



## First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

### 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

### 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.).

The office will be closed  
Monday February 19.

### 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)

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Reading 1: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Reading 1: Isaiah 55:10-11; Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Reading 1: Jonah 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Reading 1: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19  
 Friday: Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

**St. Andrew's St Pat's  
Fund Raiser will be  
Thursday, March 14th.  
Watch for updates on  
this important date.**

### FEBRUARY 2024

FEB 4TH

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

FEB 11TH

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

FEB 18TH

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

FEB 25TH

LECTOR JANET & MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

### THE QUALITY OF CHANGE

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

**Easter schedule is at  
the front of the church  
next to the bulletin**

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

1-21-2024

\$987.00

B&M

\$1025.00

**Stations of the Cross will  
be on Friday during lent at  
4:30 pm**

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#### Remember In Prayer

Fr Robert Ponticello , Martha Jo ,  
Kaylee Bowling , Michaele Box ,  
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Leo Cortez, Abel Cortez ,

Danny Pratt , Diana Schachle,  
Patricia Stanford,  
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