

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25TH 2024

## First Reading

*Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18*

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19*

A prayer of faithfulness to God

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:31b-34*

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 9:2-10*

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

## Bible Verse for the Week

**“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” *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. 86<sup>th</sup> 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)  
1<sup>st</sup> Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25TH 2024



## 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, 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 26**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: February 27**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: February 28**

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

**Thursday: February 29**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: March 1**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: March 2**

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday: March 3**

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 24

8:30 AM For Thanksgiving by Marie Zamor

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Marcelle by Marcelle

5:30 PM Thanksgiving by The Boliscar Family

### Sunday February 25

8:30 AM In Memory of Reynoldo & Guzman Alqueza by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Lovely Maurice by Lovely Maurice

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marcelle Darbouze, Jean-Claude, Helene Agnant, Modeste & Darline Royale by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

10:30 AM 2 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Wilfred Calderon by his Granddaughter Cheryl

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Marie Noel by Marie Noel

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for the blessings of Ronald Edouard & Family by Ronald Edouard

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Jean Pierre Andre Catule by Jean Pierre Andre Catule

### Monday February 26

8:30 AM In Memory of & 1st Anniversary In Heaven for Sancha Arcaya by Her Daughters

### Tuesday February 27

8:30 AM 1st Year Anniversary In Heaven for Sancha Arcaya by Her Children

### Wednesday February 28

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Ann Stephens by Ann & Family

### Thursday February 29

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

### Friday March 1

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

### Saturday March 2

8:30 AM In Memory of Violette B. Desir by Fabiola Dodin

5:30 PM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners 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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25TH 2024

**Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday February 18th 2024  
First Sunday Of Lent**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!**

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever; and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At this point in Lent we may be feeling the beginnings of tiredness and extra temptations. It is a good point at which to remember the destination of our journey and Pope Francis reminds us again of the victory of Jesus over sin and death. He shows how "the Church points out to us the end of this journey of conversion, namely participation in the glory of Christ, which shines on the face of the obedient Servant, who died and rose for us."

It is the glory of God for which we are made; our sharing in this glory is not just the endpoint of our Lenten pilgrimage, but the whole point and purpose of our lives. This is what we were made for, to share in the glory and joy of God himself. To help us understand this, Jesus revealed his glory, or at least, as much as humanity could bear, to the disciples Peter, James and John. This event comes near the end of Jesus's life on earth and frames it, together with the event of his Baptism. Both are Trinitarian in nature; the voice of the Father is heard referring to Jesus his Son and the Holy Spirit is present. At the Baptism of the Lord, the Holy Spirit is seen in the form of a dove, but here there is a cloud from which the Father speaks. This reminds us of the cloud that directed the Israelites on their way to the Promised Land (*Ex 14:19*); it is the glory of the divine presence.

The glory of God then, is not only an encouraging, or even frightening, sight for the disciples. It has the power to prepare them for the biggest test of their faith so far. We recall how in the first reading for this Sunday, Abraham's faith is tested to the point where he is able to offer even his only son to God in obedience. Now the Apostles will be asked for an even greater acceptance of God's plan for humanity – this time, Jesus, unlike Isaac, will actually enter into death.

In his perfect obedience to the Father, Jesus is the perfect icon of the Father and thus reveals his glory. The Holy Father tells us that: "He is the fulfilment of revelation; that is why beside him appear transfigured, Moses and Elijah appear; they represent the Law and the Prophets, so as to signify that everything finishes and begins in Jesus, in his Passion and in his glory."

The light that emanated from Jesus points to the glory of the Resurrection. The Holy Father has often reflected on the Transfiguration and how this helps us prepare for the cross, knowing how there will be another face of Jesus to look on between the glory of the Transfiguration and that of the Resurrection; the face of the cross. "Between this beautiful transfiguration and that Resurrection there will be another face of Jesus. There will be a face that's not so beautiful."

You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendour of the Father.

