

## First Sunday of Lent | Year B

February 18, 2024 (Gen 9:8-15 | 1 Peter 3:18-22 | Mark 1:12-15)

God established his covenant with Noah and his children, affirming that no waters of a flood should ever destroy all living beings on the earth. Let us ask God to save us from our faults.

1/ God's ways are love and truth to those who keep his covenant. For those who have strayed from the covenant paths with God. We pray that Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons can teach the lost Christians to return to the love and truth of God. Let us pray.

2/ Writing to early Christians, Peter reaffirms that Christ was put to death in the flesh but was brought up to life in the Spirit. For people who search for true life in eternity. We pray that the message of Peter may touch their hearts, so they can come to God. Let us pray.

3/ The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, so that he could be by himself and discern his relation with God. Lenten Season lends all Christians this opportune time. Let us pray that those who are struggling with their spiritual life may find Lent a time with God. Let us pray.

4/ After finding his intimate relationship with God, Jesus went around Galilee and preached the gospel message. The time of fulfillment is near; the kingdom of God is at hand; and we all should repent and be saved. Let us pray in hope for our sisters and brothers who believed in Christ but have now departed from us. We pray that God welcome them to heaven. Today we remember [**at 4:30 Mass**] Jean Herbert and Leo Greenwell; [**at 10:00 Mass**] Jean Herbert and Leo Greenwell. Let us pray.

Oh Lord our God, you formed humanity from the clay of the earth and breathed into them the spirit of life. But we turned from your face and sinned. In this opportune time of repentance, we call out for your mercy and save us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.