

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10TH 2024

## First Reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

The causes for the Israelites' captivity in Babylon are described.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6

A lament from exile for the loss of Jerusalem

## Second Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

In grace we have been saved, so that we may do the work of the Lord.

## Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John's Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

## Bible Verse for the Week

"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." Hebrews 11:3

## 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

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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

|          |          |               |     |
|----------|----------|---------------|-----|
| 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 11**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: March 12**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: March 13**

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

**Thursday: March 14**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: March 15**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: March 16**

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday: March 17**

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 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

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Francis Jaffer by Debbie, Children, & Annie

### Sunday March 10

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help by The Menos Family

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus Christ by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Jahdonna Isaac by Lucette

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Ian Barnes by Ann & Family

10:30 AM In Memory of The Buhat Family by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Brianna Jade Alexandre by her Mother Marlande Francillon Alexandre

12:30 PM Birthday In Heaven for Maurice Guilbaud &

Birthday Blessings for Marie Ciceron by Annemarie

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Marie Datura Menos by Marie Depierro

### Monday March 11

8:30 AM In Memory of Delivrance Etienne by Gladys Jean

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Christine Kelly by cousin Ann & Family

### Tuesday March 12

8:30 AM Thanking God for all of his blessings for Kerline Desir by Kerline

### Wednesday March 13

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

### Thursday March 14

8:30 AM Happy Birthday & Gods Blessings for Aidan Gerlich by Great Aunt Nina

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Jean Robert & Soeurette Fougere by Soeurette & Jean Robert Fougere

### Friday March 15

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

### Saturday March 16

8:30 AM In Honor of St Joseph by St Joseph's Convent Alumnae Assoc NY

5:30 PM In Memory of Francoise Dorice Jasmin by Chela Lopez

5:30 PM To Our Lady of Miracles Thanksgiving for blessings received by Ann & Family

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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 10th 2024 Fourth Sunday Of Lent



*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, called “*laetare*”, that is, “rejoice”, because this is the opening antiphon of the Eucharistic liturgy that invites us to joy: “Rejoice, Jerusalem” — thus, it is a call to joy — “Be joyful, all who were in mourning”. This is how the Mass begins. What is the reason for this joy? The reason is God’s great love for mankind, as today’s Gospel passage tells us: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

These words, spoken by Jesus during the encounter with Nicodemus, summarize a theme that lies at the centre of the Christian message: even when the situation seems desperate, God intervenes, offering man salvation and joy. Indeed, God does not remain apart from us, but enters the history of mankind; he “meddles” in our life; he enters, in order to animate it with his grace and save it.

We are called to listen to this message, rejecting the temptation to value our own self-confidence, to think we can do without God, to claim absolute freedom from him and from his Words. When we find the courage to recognize ourselves for what we are — this takes courage! — we realize we are people called to take our weaknesses and our limitations into account. So it may happen that we are gripped by anguish, by anxiety about the future, by fear of illness and death.

This explains why many people, searching for a way out, sometimes take dangerous shortcuts such as, for example, the path of drugs or that of superstition or of disastrous magic rituals. It is good to know our limitations and our weaknesses; we must be aware of them, however, not in order to despair, but to offer them to the Lord. And he helps us on the path of healing; he takes us by the hand, and never abandons us, never! God is with us and for this reason I “rejoice”; we “rejoice” today: “Rejoice, Jerusalem”, [the antiphon] says, because God is with us.

And we have the true and great hope in God the Father rich in mercy, who gave us his Son to save us, and this is our joy. We also have many sorrows, but, when we are true Christians, there is the hope that is a small joy which grows and gives us certainty. We must not become disheartened when we see our limitations, our sins, our weakness: God is near; Jesus is on the Cross to heal us.

This is God’s love. To look at the Cross and tell ourselves within: “God loves me”. It is true, there are these limitations, these weaknesses, these sins, but he is greater than the limitations and the weaknesses and the sins. Do not forget this: God is greater than our weaknesses, than our infidelities, than our sins. And let us take the Lord by the hand; let us look to the Crucifix and go forward.