There will always be a cross, trials in the middle, but at the end we are always led to happiness. Jesus does not deceive us, he promised us happiness and will give it to us if we follow his ways. May our Blessed Lady sustain us as we prepare to come down from the mountain and resume our desert journey to the cross and beyond.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday February 26**

*Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38(230)*

**Tuesday February 27**

*Is 1:10; 16-20 Mt 23:1-12(231)*

**Wednesday February 28**

*Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28(232)*

**Thursday February 29**

*Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31(233)*

**Friday March 1**

*Gn 37:3-4; 12-13a; 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43; 45-46(234)*

**Saturday March 2**

*Mt 7:14-15; 18-20 Lk 15:1-3; 11-32(235)*

## 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***

Thank for your generous support.

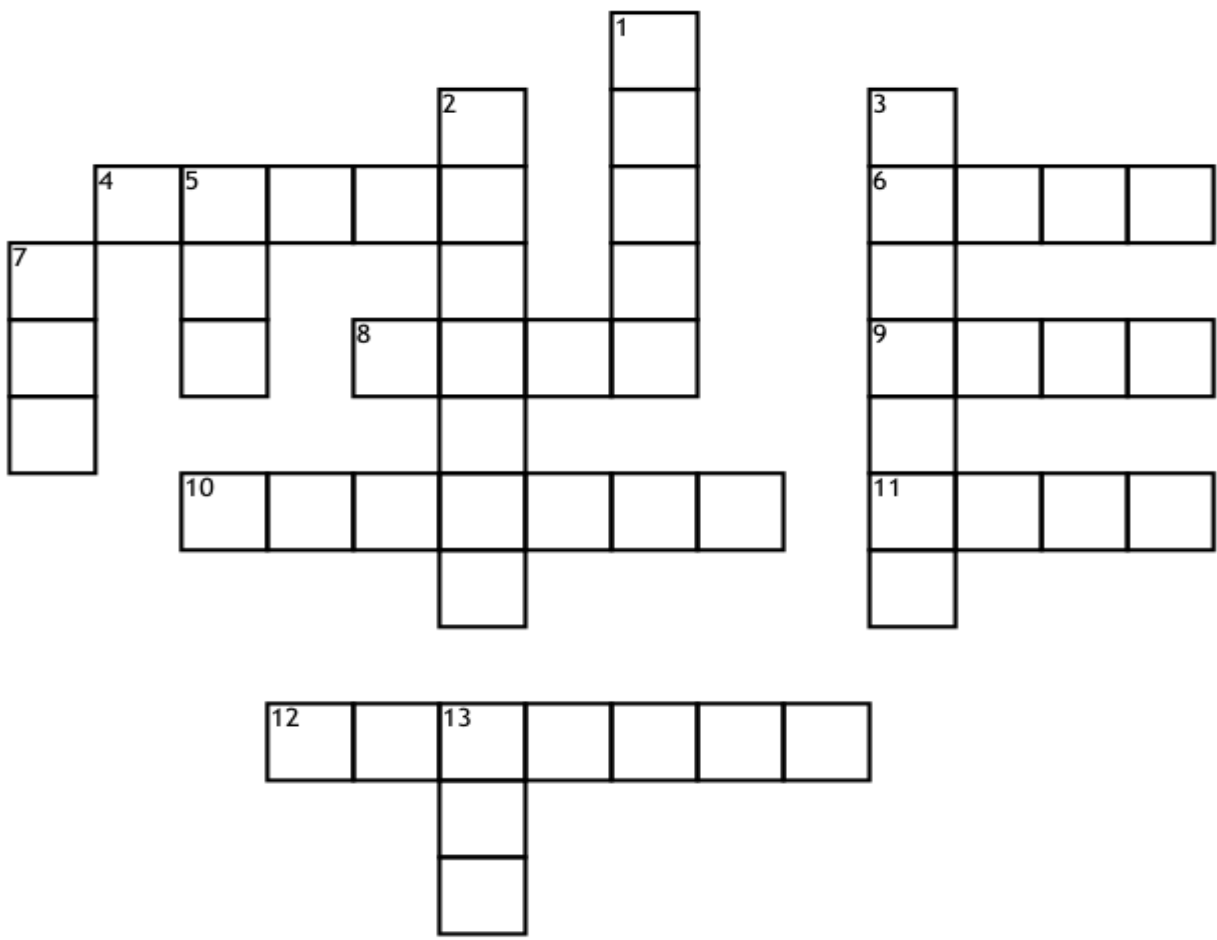
God bless you!

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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25TH 2024

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 \_\_\_\_\_.