

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21ST 2021

## First Reading

*Genesis 9:8-15*

God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9*

A prayer praising God for his covenant

## Second Reading

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:12-15*

Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

## Pro Sanctity

**BIBLE SHARING: PRO SANCTITY MOVEMENT MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE SIMONETTI CENTER: 741 E. 86TH ST STARTS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 ALL ARE WELCOME. FOR INFO CALL 718-649-0324 or 917-873-1707**

## Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men and women to seriously consider vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of Brooklyn and Queens in the future. Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We ask

**Every First, and Third Sunday, of the month after each mass Fellowship is followed in the Parish Center all are welcomed**

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## Weekend Masses in the Canarsie Cluster Parishes:

### **Our Lady of Miracles**

(E. 86<sup>th</sup> St. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Eng.)

12:30 PM (French/Creole)

### **Holy Family**

(Rockaway Pkwy. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:00 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:00 AM (Eng.)

9:15 AM (Creole)

11:15 AM (Eng.)

### **St. Jude**

(Seaview Ave. & Canarsie Rd.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Family)

12:30 PM (Bi-Lingual)

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## Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Jadranka Knezevic, Frantz Darius, Marie Yvonne Darius, Melanie Peter, Donna Ann Burris, Angelia Agbi, Maureen Ming, Libera Kenia, Beryl Whyte

*We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory*

Our Parish needs your Weekly Support **TIME**  
People

Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$2,500.00

Previous Week \$3,065.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



**Monday: February 22**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: February 23**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: February 24**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: February 25**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: February 26**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: February 27**

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

**Sunday: February 28**

8:30 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass English

12:30 PM Mass French/Kreyol

**Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours**

Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,

Wednesday Closed, Thursday 10AM-5PM,

Friday Closed, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

### Saturday February 20

8:30 AM Deliverance for Arielle Appolon by Family

5:30 PM In Memory of Daniel DiMarco Love Grace & Richard Deppert

5:30 PM Thanksgiving for Gulma Raymond by Gulma Raymond

5:30 PM Messe d' action de grace pour Marie Carme Steryl Nicolas, Gaelle Nicolas, Wancarmy Nicolas, Emmanuel Junior W. Nicolas by Family

### Sunday February 21

8:30 AM In Memory of Analy Ignacio for the repose of her soul by The Prosanctity Movement

8:30 AM Healing Mass for Jean St Vil by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Memory of Mandel Soli, Marietta Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

12:30 PM Deliverance for Arielle Appolon by Family

### Monday February 22

8:30 AM Deliverance for Arielle Appolon by Family

### Tuesday February 23

8:30 AM Deliverance for Arielle Appolon by Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Ade, Kenol, Jacques Louis and all deceased members by Marie

### Wednesday February 24

8:30 AM Deliverance for Arielle Appolon by Family

### Thursday February 25

8:30 AM Deliverance for Arielle Appolon by Family

### Friday February 26

8:30 AM For the safety and protection of all people by O.L.M

### Saturday February 27

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased parishioners of O.L.M

5:30 PM In Memory of Barbara Esposito 1st Year In Heaven Love Grace & Richard Deppert

5:30 PM For The Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs

You can donate to the parish by using our electronic giving page at <https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn> Or simply text the word SUDAY to 646-736-4700 or mail your envelopes to the rectory at 757 East 86TH St Brooklyn NY 11236

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21ST 2021

## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday February 21st 2021 First Sunday Of Lent

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

The Gospel passage for this first Sunday of Lent (cf. Lk 4:1-13) recounts the experience of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. After fasting for 40 days, Jesus is tempted three times by the devil. First he invites Him to change stone into bread (v. 3); then, from above, he shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and the prospect of becoming a powerful and glorious messiah (vv. 5-6); lastly he takes Him to the pinnacle of the temple of Jerusalem and invites Him to throw himself down, so as to manifest His divine power in a spectacular way (vv. 9-11). The three temptations point to three paths that the world always offers, promising great success, three paths to mislead us: *greed for possession* — to have, have, have —, *human vainglory* and *the exploitation of God*. These are three paths that will lead us to ruin.

The first, the path of *greed for possession*. This is always the devil's insidious logic He begins from the natural and legitimate need for nourishment, life, fulfillment, happiness, in order to encourage us to believe that all this is possible without God, or rather, even despite Him. But Jesus countervails, stating: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone'" (v. 4). Recalling the long journey of the chosen people through the desert, Jesus affirms his desire to fully entrust himself to the providence of the Father, who always takes care of his children. The second temptation: the path of *human vainglory*. The devil says: "If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours" (v. 7). One can lose all personal dignity if one allows oneself to be corrupted by the idols of money, success and power, in order to achieve one's own self-affirmation. And one tastes the euphoria of a fleeting joy. And this also leads us to be 'peacocks', to vanity, but this vanishes. For this reason Jesus responds: "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve" (v. 8).

