

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3RD 2023

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

A prayer for the Lord's protection

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the season of [Advent](#), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Bible Verse for the Week

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” **1 Peter 1:8-9**

Pro Sanctity

You are invited to join Pro Sanctity

When: Monday nights for the Rosary and today's Gospel reflection

Thursday nights for Sunday's scripture readings and reflections

Why: To pray, learn and share

How: Call 3392073069 on Mondays and/or Thursdays ALL ARE WELCOME!

Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men and women to seriously consider vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of Brooklyn and Queens in the future. Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Every First, and Third Sunday, of the month after each mass Fellowship is followed in the Parish Center all are welcomed

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Weekend Masses in the Canarsie Cluster Parishes:

Our Lady of Miracles
(E. 86th St. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)
Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)
10:30 AM (Eng.)
12:30 PM (French/Creole)

Holy Family
(Rockaway Pkwy. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:00 PM (Eng.)
Sun. 8:00 AM (Eng.)
9:15 AM (Creole)
11:15 AM (Eng.)
12:45 PM (Eng.)

St. Jude
(Seaview Ave. & Canarsie Rd.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)
Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)
10:30 AM (Family)
12:30 PM (Bi-Lingual)
1st Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

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Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Gino Pizzuti, Raymond Abruzzese Deryck Ming, Maureen Ming, Dorthea C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rose-marie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito,

We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks.

Our Parish needs your Weekly Support

	TIME	People
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Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	55
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	171
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	114
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	168

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$4,710.00

Previous Week \$3,800.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: December 4

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: December 5

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: December 6

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: December 7

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: December 8

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: December 9

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: December 10

8:30 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass English

12:30 PM Mass French/Kreyol

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours

Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,

Wednesday 10AM-5PM, Thursday 10AM-5PM,

Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory office is now open from

Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM

Saturday December 2

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM For All Souls In Purgatory by OLM

Sunday December 3

8:30 AM In Memory of Rudolfo Mallare by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM For Peace & Safety to all people by OLM

10:30 AM In Memory of Anna Fiote & Leon Dorssainvil by Iverson Laurent

12:30 PM In Memory of Gerard Gourage, Emmanuel Charles, & Carmen St-Louis by Jacqueline Charles-Gourage & Children

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Francoise Clerjeune by Paulette Moise

12:30 PM For the souls of Denis & Armante Pierre by Alette Pierre

12:30 PM For the souls of Wilson & Liliane Rene by Alette Pierre

Monday December 4

8:30 AM For an increase to the Priesthood by OLM

Tuesday December 5

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

Wednesday December 6

8:30 AM In Memory of Andre Joseph Pierre by Ernst Pierre

Thursday December 7

8:30 AM In Memory of Marie Cecile Thimoleon by Evenise Casimir

8:30 AM For God's Blessings for Melissa Charles by Her Mom Laurel Charles

Friday December 8

8:30 AM All Saints & Deliverance for Brandon Emmanuel by Anne Emmanuel

8:30 AM Happy Birthday Blessings to Father Delva by OLM

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Father Delva by Letecia Casipe

Saturday December 9

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM Thanksgiving In Honor of Mary The Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, & Saint Lucie by Norma Fequiere

5:30 PM In Thanksgiving for The Immaculate Conception by Norma Fequiere



December 3rd-9th 2023

Thanksgiving to God by Solange Lope Delorme

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday December 3rd 2023
First Sunday Of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, the [First Sunday of Advent](#), a new liturgical year begins. In it, the Church marks the **passage of time with the celebration of the main events in the life of Jesus and the story of salvation.** In so doing, as Mother, she illuminates the path of our existence, supports us in our daily occupations and guides us towards the final encounter with Christ. **Today's liturgy invites us to live the first "important Season", which is that of Advent, the first of the liturgical year, Advent, which prepares us for Christmas, and therefore it is a time of expectation and a time of hope. Expectation and hope.**

