

# ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

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## ***FROM THE RECTOR :***

Its hard to believe that Lent is already here. Christmas doesn't seem all that long ago (in fact, according to one of my neighbours, its still here ... as their house remains decorated with bows and greenery and those dreaded plastic Santa's).

But it is Lent. Yesterday members of our community gathered (some very early in the morning, others in the evening) to hear the words "remember you are dust -- and to dust you shall return", and they received the cross of ash on their foreheads. Our reminder that without God, we are nothing. Sometimes we forget that, and think that we are masters of our own destiny, or the authors of our success. Lent teaches us otherwise.

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on our life. It calls us to stop and look at our lives and ask ourselves the really difficult questions. To pause in the mortality of ashes and in the shadow of the cross and ask :

- does my life follow the example set by Jesus?
- am I making most of my days or just filling time?
- am I doing what God has called me to do ?

Through 40 days of prayer, scripture and sacrament, in personal and corporate study, we (with Christians around the globe) will struggle with those questions.

May you have a holy and insightful Lent, and may your journey bring you to wholeness and completeness, so that we may fully share in the Easter joy which is to come.

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