

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 21ST 2024

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

The Lord teaches us his ways.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Bible Verse for the Week

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." – John 14:6, ESV

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, Dortha C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rose-marie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Tyra Plaisimond

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 22

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: January 23

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: January 24

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: January 25

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: January 26

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: January 27

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: January 28

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 January 20

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

5:30 PM For God's Blessings & Guidance for The New Year for Melissa & Alicia by Their Mom Laurel Charles

5:30 PM 3 Year Anniversary in Heaven for Esther Henry Daran by her son Samuel Casseus

5:30 PM In Thanksgiving for Mireille Boliscar by Mireille

Sunday January 21

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Nirva & Alice Jean Michel by Their Sisters

8:30 AM In Memory of Alicia & Emmanuel Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Marjorie McSween by Marjorie

12:30 PM In Memory of Louis & Freda Dabel by Their Family

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Kayla & Jonathan Meo by Grandma

Monday January 22

8:30 AM In Memory of Lucie Jean Phillipe Edmond by Yvette Fidelis

Tuesday January 23

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Christ The redeemer by The Menos Family

Wednesday January 24

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

Thursday January 25

8:30 AM In Memory of Charles Celin by Marie Massenet

8:30 AM Mass for the abandon & purgatory souls by Marie Gisele Merisier

Friday January 26

8:30 AM In Memory of Marietta Richard by Cyriane Richard

Saturday January 27

8:30 AM Thanksgiving mass for The Etincelles D' Amour Group by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

5:30 PM In Memory of Richard F Deppert 23 years in heaven by wife & son

5:30 PM All souls in purgatory by Ann & Family

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Vanina Francois by Vanina Francois

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday January 21st 2024
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

As in the Feast of the Epiphany and in that of the Baptism of Jesus, so too today's Gospel passage (cf. Jn 1:35-42) proposes the theme of the *manifestation* of the Lord. **This time it is John the Baptist who points Him out to his disciples as "the Lamb of God" (v. 36), thus inviting them to follow Him. And thus it is for us: the One whom we have contemplated in the Mystery of Christmas, we are now called to follow in daily life.** Therefore, today's Gospel passage introduces us perfectly into Ordinary Liturgical Time, a time that helps to invigorate and affirm our journey of faith in ordinary life, in a dynamic that moves between *epiphany* and *sequela*, between *manifestation* and *vocation*.

The *Gospel* narrative [[2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time year B](#)] indicates the **essential characteristics of the journey of faith**. There is a journey of faith, and this is the journey of the disciples of all times, ours too, beginning with the question that Jesus asks the two who, urged by the Baptist, set out to follow Him: **"What do you seek?"** (v. 38). It is the same question that the Risen One asks Mary Magdalene on Easter morning: **"Woman, whom do you seek?"** (cf. Jn 20:15). **Each of us, as a human being, is seeking: seeking happiness, seeking love, a good and full life. God the Father has given us all this in his Son Jesus.**

In this search, **the role of a true witness** — of a person who first made the journey and encountered the Lord — is **fundamental**. In the Gospel, John the Baptist is this witness. For this reason he is able to direct the disciples toward Jesus, who engages them in a new experience, saying: "Come and see" (Jn 1:39). And those two [disciples] will never forget the beauty of that encounter, to the extent that the Evangelist even notes the time of it: **"It was about the tenth hour"** (*ibid.*). **Only a personal encounter with Jesus engenders a journey of faith and of discipleship.** We will be able to experience many things, to accomplish many things, to establish relationships with many people, but **only the appointment with Jesus, at that hour that God knows, can give full meaning to our life and render our plans and our initiatives fruitful.**

It is not enough to build an image of God based on the words that are heard; **one must go in search of the divine Master and go to where he lives.** The two disciples ask Jesus, **"where are you staying?"** (v. 38). This question has a powerful spiritual meaning: **it expresses the wish to know where the Lord lives, so as to abide with him.** The life of faith consists in the wish to abide in the Lord, and thus in a continuing search for the place where he lives. This means that we are called to surpass a methodical and predictable religiosity, rekindling the encounter with Jesus in prayer, in meditating on the Word of God and in practicing the Sacraments, in order to abide with him and bear fruit thanks to him, to his help, to his grace.

Seeking Jesus, encountering Jesus, following Jesus: this is the journey. Seeking Jesus, encountering Jesus, following Jesus.

May the Virgin Mary support us in this prospect of **following Jesus, of going to abide where he lives, in order to listen to his Word of life, to adhere to him who takes away the sin of the world, to recover in him hope and spiritual impulse.**



Scriptures For The Week

Monday January 22

Vol IV Mass for peace & Justice nos 887-891

Tuesday January 23

2 Sm 6:12b-15; 17-19 Mk 3:31-35(318)

Wednesday January 24

2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20(319)

Thursday January 25

Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18(519)

Friday January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:26-34(321)

Saturday January 27

2 Sm 12:1-7a; 10-17 Mk 4:35-41(322)

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

Happy New Year 2024 to everyone. We welcome back all students to religious ed classes which resumed on January 7th. Calendars for January through May 2024 were issued on January 7th. If you didn't get it please obtain one from the Faith Formation Office.

