

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
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GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan,
and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL & ROSTREVOR COLLEGE

RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 4th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 25th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Celebration— Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 13th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 3rd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

Rehearsal—Sunday 23rd June after parish mass

Celebration— Sunday 30th June 11:00 am

If you have children who would like to join the sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office.

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

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.



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Parish Bulletin

1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

17/18 February 2024

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DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS.

The Spirit of God, who descended on Jesus at his baptism, drove him into the wilderness. In the Jewish Scriptures the wilderness is both the place where Israel meets God and the place where it is tempted to worship idols made of stone. The season of Lent is a good time to examine whether we are responding to the Spirit of God in our lives or succumbing to the allurements of false idols.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 90:15-16

When he calls on me,
I will answer him;
I will deliver him and
give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24:4-9

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. | Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The word of the Lord

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—24/25 Feb 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Antonetta Bartley Mikayla Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	11/12 Feb 2024
Planned Giving	\$458.00
Open Plate	\$427.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$885.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$493.00

Caritas AUSTRALIA
First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.


For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:
Ivan Perisic

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex

Faith, even if put to the test by acedia, does not lose its value. It is indeed true faith, the most human faith, which humbly keeps believing despite the darkness that blinds it.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

NOTICES

Sunday Night Choir - 1st Sunday of the Month (starting March 3)
Come and Sing! The Sunday Night Choir is a new initiative for 2024, sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are no strings attached to performing, no Masses to rehearse for, it is simply an evening to gather, sing, get to know one another in all of our diversity and feel like we are home. If you are over 18 and enjoy singing or have done so in the past, come and see what this Sunday Night Choir is all about. There will be songs in four-part harmony so an ability to read music notation is beneficial. Rehearsals are the first Sunday of every month, starting on **March 3 at 7pm in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall** (free car parking available).

Towards 2024 Synod Public Gathering
An opportunity to provide feedback to both the Synthesis Report from the First Synod and respond to the questions outlines in the "Towards 2024" document.

Caritas 60th Anniversary Celebration
All Caritas supporters, young and old are invited to join the Archbishop on **Sunday February 25 for Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am)** followed by a coffee and sausage sizzle to commemorate **60 years of Caritas in Australia**, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! All are invited to join in unity as we continue to support those most vulnerable in our world. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with all parishes, schools and anyone who proudly supports the good work of Caritas Australia - helping us to create a just and compassionate world.
Make it a fun day out and join the **Adelaide Fringe – Festival of Hymns Event – Pipe Organ Recitals at 1pm in the Cathedral.**

Fringe Festival 2024—Pipe Organ Recitals at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier
21 February 1pm: Amir Robin-Karas
25 February 1pm: Festival of Hymns by James Lloyd
28 February 1pm: Jacinta Jakovcevic
6 March 1pm: Graham Bell
17 March 1pm: Young Organists

Lefevre Catholic Community – Adult Faith Formation 2024
Lefevre Catholic Community faith formation session:
Sunday February 25 from 4-5pm
Compassion – presenter Sr Marie Egan RSJ
Venue: Sacred Heart Church Parish meeting rooms; 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

Confession and Prayer for Peace, on Friday Night at St Laurence's
Every Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Laurence's Church, North Adelaide. The intention is to ask for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. St Laurence's Church is on the corner of Hill St and Buxton St, North Adelaide. Come when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Confession will be available from 7.30pm.

World Day of Prayer 2024—Palestine
Date & Time: Friday 1st March 10am
Location: Morialta Uniting Church 26 Chapel St Magill
Contact: Rev. Jenny Swanbury 0407807602

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 25th February**
We appreciate your support.



The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 18th, 2024



What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?

Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!

God Washes Away our Sins


In the time of Noah, the people had forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if they sinned against God or against each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered God and tried to do what was right.

God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out the sins of the world and give people a fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood.

But the people still sinned, just like we do even after we have been baptized. So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that

are ever committed. He died on the cross, letting His blood wash away our sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry and turn to God and accept the forgiveness that He is waiting to give us in Confession.

BLESS ME, FATHER...



Answers: Front page: Noah's ark
Inside: He was tempted by the devil.