

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3RD 2024

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter form, *Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17*)

Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11

A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

Bible Verse for the Week

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal." Isaiah 26:3-4

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, Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Maureen Ming, Dortha C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rosemarie Campa- nilla , 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 \$5,068.00

Previous Week \$4,710.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: March 4

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: March 5

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: March 6

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

Thursday: March 7

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: March 8

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: March 9

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: March 10

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 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

Sunday March 3

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

10:30 AM Angel Blessings for Anne Emmanuel by Anne

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Dieumene Isaac by Family

12:30 PM Speedy recovery for Notaire Lesly Alphonse by Family

Monday March 4

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

Tuesday March 5

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Bill Mancuso by Nina Riti & Family

8:30 AM For The Souls of the dead for Mr & Mrs Luc

Monjeune Jn Gaby, Yves Monjeune, & Other Parents by Marie Gisele Merisier

Wednesday March 6

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

Thursday March 7

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Liberata Bajada by Letecia Casipe

Friday March 8

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

Saturday March 9

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

5:30 PM Birthday In Heaven for Charles Massenat by Marie Massenat

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 March 3rd 2024

Third 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 fulfillment 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 March 4

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Lk 4:24-30(237)

Tuesday March 5

Dn 3:25; 34-43 Mt 18:21-35(238)

Wednesday March 6

Dt 4:1; 5-9 Mt 5:17-19(239)

Thursday March 7

Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23(240)

Friday March 8

Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34(241)

Saturday March 9

Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14(242)

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.

Our Lady of Miracles RC Church invites you our Lenten Retreat

On March 18th 19th & 20th at 6PM. Each day begins with Holy Rosary, and Praise/Worship songs.

THEME What distracts you from your destiny?

All are welcomed

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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.

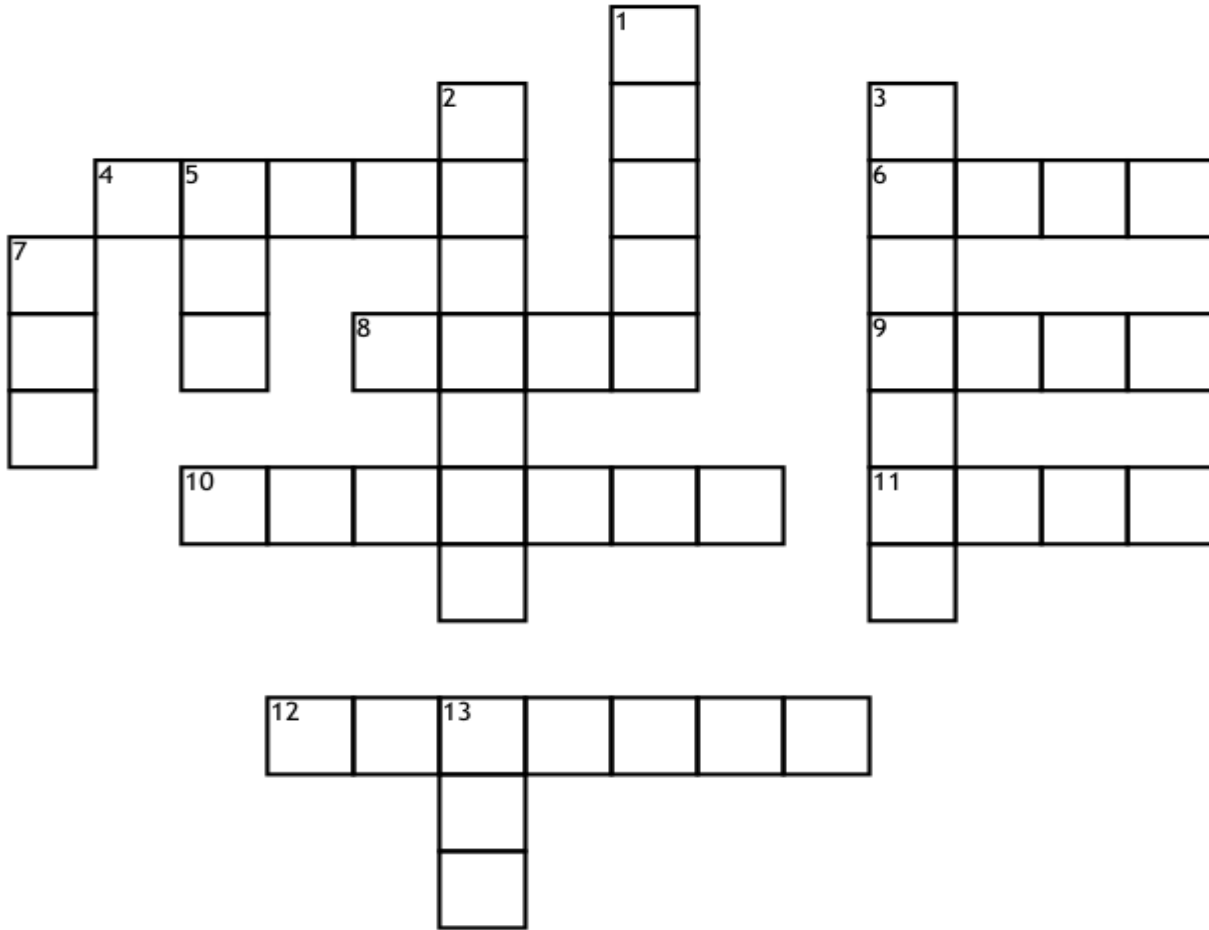
God bless you!

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

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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 _____.