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**ARCHBISHOP LORI TO CELEBRATE ASH WEDNESDAY  
MASSES MARKING THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF  
LENT**

Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, will celebrate the following mid-day and evening Masses in Baltimore on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016:

**St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Saratoga & Park Streets, Baltimore, 12:10 p.m.  
The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles Street, 5:30 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period when the Catholic Church asks the faithful to give themselves to prayer and to the reading of the Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms, in an effort to sharpen their senses and focus mind and heart on the reign of God.

Easter is Sunday, March 27.

During Lent in this Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese is promoting the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and is making available Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Penance or Confession, March 4-5 for the Vatican's "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative. During the "24 Hours for the Lord" Catholic parishes throughout the Archdiocese will offer 24 consecutive hours of adoration and extended hours for the hearing of confessions.

For more information about the Year of Mercy and for Lenten resources, visit [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).