And then the third temptation: *exploiting God* to one's own advantage. In response to the devil — who, citing Scripture, invites Him to seek a conspicuous miracle from God — Jesus again opposes with the firm decision to remain humble, to remain confident before the Father: "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God'" (v. 12). Thus, he rejects perhaps the most subtle temptation: that of wanting to 'pull God to our side', asking him for graces which in reality serve and will serve to satisfy our pride.

These are the paths that are set before us, with the illusion that in this way one can obtain success and happiness. But in reality, they are completely extraneous to God's mode of action; rather, in fact they distance us from God, because they are the works of Satan. Jesus, personally facing these trials, overcomes temptation three times in order to fully adhere to the Father's plan. And he reveals the remedies to us: interior life, faith in God, the certainty of his love — the certainty that God loves us, that he is Father, and with this certainty we will overcome every temptation.

But there is one thing to which I would like to draw your attention, something interesting. In responding to the tempter, Jesus *does not enter a discussion*, but responds to the three challenges with only the Word of God. This teaches us that one does not dialogue with the devil; one must not discuss, one only responds to him with the Word of God.

Therefore, let us benefit from Lent as a privileged time to purify ourselves, to feel God's comforting presence in our life.

May the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, icon of faithfulness to God, sustain us in our journey, helping us to always reject evil and welcome good.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday February 22**

*1 Pt 5:1-4 Mt 16:13-19(535)*

**Tuesday February 23**

*Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15(225)*

**Wednesday February 24**

*Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32(226)*

**Thursday February 25**

*Est C:12, 14-16,23-25 Mt 7:7-12(227)*

**Friday February 26**

*Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26(228)*

**Saturday February 27**

*Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48(229)*

## Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy

up coming events

Open House for Pre-3, Pre – K4 & Pre K

9:00 to 11 AM

For more information call 718-241-6633

## Record of PARISH contributions

If you use our church envelopes and need to have a record of your contributions to Our Lady of Miracles Church for the past year (2019) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

Our Lady of Miracles Church, 757 East 86th street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. We will be happy to forward the information to you.

**Due to the Corona Virus we will not be serving the Precious Blood we will let you know when we will be serving the precious blood.**

**Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 Pm in the church. All are welcomed**

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## Office Of Faith Formation News

Hybrid classes for Spring 2021 began on Jan 10th as follows. For All Faith Formation Classes formerly called CCD

See schedule below for Days and Times for each grade.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
1,2	Thur @7PM
3	Sat @ 10 AM
4	Tue @7PM
5	Sun @1PM
6	Sat @3PM
7	Sun @12PM
8	Sun @11AM
RCIA	Wed @7PM

If you have not registered your child please come to my office located at 741 East 86th St Brooklyn NY 11236 and provide the following information

- Child's full name and address
- Public school attending and grade
- Copy of Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate
- Parents Name and Address
- Telephone: Home, Cell, Work
- Email Address

RCIA is an ongoing formation program open to any adult who wishes to be prepared to receive the following sacraments Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone in need of receiving any or all of the sacraments please contact the Faith Formation Office

The days to call the Faith Formation Office is on Tuesday and Friday at the number below. Or by email at dre101163@diobrook.org

## Our office hours and contact: 718-649-1006

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM-3:00 PM

## OLM Spiritual Journey Program (OSJP)

Olm Spiritual Insights based on the word of God takes place every Friday at 7:30 PM Via Zoom. The Meeting id to join is 76155578592 and the passcode is s2h8kz

## **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday, from 9:30 AM till 12:00 Noon, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. We are looking for people to sit in church while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. Please come to the rectory to put your name down for an hour or two.

*The only time we will not have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is if we have a funeral*

## **Annual Catholic Appeal 2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER**

Loving Father, through Baptism you have made us members of the Body of your Son and His Priestly People. You have enriched us with the outpouring of the gift of your Holy Spirit. You continue to make your Son present among us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

We are ever grateful for what you do for us and we seek to respond by revealing your goodness through the witness of our lives.

Help us to nourish and support those members of the Body of Christ who are in need of our generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

***Annual Catholic Appeal 2020 goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$33,494***

Thank for your generous support.

God bless you!

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.**