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

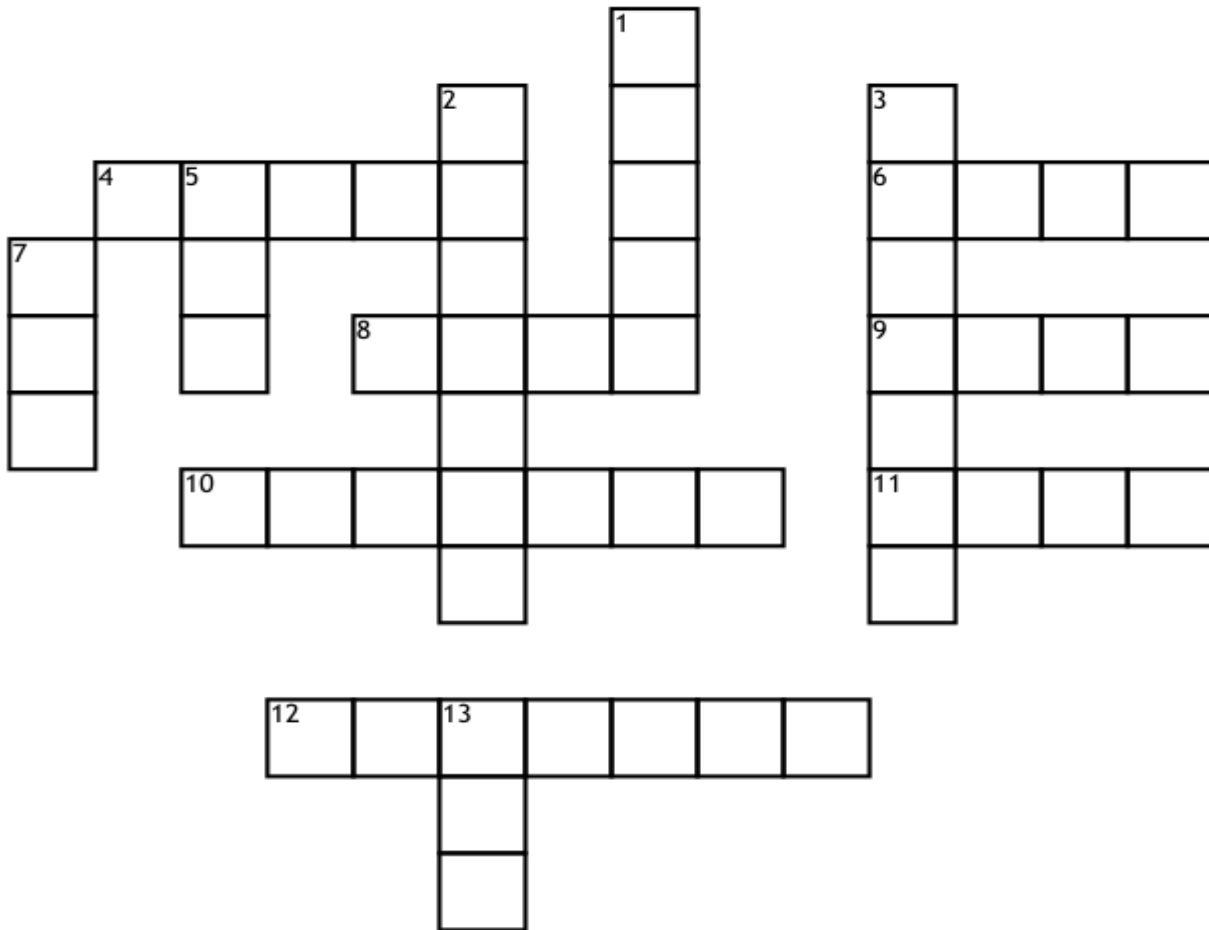
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Name: _____ Date: _____

The First Sin



Across

- 4. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God sin and _____ came into the world.
- 6. Eve was made from one of Adam's _____.
- 8. The tree of _____ was planted in the middle of the garden.
- 9. The first man's name was _____?

- 10. We find the story of Adam and Eve in which book of the Bible?
- 11. The Lord God planted a tree in _____.
- 12. Sadly Adma and Eve decided to _____ God.

Down

- 1. What fruit did Adam and Eve eat?
- 2. God gave Adam and Eve the ability to make _____.

- 3. God _____ man and put him in a beautiful garden.
- 5. God created a wife for Adam and called her _____.
- 7. When Adam and Eve realized they were naked they made clothes from _____ leaves.
- 13. Adam and Eve were created perfect and without _____.