

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

(or the first reading from Cycle A: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14)

God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6,8-9 (or the psalm from Cycle A: Psalm 128:1-5)

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to his covenant.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 (or the second reading from Cycle A: Colossians 3:12-21)

Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (or shorter form: Luke 2:22,39-40)

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticum of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

Bible Verse for the Week

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” **Romans 12:2**

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31ST 2023

Saturday December 30

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

5:30 PM Thanksgiving for my wedding anniversary by Marie G Francois Altenor

Sunday December 31

8:30 AM For All God's Blessings for the year 2024 for Chaina & Carl by Charlotte

10:30 AM Happy New Year to everyone by OLM

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God for The Merisier, Boursiquot, JN Baptiste, & Monjeune Families by Marie Gisele Merisier

12:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Letecia Casipe by Letecia Casipe

12:00 AM New Years Blessings for Ronald & Family by Ronald

12:00 AM Action De Grace et God's Blessings for Rosemonde Jean Pierre et Robinson Jean Pierre by Rosemonde Jean Pierre

Monday January 1

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Thank you To All The Saints by Evenise & Titiana Casimir

12:30 PM God's Blessings for the anniversary of marriage for Jeff & Stephanie Lapice by Their Mom

Tuesday January 2

8:30 AM Peace and safety to all in 2024 by OLM

Wednesday January 3

8:30 AM For an Increase to the priesthood by OLM

Thursday January 4

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

Friday January 5

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by OLM

Saturday January 6

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

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Richard Deppert by OLM

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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, Rosemarie 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

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: January 1 New Years Day

8:30 AM Mass

No 10:30 AM Mass

12:30 PM Mass

Tuesday: January 2

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: January 3

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: January 4

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: January 5

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: January 6

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: January 7

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



All God's Blessings to Our Lady of Miracles
January 1st 2024
By Evenise Casimir



All God's Blessings to Holy Family
January 3rd 2024
By Titiana Casimir

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31ST 2023

Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday December 31st 2023 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

A few days after Christmas, the liturgy invites us to turn our eyes to the [Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph](#). It is good to reflect on the fact that the Son of God wanted to be in need of the warmth of a family, like all children. Precisely for this reason, because it is Jesus' family, the family of Nazareth is the model family, in which all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration. In Nazareth, the spring-time of the human life of the Son of God began to blossom at the moment he was conceived by the work of the Holy Spirit in the virginal womb of Mary. Within the welcoming walls of the House of Nazareth, Jesus' childhood unfolded in joy, surrounded by the maternal attention of Mary and the care of Joseph, in whom Jesus was able to see God's tenderness (cf. Apostolic Letter [Patris Corde](#), 2).

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope. Within the family one can experience sincere communion when it is a house of prayer, when the affections are serious, profound, pure, when forgiveness prevails over discord, when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will. In this way, the family opens itself to the joy that God gives to all those who know how to give joyfully. At the same time, it finds the spiritual energy to be open to the outside world, to others, to the service of brothers and sisters, to collaboration in building an ever new and better world; capable, therefore, of becoming a bearer of positive stimuli; the family evangelises by the example of life. It is true, in every family there are problems, and at times arguments.

"And, Father, I argued..." but we are human, we are weak, and we all quarrel within the family at times. I would like to say something to you: if you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace. "Yes, I quarrelled", but before the end of the day, make peace. And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help. And then, in the family there are three words, three phrases that must always be held dear: "Please", "Thank you", and "I am sorry". "Please", so as not to be intrusive in the life of others. Please: may I do something? Is it alright with you if I do this? Please. Always, so as not to be intrusive. Please, the first word. "Thank you": so much help, so much service is granted to us in the family: always say thank you. Gratitude is the lifeblood of the noble soul. "Thank you". And then, the hardest to say: "I am sorry". Because we always do bad things and very often someone is offended by this: "I am sorry", "I am sorry". Do not forget the three words: "please", "thank you", and "I am sorry". If in a family, in the family environment there are these three words, the family is fine.

Today's feast reminds us of the example of evangelising with the family, proposing to us once again the ideal of conjugal and family love, as underlined in the Apostolic Exhortation [Amoris laetitia](#), promulgated five years ago this coming 19 March. And it will be a year of reflection on [Amoris laetitia](#) and it will be an opportunity to focus more closely on the contents of the document. These reflections will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey. As of now, I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the Year and that will be coordinated by the [Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life](#). Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to Saint Joseph, the devoted spouse and father.

May the Virgin Mary, to whom we now address the Angelus prayer, grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday January 1 New Years Day
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21(18)

Tuesday January 2
1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28(205)

Wednesday January 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34(206)

Thursday January 4
1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42(207)

Friday January 5
1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51(208)

Saturday January 6
1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 3:33-38(209)

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!

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.

Bible Puzzle

Adam and Eve Crossword

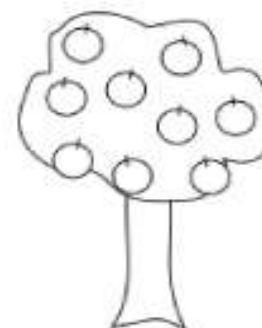
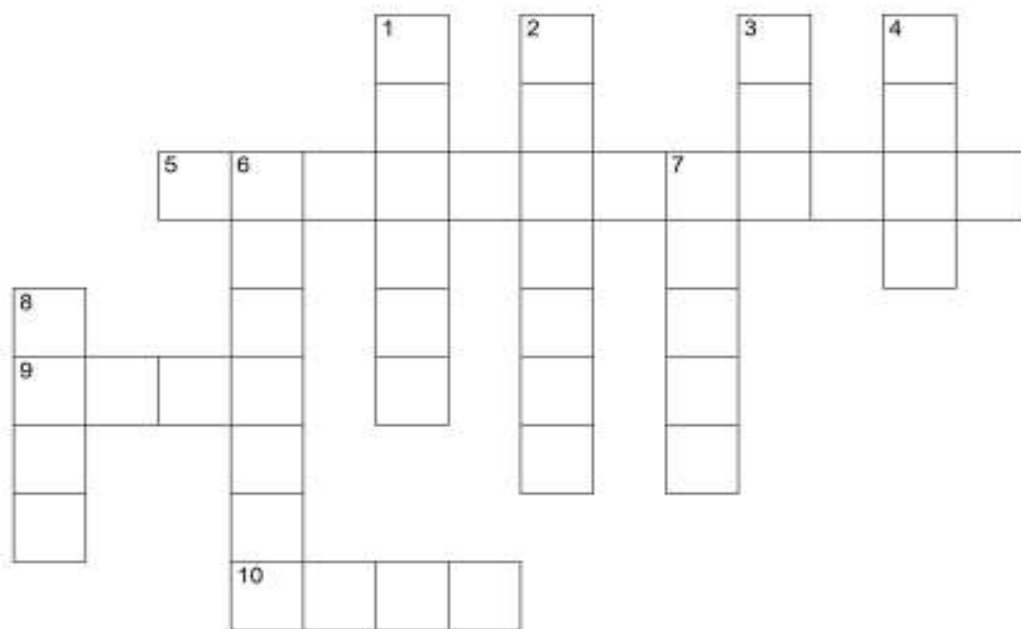
Work the puzzle to review what you know about Adam and Eve and their sons. Look up the verses to be sure of your answers.

Across

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

Down

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