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Sunday Masses

## SATURDAY EVENING VIGILS

English 5:00PM & Spanish 6:30PM

## SUNDAY MORNING

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Spanish 11:30AM

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M-F 9:00AM

Saturday 8AM

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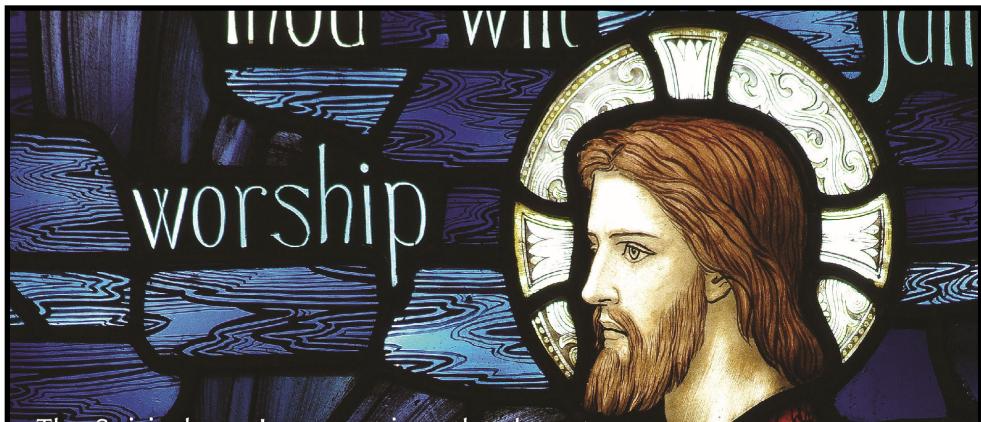
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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

MARK 1:12-13



FIRST  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. “Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below,” says an eleventh-century hymn. “Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow” (Alleluia dulce carmen, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing “Alleluia” once again when Easter returns.

## FIESTA DE LA FE

### Estar sentados en la liturgia

Nos sentamos en la liturgia no porque no haya nada que hacer o para ‘salir de la celebración’, sino para escuchar a Dios mismo que nos dirige su palabra, o bien, que se nos revela en el silencio posterior a la sagrada comunión. Al sentarnos nos disponemos para entrar en un diálogo con el Señor, mediante su palabra que nos es proclamada; disponemos todo nuestro ser para escuchar la historia de amor entre Dios y el pueblo, siendo conscientes o no, de que ese pueblo somos nosotros mismos, de que esa historia es nuestra historia.

Escuchamos una historia que no siempre será nueva en el relato mismo, pero sí en el efecto que este relato tiene en nuestra vida actual. La homilía, como momento de diálogo entre las lecturas y la vida diaria, nos brinda esa excelente oportunidad de entender qué es lo que Dios quiere de nosotros a raíz de lo que hemos escuchado. Así pues, estar sentados en la asamblea no es una actitud pasiva, sino receptiva, de quien se dispone totalmente a acoger la palabra de Dios que le es comunicada. Esta acción, realizada por cada persona, debe ser un movimiento de toda la asamblea, que en la medida de lo posible, rompe el aspecto mecánico y da intencionalidad y plenitud a esta acción tan particular de disponerse a la voz del Señor que su siervo escucha (1 Samuel 3:10).

### THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

To change and to change for the better are two different things.  
—German proverb

### BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.  
—Jean P. F. Richter

### LA CALIDAD DEL CAMBIO

Cambiar, y cambiar para algo mejor, son dos cosas muy diferentes.  
—Proverbio alemán

### LA BELLEZA DEL PERDÓN

La humanidad nunca es tan hermosa como cuando reza implorando perdón o cuando perdoná a otro.  
—Jean P. F. Richter



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalm** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, -19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

<b>Sunday:</b>	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending
<b>Monday:</b>	Washington's Birthday; Julian Calendar Lent begins
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Polycarp
<b>Thursday:</b>	Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
<b>Friday:</b>	Abstinence
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Gregory of Narek

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

**Salmo** — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 (24)).

**Segunda lectura** — Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

**Evangelio** — Despues de los cuarenta días en el desierto, Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

<b>Lunes:</b>	1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
<b>Martes:</b>	Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32
<b>Jueves:</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138:1-3 5:20-26
<b>Sábado:</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Domingo:</b>	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Sal 116 :10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mc 9:2-10 , 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Viernes:</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Sal 130 (129):1-8; Mt

**SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

<b>Domingo:</b>	Primer Domingo de Cuaresma; Rito de Elección; Rito de Envío; Rito de Llamado a la conversión continua
<b>Lunes:</b>	Nacimiento de George Washington; Inicio de la Cuaresma en el calendario juliano
<b>Martes:</b>	San Policarpo
<b>Jueves:</b>	Purim (festividad judía) comienza al atardecer
<b>Viernes:</b>	Abstinencia
<b>Sábado:</b>	San Gregorio de Narek



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,

Craig Lewis, who passed away on February 9th,

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Please keep Craig and his wife Karen and their family in your daily prayers

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

*Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:  
 "This is the time of fulfillment.  
 The kingdom of God is at hand.  
 Repent, and believe in the gospel."*

*Mark 1:14-15*

"Good Morning! Welcome to Lent!" You probably did not get that greeting from your priest today, and you probably did not expect it. Isn't Lent a time of reflection and repentance? Sombre purple, no "Alleluias"? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; attending to one's relationship with God?

