Mass on Ash Wednesday is always the same to prepare us for Lent. After the homily, the priest blesses ashes from the palms blessed the preceding year for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. Then the ashes are placed on those who come forward. When you get the ashes, you may hear, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:15) or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19).
Lenten Maze

In Lent we go into the desert to imitate Jesus by fasting and praying for 40 days to prepare for Easter! Then, during Easter Sunday Mass, the priest will ask every one of us to “renew” something.

What do you think it is? Solve the maze to find out!

The promises made for us at our baptism

The flowers on the altar

The promise to give alms to the poor

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Mass Quiz: Ash Wednesday

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _________________.

2. The 1st Reading is from the book of:
   a. Exodus
   b. Genesis
   c. Joel

3. Fill in the blank from the Responsorial Psalm:
   “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have ______________.”

4. The 2nd Reading is from the 2nd Letter of St. Paul to:
   a. Joel
   b. The Corinthians
   c. Timothy

5. The 2nd Reading, Paul says, “Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold now is _____:
   a. “The proclamation of the Kingdom”
   c. “The day of salvation”

6. The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of _________________.

7. True or False: In this Gospel, Jesus tells us to blow a trumpet whenever we give alms.

8. Jesus says that when you give alms in secret, “Your Father who sees in secret ____:”
   a. “will repay you.”
   b. “will ignore you.”
   c. “will not care.”

9. Jesus says, when you pray, you should do what?
   a. Pray to your Father in secret.
   b. Stand up.
   c. Make sure that others see you praying.

10. Jesus says, when you fast (that is, give up some food or something else), you should:
    a. Never wash your face.
    b. Be gloomy.
    c. Do not appear to be fasting, and your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.
1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are ___violet (purple)___.

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   b. Genesis
   c. Joel Correct!

3. Fill in the blank from the Responsorial Psalm:
   “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have __sinned__.”

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