Saint Paul (see *1 Cor* 1:3-9) indicates the **object of our expectation.** What is it? The **"manifestation of the Lord"** (v. 7). The Apostle invites the Christians of Corinth, and we too, to **focus our attention on the encounter with Jesus. For a Christian the most important thing is the continuous encounter with the Lord, being with the Lord. And in this way, accustomed to staying with the Lord of life, we prepare ourselves for the encounter, for being with the Lord for eternity. And this definitive encounter will come at the end of the world. But the Lord comes every day, so that, with His grace, we might accomplish good in our own lives and in the lives of others. Our God is a God-who-comes, do not forget this: God is a God who comes, who continually comes. Our waiting will not be disappointed by Him! The Lord never disappoints.**

He will perhaps make us wait, He will make us wait a few moments in the dark to allow our expectation to ripen, but He never disappoints. The Lord always comes, He is always by our side. At times He does not make Himself seen, but He always comes. He came at a precise moment in history and became man to take on our sins – the feast of the Nativity commemorates Jesus' first coming in the historical moment -; **He will come at the end of times as universal judge; He comes every day to visit His people, to visit every man and woman who receives Him in the Word, in the Sacraments, in their brothers and sisters. Jesus, the Bible tells us, is at the door and knocks. Every day. He is at the door of our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord who knocks, who has come today to visit you, who knocks at your heart restlessly, with an idea, with inspiration?** He came to Bethlehem, He will come at the end of the world, but every day He comes to us. Be careful, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.

We are well aware that life is made up of highs and lows, of lights and shadows. Each one of us experiences moments of disappointment, of failure and being lost. Moreover, the situation we are living in, marked by the pandemic, generates worry, fear and discouragement in many people; we run the risk of falling into pessimism, the risk of falling into closure and apathy. How should we react in the face of all this? Today's Psalm suggests: **"Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name"** (*Ps* 33:20-21). That is, **the soul awaiting, confidently waiting for the Lord, allows us to find comfort and courage in the dark moments of our lives. And what gives rise to this courage and this trustful pledge? Where do they come from? They are born of hope. And hope does not disappoint, that virtue that leads us ahead, looking at the encounter with the Lord.**

May Mary Most Holy, the woman of expectation, accompany our steps at the beginning of this new liturgical year, and help us to fulfil the task of Jesus' disciples, indicated by the Apostle Peter: And what is this task? **To account for the hope that is in us** (see *1 Pet* 3:



Scriptures For The Week

Monday December 4
Is 2:1-5 *Mt* 8:5-11(175)

Tuesday December 5
Is 11:1-10 *Lk* 10:21-24(176)

Wednesday December 6
Is 25:6-10a *Mt* 15:29-37(177)

Thursday December 7
Is 26:1-6 *Mt* 7:21;24-27(178)

Friday December 8 The Immaculate Conception
Gn 3:9-15 *Lk* 1:26-38(689)

Saturday December 9
Is 30:19-21; 23-26 *Mt* 9:35—10:1; 56; 6-8(180)

Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy

up coming events

Open House for Pre-3, Pre – K4 & Pre K
9:00 to 11 AM

For more information call 718-241-6633

Record of PARISH contributions

If you use our church envelopes and need to have a record of your contributions to Our Lady of Miracles Church for the past year(2022) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

Our Lady of Miracles Church, 757 East 86th street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. We will be happy to forward the information to you.

Due to the Corona Virus we will not be serving the Precious Blood we will let you know when we will be serving the precious blood.

Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 Pm in the church. All are welcomed

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Office Of Faith Formation News

Registration for Religious Ed classes for 2023-2024 is closed. Thanks to all parents and guardians who enrolled their children for this year. Remember classes begin with the 8:30 mass after which the children will proceed to the school auditorium for the continuation of class.

Adults who are interested in learning more about Catholic Faith, please contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006

Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 9:30AM-4:00PM

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

All children beginning the first grade in Public or Catholic school must register their child for the 2 year communion preparation program. After communion all public school children must register for on-going classes till the 7th grade at which time all Public and Catholic school children must register for the 2 year confirmation preparation program.

