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# NEWS RELEASE

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### **BISHOP BARBARITO'S ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach, marks the beginning of the liturgical observance of Lent 2008 with the celebration of two Masses for Ash Wednesday on February 6, 2008.

Lent is a forty-day liturgical season that initiates the most sacred part of the Christian year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on the Great Vigil of Easter. During Lent, Christians meditate with awe and thanksgiving on the great paschal mystery: the salvation God offers to us through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The distribution of ashes on “Ash Wednesday” remind the faithful of mortality – being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our recognition of the need for deeper conversion of our lives during this most holy season of renewal.

Ash Wednesday, February 6, 2008 and Good Friday March 21, 2008 are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.

Masses celebrated by Bishop Barbarito on Ash Wednesday are at 12:00 noon at the Diocese of Palm Beach Pastoral Center (9995 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens) and at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius (9999 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens).

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