

Motivation for Mark 1: 12-15

What would you expect of the first readings of Lent? Think for a moment.

"Promise." This is what our first two readings proclaim to us this Sunday. What does it mean for you to hear that word at the beginning of the journey to Easter? If that promise belongs in the far off future or long distant past, I invite you to think again. Harken your ears to the immediacy in the Gospel. "The time is fulfilled." What is the Lord promising you today?