, beginning on Ash Wednesday, as an opportunity for conversion and interior renewal through listening to the Word of God, prayer, and daily acts of charity toward our neighbors.

“If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts” (cf. *Ps* 95:8).

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¹ cf. González, Javier OP, “CBCP Norms and Authentic Interpretations” in *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas*, Vol. LXXIII.