

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 28TH 2024

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,7-9

A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.

Bible Verse for the Week

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" [1 Corinthians 10:13](#)

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, Rosemarie 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
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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: January 29

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: January 30

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: January 31

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: February 1

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: February 2

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: February 3

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: February 4

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 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

Sunday January 28

8:30 AM In Memory of Richard F. Deppert 23 years In Heaven by Wife & Son

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Frances Oliva by Nina Riti & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Natividad & Esperanza Bajada by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Mireille Boliscar & Michelle Boucher by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for The Edouard Family by Ronald Edouard

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Jean Augustin by Wife

Monday January 29

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Frances Oliva by Nina Riti & Family

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles for Valerie & Joseph Toussaint Victor by Marie Viltus Louis

Tuesday January 30

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Joan Leonard by Nina Riti & Family

Wednesday January 31

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Simon & Lyndonna Marrast by Auldeen Marrast & Family

Thursday February 1

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

Friday February 2

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

Saturday February 3

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

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by OLM

You can donate to the parish by using our electronic giving page at <https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn> Or simply text the word SUDAY to 646-736-4700 or mail your envelopes to the rectory at 757 East 86TH St Brooklyn NY 11236

From February 2023 All Mass Intentions are now \$20 each

Every Friday During lent

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30 AM Noon Service & 7:30 PM Mass

Stations of The Cross In English 6PM & Creole 7PM

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday January 28th 2024
Fourth 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 29

2 Sm 15:13-14; 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20(323)

Tuesday January 30

2 Sm 18:9-10; 14b; 24-25a; 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43(324)

Wednesday January 31

2 Sm 24:2; 9-17 Mk 6:1-6(325)

Thursday February 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4; 10-12 Mk 6:7-13(326)

Friday February 2 The Presentation of The Lord

Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40(524)

Saturday February 3

1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34(328)

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

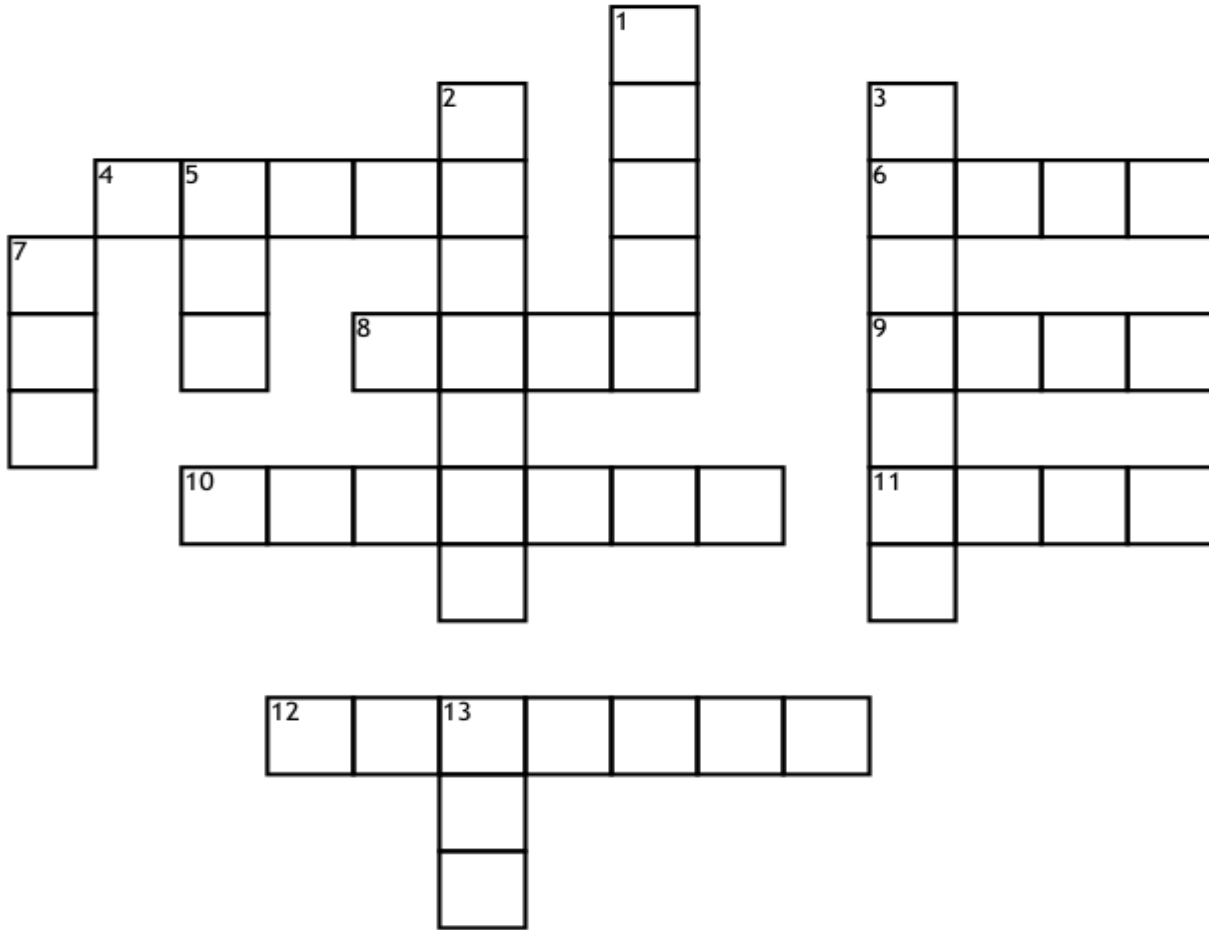
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God bless you!

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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 _____.