



This year, for **Lent**, we invite you to have **FUN!!**  
**Participate in Lent Madness**, which combines the fun of  
**March Madness** and **Church History!!**

**Background:**

Lent Madness began in 2010 when The Rev. Tim Schenck decided to combine his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints. The Rev. Scott Gunn joined him and they created a website and printed materials to help other congregations join in the fun!

**Format:**

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote online for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

**Rounds:**

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. "Celebrity bloggers" champion particular saints through the Faithful Four

We hope you'll join the clergy, vestry, youth, staff and congregation to participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon!

**Books and brackets will be available on Sunday, February 23. You can also grab a kindle version of the saintly scorebook at amazon (search "lent madness") and follow all the adventures (including voting) online at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)**