ASH WEDNESDAY

Pope Saint Peter Refrain

Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness.

In the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thorougly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always.
Against You only have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from Your presence, and Your holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of Your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.