



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
Sunday Mass Readings Homily – 18th February 2024, First Sunday of Lent, Year B
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Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2 nd Reading	1 Peter 3:18-22
Verse Before the Gospel	Matthew 4:4B
Gospel	Mark 1:12-15

1st Reading – Genesis 9:8-15

8 God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
 9 "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you
 10 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.
 11 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."

12 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:

13 I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

14 When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds,

15 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 – Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

4 Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
 5 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.

6 Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old.
 7 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.

8 Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way.
 9 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.

2nd Reading – 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved:

18 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.

19 In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,

20 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.

21 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,

22 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 – Matthew 4:4B

4B One does not live on bread alone,
 but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel – Mark 1:12-15

12 The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
13 and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

14 After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

15 "This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Saint Of The Day

Saint Constance of Vercelli

St. Constance of Vercelli was a nun and a sister of St. Costanzo, bishop of Piedmont, Italy. Very few details of her life is known.

She died in the early 6th century AD and her relics were re-discovered in the 16th century at the reconstruction of the basilica of Eusebius of Vercelli and interred in the foundations with a plaque naming and praising her.

Blessed Matthew Malaventino

Blessed Matthew Malaventino was a Mercedarian friar assigned to ransom Christians from slavery in Muslim north Africa. Along the way, he preached Christianity until he was seized and murdered. He died as a martyr after been thrown off a mountain.

Saint Esuperia of Vercelli

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Saint Leo of Patara

St. Leo of Patara was martyred for protesting a pagan festival being held near the grave of St. Paregorius. He died in 260 AD at Patara, Lycia.

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Saint Ethelina

St. Ethelina was also known as Eudelme. Aside from been the patron for Little Sodbury in England no other information about her is known.

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18th February 2024 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Jesus is Tempted By The Devil in the Desert – Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-15, Luke 4:1-13

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