

SUNDAY, March 6, 2022
The First Sunday of Lent

Readings: 1) Deuteronomy 26:4-10 2) Romans 10:8-13 3) Luke 4:1-13

FOCUS: Faithfulness to God is rewarded with grace and strength.

The Church has begun the spiritual journey of this holy season of Lent. With Christ, we enter the desert – to confront the Evil One and resist his false and empty promises. Once again, we seek the abundant mercy and power of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Moses gives the people instruction on giving proper praise and thanksgiving before the Lord God. Saint Paul writes, *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* In the Gospel, Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit, where he overcomes three temptations by the devil.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust in the Spirit who leads us in light and truth, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

- 1) For the Church during this Lenten season, may the Lord strengthen us through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For state and federal leaders, may the Holy Spirit empower them in their efforts to protect the dignity of all life, from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are sick, may Christ the Divine Physician bring them healing and consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those preparing to enter the Church this Easter, and for their sponsors and catechists, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glory, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious God, as you once heard the prayers of your beloved Son in the desert, hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. We ask through Christ our Lord.