

## The Season of Life

For the months of March, April, and May, we want to put a special emphasis on God's gift of Life. It's a broad topic that touches every second of every day, so there's no way for it to get old, stale, boring, or irrelevant.

- **Lent**
  - 40 Days before Easter (does not include Sundays — 46 days including Sundays)
  - Preparation for Easter, Season of self-examination and quiet contemplation of the mysteries of God including fasting and prayer. Anticipation of the Passion Week.
- **Easter**
  - Palm Sunday, the Crucifixion, Easter (start of Eastertide)
  - Celebration of God's Ultimate Gift of Grace, Anticipation of the celebration of the church, Anticipation of the Consummation
- **Stewardship Day**
  - April 22nd
  - Celebration of Our Stewardship of Creation
- **World Day of Prayer**
  - 1st Sunday in March
  - Celebration of Fellowship with God
- **Mother's Day**
  - 2nd Sunday in May
  - Celebration of God's gift of mothers
- **Ascension Day**
  - 6th Thursday after Easter (40th day from Easter)
  - Celebration of The Kingdom, Anticipation of the Consummation
- **Pentacost**
  - Seven weeks after Easter (50 days including Easter Sunday)
  - Celebration of the Coming of the Holy Spirit/Church Age (End of Eastertide), Anticipation of the giving of the Scripture