

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11TH 2024

First Reading

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:1-2,5,11

A prayer of contrition and confession for sin.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Bible Verse for the Week

"Let them give thanks to the LORD for his un-failing love and his wonderful deeds for man-kind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hun-gry with good things" (Psalm 107:8-9, NIV).

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
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Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	46
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	125
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	60
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	173

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: February 12

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: February 13

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: February 14

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

Thursday: February 15

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: February 16

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: February 17

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: February 18

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 February 10

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

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

Sunday February 11

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Lucette by Lucette

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Healing for Ruth Mallare by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Loving Memory of Muriel Lewis Ferdinand by her Daughter & Husband

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes by Venise Marcellin & Family

12:30 PM In Loving Memory of Maria Meo by Miguel & Florence Meo

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Wednesday February 14

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

Thursday February 15

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

Friday February 16

8:30 AM In Memory of Françoise Dorice Jasmin by Chela Lopez

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Angela Ruocco by Nina Riti & Family

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Sr Gail Trinity by Ann & Family

Saturday February 17

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

5:30 PM For All Of The Souls In Purgatory by Ann & Family

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 February 11th 2024
Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

This **Sunday**, we contemplate Jesus as the Lord who *“heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds”* (Responsorial Psalm)”

The Gospel (Mk 1:29–39) narrates us how Jesus, after preaching the Gospel, *cured many sick people of their illnesses*. Then he woke up early in the morning to pray. The Evangelist tells us the people were seeking for Him: *“Everyone is here looking for you.”* And from there, Jesus went to the nearby villages preaching and driving out demons, for this is the reason why He came into the world: to save us, to cure us, to heal us.

As Christians, we too are called to preach, evangelise, and cure the sick of body and soul, even if most of the time, we have to go against the current brought about not only by a hostile and pagan environment, but also by our own disordered passions. However, in spite of our failures, our defects, our limitations, and even our sins, we should remember what St. Paul said in the 2nd Reading: *“woe to me if I do not preach it!”* God still counts on each one of us to be an instrument of his mercy, love and salvation.

United with Christ through prayer and most especially in the Holy Eucharist, may we joyfully bear fruits of apostolate and evangelization for the salvation of the world (cf. Prayer after Communion).

2. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Ps 146).

At some point in our life we shall be all beset by problems whether they be health, financial, marriage, family, social, and/or of spiritual type. And during these dark moments of pain, anguish and suffering, we seek consolation, liberation, light and peace.

Today's liturgy encourages us to direct ourselves to Our Lord, who *heals the brokenhearted and binds our wounds*, instead of giving into despair and sadness. However, for this to occur, firm and tangible faith is necessary so as to have recourse to God and call on Him who is *all good and rich in mercy*, and who never abandons His own.

We all have a profound need not only for Christ's help, healing, peace, but above all, for redemption. This need is rooted in our own weak and limited condition which is always threatened by the mystery of sin, pain and suffering.

This is an enigma, which only in the light of the Christian faith finds its exact and salvific interpretation. A rationalist conception of life only increases the pain and anguish of man and, even, can lead him to despair.

On the contrary, the Church teaches us, as she does today in her liturgy, to consider the problem of pain in the light of divine revelation. Vatican II says:



Scriptures For The Week

Monday February 12

Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13(335)

Tuesday February 13

Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21(336)

Wednesday February 14 Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6; 16-18(219)

Thursday February 15

Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25(220)

Friday February 16

ls 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15(221)

Saturday February 17

ls 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32(22)

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

Thank you for enrolling your child for Religious Ed 2023-2024. Your Child is required to attend classes as scheduled in the calendar. Remember only three absences are allowed if you have more than three absences your child will repeat the class for the following year.

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

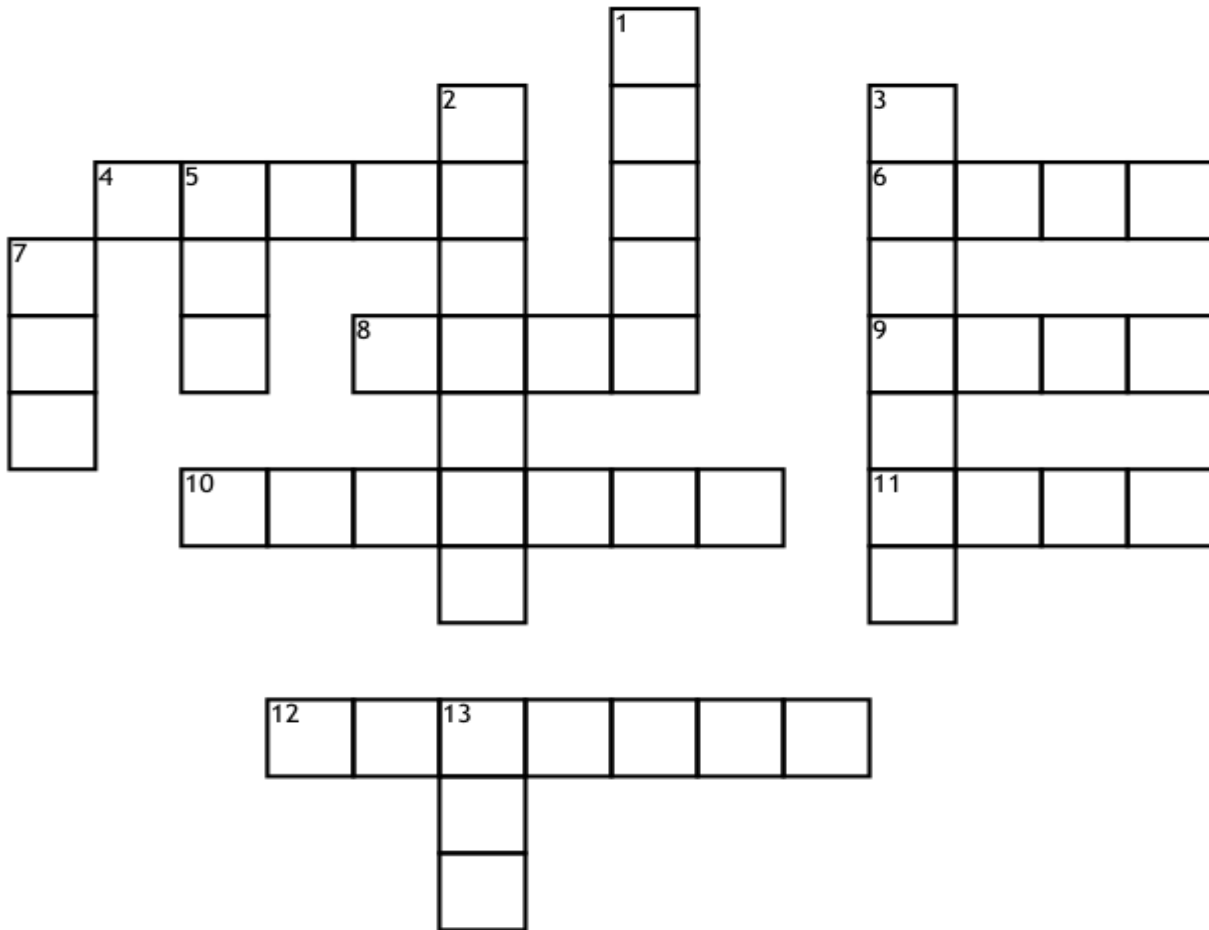
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Name: _____ Date: _____

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 _____.