

St. Brigid Catholic Church
1st Sunday of Lent – February 21

Opening Hymn: Sovereign Maker of All Things

1. Sovereign Maker of all things, God of covenant and grace,
Ev'ry creature knows your pow'r, quakes with fear before your face.
But your mercy far exceeds what our minds can comprehend;
Deep compassion stays your hand, Chast'ning not though we offend.

2. You have promised to forgive contrite sinners who repent;
So I come with humbled heart, by your word made confident.
I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned: well I know my wickedness.
Yet I make this prayer to you: Lord, forgive me, heal, and bless.

3. Let me not be lost in sin, banished to eternal night;
God who hears the penitent, let your goodness show your might.
Though I be unworthy, Lord, your great mercy will I claim,
'Til I join the hosts above who forever praise your name.

Reading I **Gn 9:8-15**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you
and your descendants after you
and with every living creature that was with you:
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals
that were with you and came out of the ark.
I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."
God added:
"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,
of the covenant between me and you
and every living creature with you:

I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth,
and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings."

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

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

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

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

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

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

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.

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

Reading II **1 Pt 3:18-22**

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel

Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel **Mk 1:12-15**

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.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Communion Hymn: Shepherd of Our Hearts

Refrain: Shepherd of our hearts, receive our song of praise.
Lead us to the Kingdom, and guide us all our days.

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock. *(refrain)*
2. We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place. *(refrain)*
3. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
O Lord abide with us, and spread your table in our heart. *(refrain)*
4. Lord sup with us in love divine; your Body and your Blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine be our immortal food. *(refrain)*

Saint Michael Prayer: Saint Michael, Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and, do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Cor Jesu, Sacratissimum, miserere nobis.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Recessional Hymn: Jesus Tempted in the Desert

Jesus tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
“Use your pow’r,” the tempter tells him; “Turn these barren rocks to bread.”
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.