

# My Sunday Mass Page

Sunday, 14 February 2027 · Mark 1:12-15



## 1 Today's Gospel

### Into the Desert: Jesus Begins His Mission

Straight after Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit drove Him out into the **desert**, a wild and empty place. He stayed there for **forty days**, and Satan **tempted** Him, trying to pull Him away from His Father. Saint Mark tells us that Jesus was with the wild animals, and the **angels** looked after Him.

Later, after John the Baptist had been arrested, Jesus went to Galilee and began to proclaim the Good News of God. His very first words were: **"The time has come, and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."**

To **repent** means to turn around: to turn away from sin and turn back to God with our whole heart. Jesus stayed faithful when He was tempted, so He understands us when doing right is hard, and He gives us His strength. The forty days of **Lent** are our desert time with Jesus. Through prayer, fasting and giving to people in need, we make room for God and get ready for Easter.

**Big idea!** In Lent we **turn back to God**, and Jesus gives us His strength to **choose what is good**.

**Listen at Mass:** In the Psalm we sing *"Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant."* In the first reading, God's rainbow is the sign of His covenant with Noah.

**Go deeper:** Read Matthew 4:1-11 to find out how Jesus answered each temptation with words from Scripture. The Catechism says the Church joins Jesus in the desert every year through the forty days of Lent (CCC 538-540).

## 2 Think It Through

Answer in a sentence or two.

1. Who was with Jesus in the desert?

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2. What does it mean to repent, and why is it Good News?

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3. What will you do for prayer, fasting or giving this Lent?

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## 3 My Prayer

Write a prayer asking Jesus to be with you this Lent, or to help you turn back to God in one thing.

Dear Lord Jesus,

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## 4 My Lent Plan

Draw a path through the desert to Easter, with one way you will pray, fast and give.

Ideas: a morning prayer · giving up a snack · a coin box for the poor · the empty tomb

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**"Repent, and believe the Good News." Mark 1:15**