



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : UPDATED LENTEN OBSERVANCES, HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 2025

DATE : 1 March 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) | After the 5:15 pm Mass | In front of the UST Chapel

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; 12:00 nn
 - PM Schedules: 1:30 pm; 5:15 pm; 6:30 pm
- **Kumpisalang Bayan:** 3:00 pm | Benavides Garden
- **University Mass:** 5:00 pm | UST Plaza Mayor

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

- 4:00 pm | UST Chapel (March 7, 14, 21, & 28, and April 4 & 11, 2025)
- *Please see schedule of participating units (Annex 1).*

4. SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

- **Regular Confession Schedule:** 6:30 am and 5:30 pm | Weekdays | UST Chapel
- *See also Confession Schedules for Holy Week (Annex 2).*

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 Way of the Cross | UST Chapel
- 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. HOLY WEEK, SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM, and EASTER SUNDAY

- See Schedules for Holy Week, Sacred Paschal Triduum, and Easter Sunday (Annex 2).

7. FASTING, ABSTINENCE AND ACTS OF CHARITY

- Fasting and abstinence, along with prayer and acts of charity, are the recommended practices of the Church for the season of Lent.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of obligatory fasting and abstinence.¹
- On all Fridays of Lent, the faithful are to abstain from meat and/or do some exercise of piety or act of charity.²
- Abstinence: 14 years old and above; Fasting: 18-59 years old.³

8. 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.

9. 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. "Let us journey together in hope" [See Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2025 (Annex 3)].

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

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¹ cf. Code of Canon Law, can. 1251.

² cf. González, Javier OP, "CBCP Norms and Authentic Interpretations" in *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas*, Vol. LXXIII.

³ cf. Code of Canon Law, can. 1252.