

2026 LENTEN CALENDAR

Lent is the time when we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. It's a period when we are meant to engage in self-examination and build a closer relationship to God. The Saint John's Creation Care team encourages you to focus on your relationship with God's Creation, the environment and the role we each play in creating habits for a better future.

Sunday

22 Unplug unused chargers or turn off power strips when you are out of town or not using them.

Monday

23 Turn your lights, TVs, and other electronics off when not in use.

Tuesday

24 Avoid idling your car...turning it off saves money and fuel.

Wednesday

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Ash Wednesday

Lord, create and make in us new and humble hearts.

Thursday

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Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of water—may we protect it wisely and share it justly.

Friday

20 Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect and care for your Creation.

Saturday

21 Join the Creation Care team in reading *Braiding Sweetgrass*, group discussion to follow on 2/22 after the 10:30 am service!

March 1 Go AI free for the week. As few as five AI prompts can use 16 ounces of water.

2 Learn about the [Navajo Water Project](#) and its work to provide clean water to the Navajo Nation.

3 Hydrate! Drink eight glasses of water a day with gratitude.

4 "Whoever drinks of the water I give them shall never thirst." (John 4:14) Add "spiritual water" to your day with quiet prayer.

5 Protect sea birds and marine life by reducing single use plastic.

6 Learn about the [Colorado River water shortage](#) and important conservation efforts.

7 Movie night: Watch the [Before the Flood](#) documentary.

8 Go on a walk and keep an eye out for trash. If you see any, pick it up.

9 Compost rather than trash your food scraps so they don't produce methane in the landfill.

10 Rinse food containers before recycling to prevent contamination.

11 Need new clothes? Go to a thrift store first before shopping for new items.

12 Use cloth towels and napkins instead of paper when possible. Try to avoid using paper towels today.

13 Next time you go shopping, choose items that are reusable, not single-use products.

14 Go through your clothes and find items you can donate to St. Clare's ministry or St. Francis Center.

15 Substitute a plant-based burger or other meat substitute and make a hamburger.

16 Find and support a restaurant that uses ethically-raised livestock and cage-free eggs.

17 Say a prayer before each of your meals today. Thank God for providing our daily bread. See BCP 835 for prayers.

18 How few dishes can you use to make dinner tonight? Less dishes means less cleanup and water.

19 Locate a [reputable farmer's market](#) in your area before fresh fruit and vegetable season.

20 Next time you go shopping, don't forget your reusable grocery bag. No need to spend the extra 10 cents!

21 Start planning a vegetable garden or window box for this growing season.

22 Choose one place you would normally drive to and walk instead. It's better for the planet and your body.

23 Consider carpooling with nearby coworkers to work.

24 Running errands? Bundle them into one trip to save time, fuel, and miles on your car.

25 Try using [Bustang](#). Bustang has routes to Fort Collins, Golden, Boulder, and Colorado Springs!

26 Need to run an errand or make a short commute? Try walking or biking there instead.

27 Try using a ride sharing system like Lyft or Uber when venturing out for events.

28 Looking to take a jaunt across the city? Try using the [RTD light rail or bus systems](#) instead.

29 Palm Sunday
O Lord, mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection.

30 Pray for clean, safe water everywhere and practice wise, careful water use.

31 O Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect and care for your Creation.

April 1 O Lord, help us to see the impacts of our choices on the poor and vulnerable.

2 Maundy Thursday
Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood

3 Good Friday
Our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross.

4 Holy Saturday
Observe a quiet day of waiting, reflection, and gratitude for God's creation.