

Sunday, February 21, 2021  
First Sunday of Lent

Jesus – Forty days of temptation in the desert. Noah – Forty days on the ark during the flood. Moses – Forty years of exodus in the desert. Elijah – Forty days journeying to the mountain of Horeb. Us – Forty days of Lent.

Forty is indeed an important number in Scripture. Taken together in the above scenarios, it is an intimate time with the Lord. That is the Good News! Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the desert “and was among the wild beasts and the angels ministered to him.” The Spirit of God inspired Noah to build the ark and be one with the animals (wild beasts), as before the Fall! The Spirit of God guided Moses and the Israelites those forty years in the desert, never abandoning them! The Spirit of God led Elijah on a forty-day journey to encounter the Lord in “a tiny whispering sound” on Mount Horeb.

These forty days are a privileged time for us, if only we allow ourselves to encounter God’s faithful love as did Noah and Moses and Elijah! “God waited patiently in the days of Noah... saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.”

God Love You!

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Psalm 40 – From U2

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