

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18TH 2024

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.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Bible Verse for the Week

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” 1 John 1:7

Pro Sanctity

You are invited to join Pro Sanctity

When: Monday nights for the Rosary and today's Gospel reflection

Thursday nights for Sunday's scripture readings and reflections

Why: To pray, learn and share

How: Call 3392073069 on Mondays and/or Thursdays ALL ARE WELCOME!

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.

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. 86th 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.)
12:45 PM (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)
1st Sun ... Eng/French/Creole
2nd Sun ... Eng/Spanish

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Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Gino Pizzuti, Raymond Abruzzese Deryck Ming, Maureen Ming, Dorthea C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rosemarie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Tyra Plaisimond

We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks.

Our Parish needs your Weekly Support

	TIME		People
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Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	46
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	125
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	60
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	173

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$4,710.00

Previous Week \$3,800.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated
Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: February 19

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: February 20

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: February 21

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

Thursday: February 22

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: February 23

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: February 24

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: February 25

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 10AM-5PM, Thursday 10AM-5PM,

Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory office is now open from
Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM

Saturday February 17

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM For All Of The Souls In Purgatory by Ann & Family

Sunday February 18

8:30 AM In Memory of Caridad Cordenillo by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Memory of & 1st Anniversary In Heaven for Jennette Barrington by Her Daughter Debra Cesaire

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Pierreine Catule by Pierreine Catule

12:30 PM Delivrance for Johnny Dorsier by Antoine Dorsier

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Antoine Dorsier by Antoine Dorsier

Monday February 19

8:30 AM 1st Birthday In Heaven for Marie Ange Louis by Her Daughter Marie Francoise Louis

Tuesday February 20

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes by OLM

Wednesday February 21

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

Thursday February 22

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by OLM

Friday February 23

8:30 AM 1 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Emmanuel Orjiugo by His Daughter Adanna Orjiugo

Saturday February 24

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Marcelle by Marcelle

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

From February 2023 All Mass Intentions are now \$20 each

Every Friday During lent

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30 AM Noon

Service & 7:30 PM Mass

Stations of The Cross In English 6PM & Creole 7PM

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday February 18th 2024
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, fulfilment, 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 19

Lv 19:1-2; 11-18 Mt 25:31-46(224)

Tuesday February 20

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

Wednesday February 21

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

Thursday February 22

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

Friday February 23

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

Saturday February 24

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(2022) 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

Thank you for enrolling your child for Religious Ed 2023-2024. Your Child is required to attend classes as scheduled in the calendar. Remember only three absences are allowed if you have more than three absences your child will repeat the class for the following year.

Adults who are interested in learning more about Catholic Faith, please contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006

Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 9:30AM-4:00PM

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

All children beginning the first grade in Public or Catholic school must register their child for the 2 year communion preparation program. After communion all public school children must register for on-going classes till the 7th grade at which time all Public and Catholic school children must register for the 2 year confirmation preparation program.

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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 2023 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 2023 Goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$35,000

Thank for your generous support.

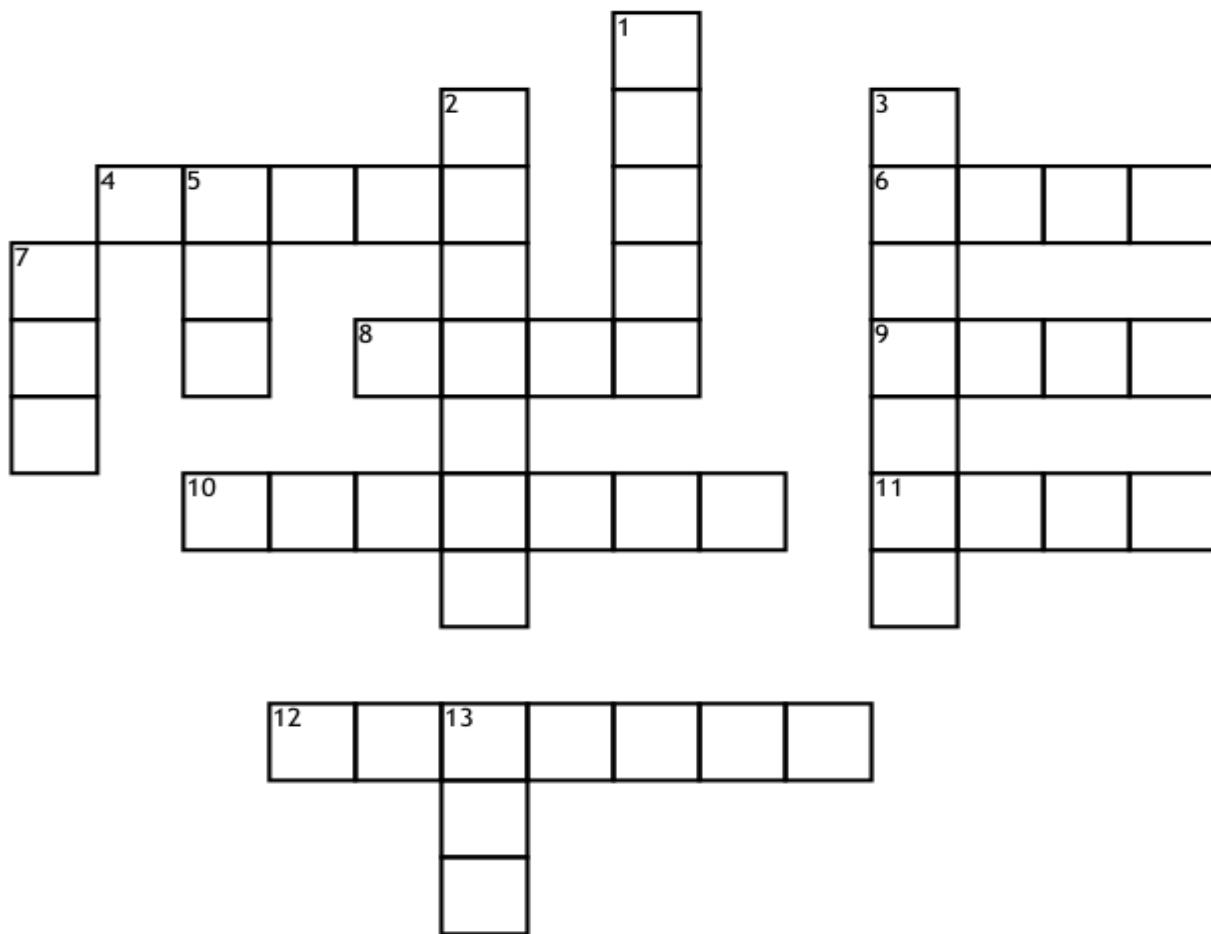
God bless you!

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

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Name: _____ Date: _____

The First Sin



Across

4. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God sin and _____ came into the world.

6. Eve was made from one of Adam's _____.

8. The tree of _____ was planted in the middle of the garden.

9. The first man's name was _____?

10. We find the story of Adam and Eve in which book of the Bible?

11. The Lord God planted a tree in _____.

12. Sadly Adma and Eve decided to _____ God.

Down

1. What fruit did Adam and Eve eat?

2. God gave Adam and Eve the ability to make _____.

3. God _____ man and put him in a beautiful garden.

5. God created a wife for Adam and called her _____.

7. When Adam and Eve realized they were naked they made clothes from _____ leaves.

13. Adam and Eve were created perfect and without _____.