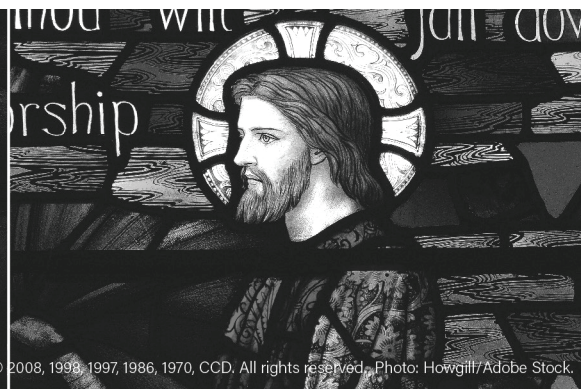


The Spirit drove Jesus
out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert
for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

MARK 1:12-13

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 9AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon Spanish

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: *after 9AM Mass, Benediction at Noon*

SACRAMENTS

Confession: *Saturday: 4.00 - 4.30PM and after each daily Mass by request*

Baptism: *By appointment after completion of the Preparation Class on 2nd Saturday of the Month. (415) 648-5751*

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Please Note: *For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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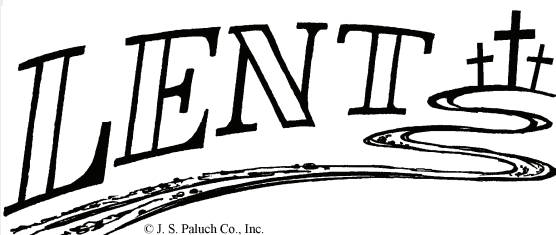
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: I Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Polycarp

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek



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SUNDAY 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 (Ps 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)

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU - JESÚS, CONFÍO EN TI

FIRST LENT
SUNDAY OF
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY 20 - 28, 2021

SATURDAY, February 20, 2021

5:00 PM + Lilly Tamaki

SUNDAY, February 21, 2021

8:00 AM Myra Oriola (*health*)

10:00 AM + Catalino Echiverri Sr.

+ David De Lucchi

12:00 Noon

MONDAY, February 22, 2021

NO MASS

TUESDAY, February 23, 2021

9:00 AM + Natalia & + Cosme Caceres (*death anniv*)

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2021

9:00 AM Ben Caceres (*BDay*)

+ David Quinonez

THURSDAY, February 25, 2021

9:00 AM Thelma Castillo (*health*)

FRIDAY, February 26, 2021

9:00 AM + Salud Uriza

SATURDAY, February 27, 2021

5:00 PM + Remedios Bautista

+ Diosdado Tingzon

SUNDAY, February 28, 2021

8:00 AM + Tito Allegro

10:00 AM Thelma Castillo (*health*)

12:00 Noon

*For Mass intentions please come to the office
or call (415) 648-5751 on Tuesday or Thursday
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**2nd collection of this Sunday:
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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.

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LENT 2021

*Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross after 9AM
Mass following with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.*



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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...
Please pray for: Lilian Henriquez, Sylvia Portillo, Marie
Malveaux, Agapito Geronimo, Ron Alfonso, Nicholas Policar,
Javier Parrales, Lauro Bernal and Thelma Castillo*

May God bless, comfort them and give them health.

Let us pray for

ALL INTENTIONS in our PRAYER BOOK

Pray also for all who have died...

*Rosangela Carla Moresi, Ruben Mendez, Raquel Gutierrez,
James Wardell, Edwin Abergas, Charmaine Raymond, Romeo
H. Davo, Laura Rodriguez, Conchita Villasoto, Catalina
Velasco, Anna Belle Johanson, Bob Hammill, Tony Galam*

Today's readings suggest two different meanings and experiences of baptism. The second reading (from 1 Peter) makes an analogy between Noah's ark and Christian baptism: just as Noah and his family were saved from death by going through the waters of the flood in the ark, Christians are saved from sin and death by going through the waters of baptism. The first reading, from Genesis, portrays the world after the flood: washed clean of its prior wickedness, embraced by God's promises that the world will never again be destroyed by water. The psalmist expresses a desire to follow the ways of God, as if re-establishing the harmony between God and humanity destroyed by sin. This peaceful scene is very different from the drama and urgency in Mark's description of Jesus after his baptism. Jesus battles demons, receives sustenance from angels, and begins preaching: "Repent. The kingdom of God is at hand."

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? Somber 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.

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.

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ARREPIÉNTANSE Y CREEN 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: "Arrepiéntanse 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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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 - Descúbreanos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 (24))

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

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

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