True enough; however, there are Lenten practices that have a festive air woven into these penitential elements. One example is in the Church's retrieval of ancient Lenten practices that made up the final preparation of persons elected to receive the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. Jesus' urgent preaching in today's passage from Mark comes soon after his own baptism and reminds us that these sacraments still signal a dramatic change in a person's life: they have responded to Jesus' preaching of the kingdom and are now publicly professing themselves to be disciples of the Lord and fully initiated members of his visible church. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent were part of that preparation. Repentance was then, and remains today, important also for those already fully initiated; the work of repentance, of prayerfully examining our lives and making changes in anticipation of God's reign, is an ongoing aspect of our life in Christ.

## REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

## A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION

Other changes with baptism are more subtle and personal. When Noah and his family emerged from the ark, they saw that the floodwaters had receded after cleansing the world of human sinfulness. Everything was clean and fresh—a new creation, with a rainbow to guarantee God's promise to never again destroy the world with water. So, too, will the newly baptized emerge from the font and be anointed with chrism. Like the earth after the great flood, they are a new creation. Washed clean of sin and anointed with chrism, they are renewed in the embrace of the God of covenant love.

This is why Lent is always a festive anticipation of Easter and always about baptism, just as it is always about the repentance that draws us more deeply into God's kingdom.

Today's Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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## ARREPIÉNTANSE Y CREAN EN EL EVANGELIO

La Cuaresma es la época del año que dedicamos a examinar nuestras vidas a la luz de nuestro Bautismo en la muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Las lecturas de hoy son un catecismo abreviado de lo que significa estar bautizados. Como Noé pasó por las aguas del diluvio a una alianza con Dios, así también nosotros entramos en una alianza, una relación con Dios, mediante nuestro Bautismo.

La carta de Pedro da una explicación explícita de lo que nuestro Bautismo significa: un llamamiento que hacemos a Dios para que nos dé una conciencia tranquila. ¿Cómo podemos obtener esta conciencia tranquila? Las palabras proclamadas por Jesús inmediatamente después de su tentación nos muestran cómo: "Arrepíéntanse y crean en el Evangelio" (Marcos 1:15). Podría ser un buen ejercicio espiritual mantener estas lecturas ante nosotros durante todo el tiempo de Cuaresma, un medio que nos ayude a volver a una vida vivida por las promesas bautismales.

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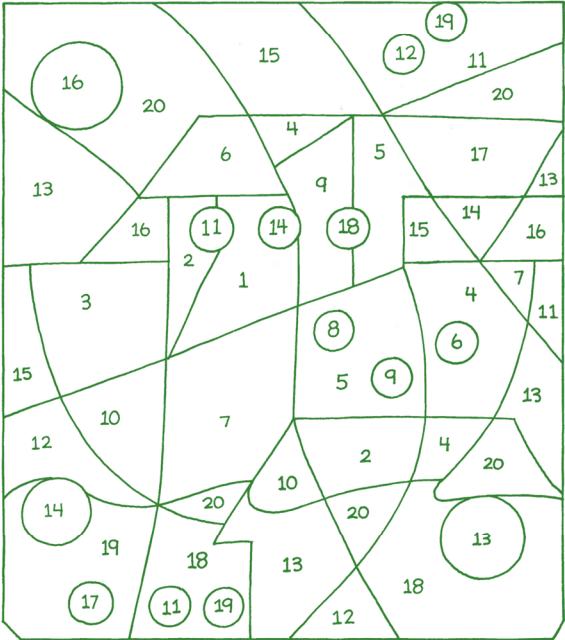
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## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

God protected Noah and his family during the terrible flood.  
To see where they lived, follow the directions.

1. Color all spaces with numbers 1–10 brown.
2. Color all spaces with numbers 11–20 blue.



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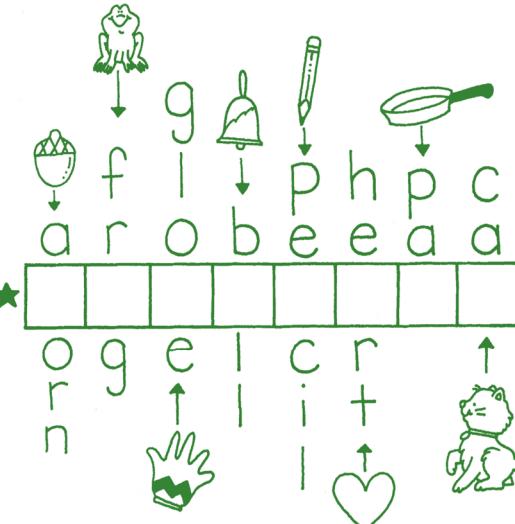
God told Noah that the whole earth would never be flooded again.

God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that agreement.

You can read the story in your Bible at Genesis 9:8–15.

To find what God called this promise,  
finish writing the names of the pictures shown.

Then start at the star and read across  
to see what the boxes spell.



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Sunday	Feb 21	9:30AM	Jose Guadalupe Casas †	By: Barbara & Ana
Monday	Feb 22	9:00AM	Elizabeth Kazmer †	By: Mary Kazmer
Tuesday	Feb 23	9:00AM	John Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Wednesday	Feb 24	9:00AM	Mary Jane Termond†	By: Bereavement
Thursday	Feb 25	9:00AM	Diane Dykeman †	By: Bereavement
Friday	Feb 26	9:00AM	Jack Connelly †	By: Bereavement
Saturday	Feb 27	8:00AM	Josephine Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli



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Food Share we will 10:00am to 12:30pm every Monday.

**We can still use help bagging and handing out packages, please be there by 8:00 am and for bagging 2:30pm on the Friday before.** We are very grateful for all the donations and for any money donated, which can be dropped off at the church office or put through the mail slot by the office door. Thank you to all who have helped and prayed for us in anyway.

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We need volunteers to help bag on "EVERY" Friday at 2:30PM before and help distribute on Saturday 8:00 AM.

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