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, place in our hearts the certainty that we are loved by God. May she be close to us in the moments in which we feel alone, when we are tempted to surrender to life’s difficulties. May she convey to us the sentiments of her Son Jesus, so that our Lenten journey may become an experience of forgiveness, of welcome and of charity.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday March 11**

*Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54(244)*

**Tuesday March 12**

*Ez 47:1-9; 12 Jn 5:1-16(245)*

**Wednesday March 13**

*Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30(246)*

**Thursday March 14**

*Ez 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47(247)*

**Friday March 15**

*Wis 2:1a; 12-22 Jn 7:1-2; 10; 25-30(248)*

**Saturday March 16**

*Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53(249)*

## 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.

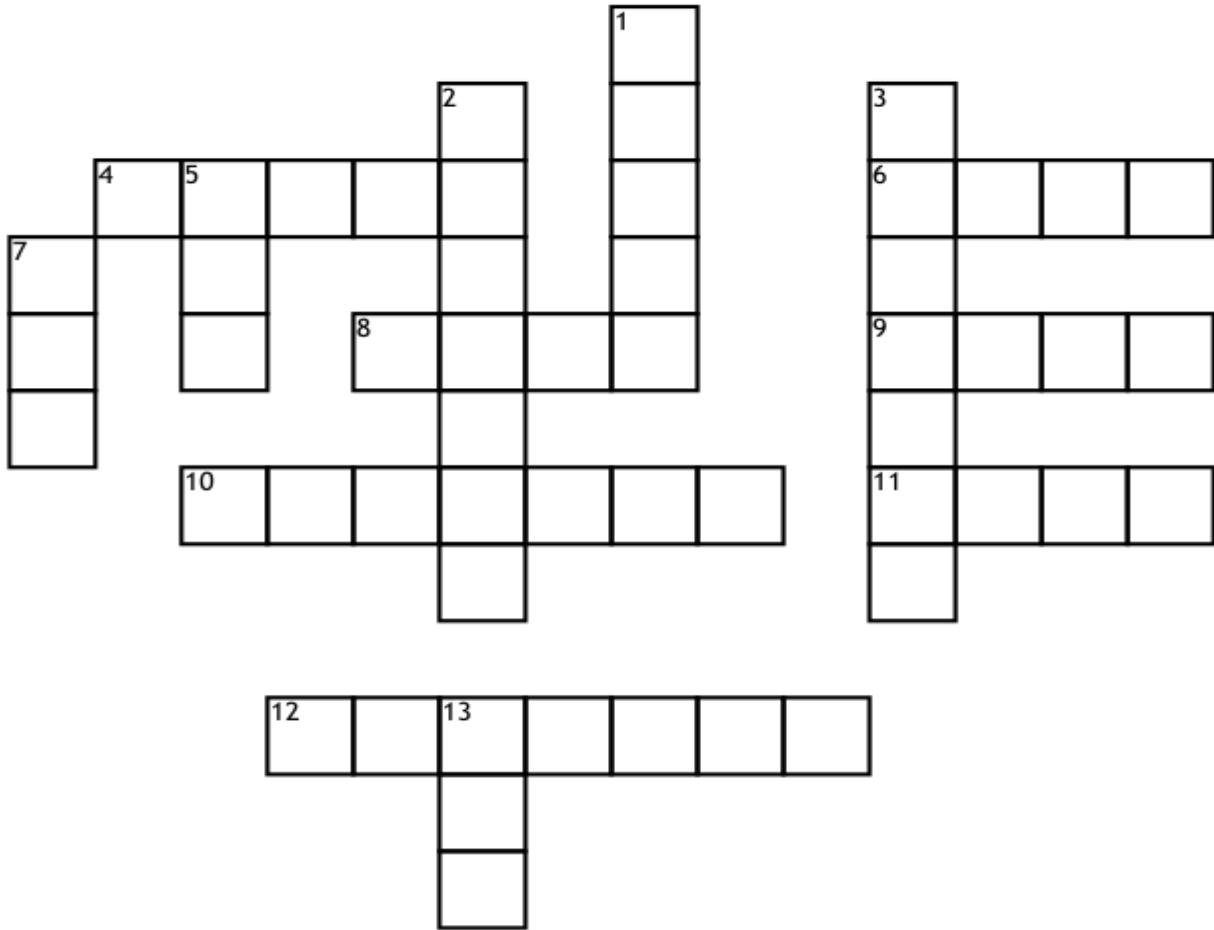
God bless you!

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.