

WHY THE ASHES?

THE MEANING OF
ASH WEDNESDAY



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ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE
GRIEF, IN THIS CASE,
GRIEF FOR OUR SINS.



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ASHES WERE USED AS A
SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN
THE OLD TESTAMENT



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AS OUR FOREHEADS
ARE BEING MARKED,
THE PRIEST SAYS:
"REMEMBER THAT YOU
ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST
YOU SHALL RETURN"



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ASHES ARE A PUBLIC
SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO
DIE TO OUR WORLDLY
DESIRES AND LIVE IN
CHRIST

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THE ASHES COME
FROM THE BLESSED
PALMS USED IN THE PALM
SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF
THE PREVIOUS YEAR