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Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, from 9:30 AM till 12:00 Noon, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. We are looking for people to sit in church while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. Please come to the rectory to put your name down for an hour or two.

The only time we will not have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is if we have a funeral

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Loving Father, through Baptism you have made us members of the Body of your Son and His Priestly People. You have enriched us with the outpouring of the gift of your Holy Spirit. You continue to make your Son present among us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

We are ever grateful for what you do for us and we seek to respond by revealing your goodness through the witness of our lives.

Help us to nourish and support those members of the Body of Christ who are in need of our generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 Goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$35,000

Thank for your generous support.

God bless you!

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Bible Puzzle

Adam and Eve Crossword

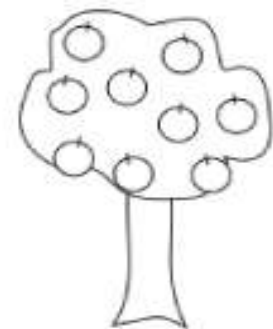
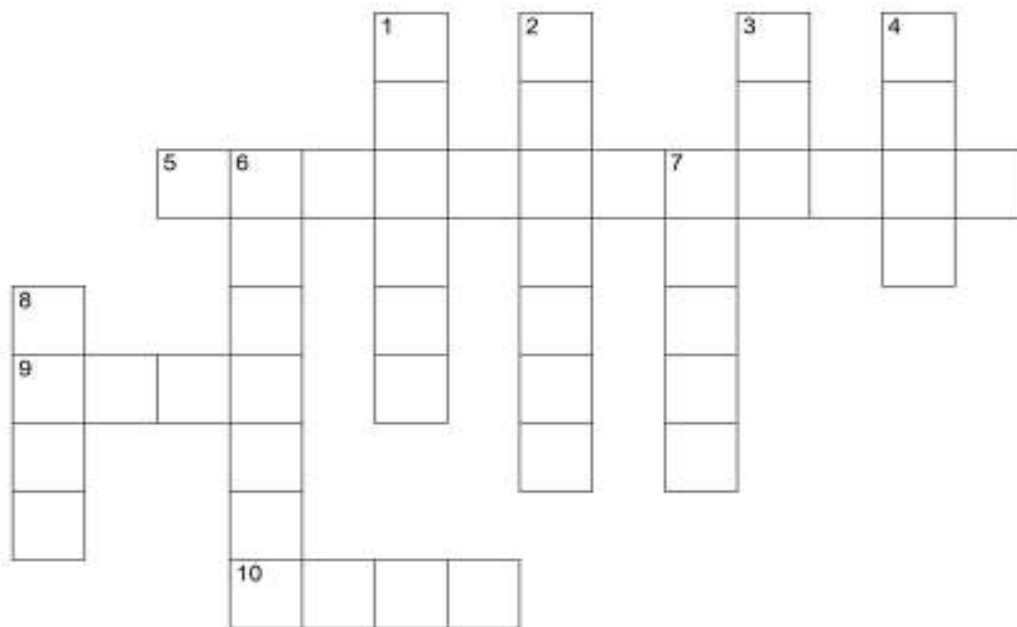
Work the puzzle to review what you know about Adam and Eve and their sons.
Look up the verses to be sure of your answers.

Across

- At first Adam and Eve lived in the _____ (3 words). (Genesis 2:8)
- The first man was _____. (Genesis 3:20)
- Adam and Eve's third son was _____. (Genesis 4:25)

Down

- God told them not to eat the fruit of the tree in the _____ of the garden. (Genesis 3:2-3)
- After Adam and Eve sinned, they were _____ (2 words) of the garden. (Genesis 3:23)
- The first woman was _____. (Genesis 3:20)
- God was pleased with _____. (Genesis 4:4)
- Adam named all the _____. (Genesis 2:20)
- Adam and Eve sinned by eating the _____. (Genesis 3:6)
- _____ was jealous of his brother and killed him. (Genesis 4:8)



Adam, Eve, and Cain all sinned against God. What should you do when you sin?