First Evangelical Church of San Gabriel Valley | House of Abundance



February 17, 2021 (Ash Wednesday) — April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday)

**Lent** (Latin: *Quadragesima*, 'Fortieth') is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego. It is a season when we mourn our sin and let go of worldly things that keep our hearts from experiencing God more fully.

**The Holy Week**: The last week of Lent is Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday. Following the New Testament story, Jesus' crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, and at the beginning of the next week the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday recalls the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### Invitation:

In each of these 6 weeks during this Lenten season, you are invited to set aside time from the busyness of our lives to focus on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus. Pray that the Lord will grace our LENT 2021 with His presence, power and love, and that the daily biblical readings, brief reflections and prayer will recalibrate the values of our hearts to match those of our suffering Savior, and will encourage us to abide in the abundant joy found in Christ as we encounter the Savior more fully and follow him more faithfully.

## Fasting & Prayer

You are encouraged to select a time slot on each day, or any day, during LENT 2021 (2/17 - 4/3) that you would like to commit to fasting and prayer. Keep the attached signup sheet and follow the devotional prayer guide which will be sent to you and be uploaded to our church's website weekly.

Please spend some time to pray for your family, relatives and friends who have not yet accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pray also for God's merciful healing on patients infected by the COVID-19 Coronavirus in the world. Pray for the government officials, health and medical professionals, patients and peoples in various cities who are being affected, and especially pray for churches in the world that they can be the salt and light to witness Christ to bring hope to peoples in great suffering.

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# LENT 2021 - 40 Days of Fasting & Prayer Guide

### Signup Sheet Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20
			Ash Wednesday Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Breakfast Lunch Dinner
2/21	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
2/28	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25	3/26	3/27
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
HOLY WEEK						
3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	4/3
Palm Sunday					Good Friday	Holy Saturday
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
4/4	WHY SHOULD WE FAST AND PRAY?					
Easter Sunday	The purpose of fasting and prayer is for us to leave aside our personal desires so we can					
Breakfast	concentrate on praying. By giving up our personal desires (e.g. the food we crave, our					
Lunch	addictions), we can be reminded that only Jesus can satisfy our needs. We can also see					
Dinner	the needs of others when we are not focusing on our own desires.					

#### **GUIDE FOR FASTING**

- 1. You need to spend time to read Bible and pray when you are fasting. It would defeat the purpose of fasting and prayer if you are not praying when you are fasting.
- 2. Drink more water and avoid any stimulating beverages when you are fasting.
- 3. Do not overwork or exercise too much when you are fasting.
- 4. Please make sure your personal health will not be affected when you are fasting.