

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17TH 2024

## First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15*

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 5:7-9*

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

## Gospel Reading

*John 12:20-33*

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

## Bible Verse for the Week

“Commit your way to the LORD ;trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn.” – Psalm 37:4, 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. 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 18**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: March 19**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: March 20**

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

**Thursday: March 21**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: March 22**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: March 23**

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday: March 24**

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 16

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

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

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

### Sunday March 17

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to St Joseph by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Mary Bain by Mary Bain & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Lionel Robert Abellard by His Wife & Family

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

10:30 AM God's Blessings for The Casipe Family by Letecia Casipe

12:30 PM Action De Grace To Our Lady of Miracles for Micheline Legerme & Family by Micheline Legerme & Family

12:30 PM In Memory of Lionel Robert Abellard by His Wife & Family

12:30 PM Action De Grace Birthday Blessings for Elysha Carmela Manuel, & Eveld Patrice Manuel by Their Mother Elsie Manuel

### Monday March 18

8:30 AM In Memory of Rose Danielle Etienne by Gladys Jean

8:30 AM Deliverance for Elie Jacques-Fils by Elie Jacques-Fils

8:30 AM In Memory of Juan Castillo by The Boliscar Family

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

### Tuesday March 19

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Josephine Ferrier by Josephine Ferrier

8:30 AM Thanksgiving For Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

### Wednesday March 20

8:30 AM Deliverance for Elie Jacques-Fils by Elie Jacques-Fils

8:30 AM Happy 4 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Maureen Francis by Her Mom, Sister, & Brother

8:30 AM Thanksgiving For Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

### Thursday March 21

8:30 AM Thanksgiving For Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

### Friday March 22

8:30 AM Deliverance for Elie Jacques-Fils by Elie Jacques-Fils

8:30 AM Thanksgiving For Prayers Answered by Chika Anuforoh

### Saturday March 23

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

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

5:30 PM In Memory of Damacene & Celie Lochard by Jocelyne Freycinet

### Every Friday During lent

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

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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday March 17th 2024 Fifth 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 18**

*Dn 13:1-9; 15-17; 19-30;33-62 Jn 8:1-11(251)*

**Tuesday March 19**

*2 Sm 7:4-5a;12-14a; 16 Lk 2:41-51a(543)*

**Wednesday March 20**

*Dn 3:14-20; 91-92; 95 Jn 8:31-42(253)*

**Thursday March 21**

*Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59(254)*

**Friday March 22**

*Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42(255)*

**Saturday March 23**

*Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56(256)*

## 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**

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

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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.**

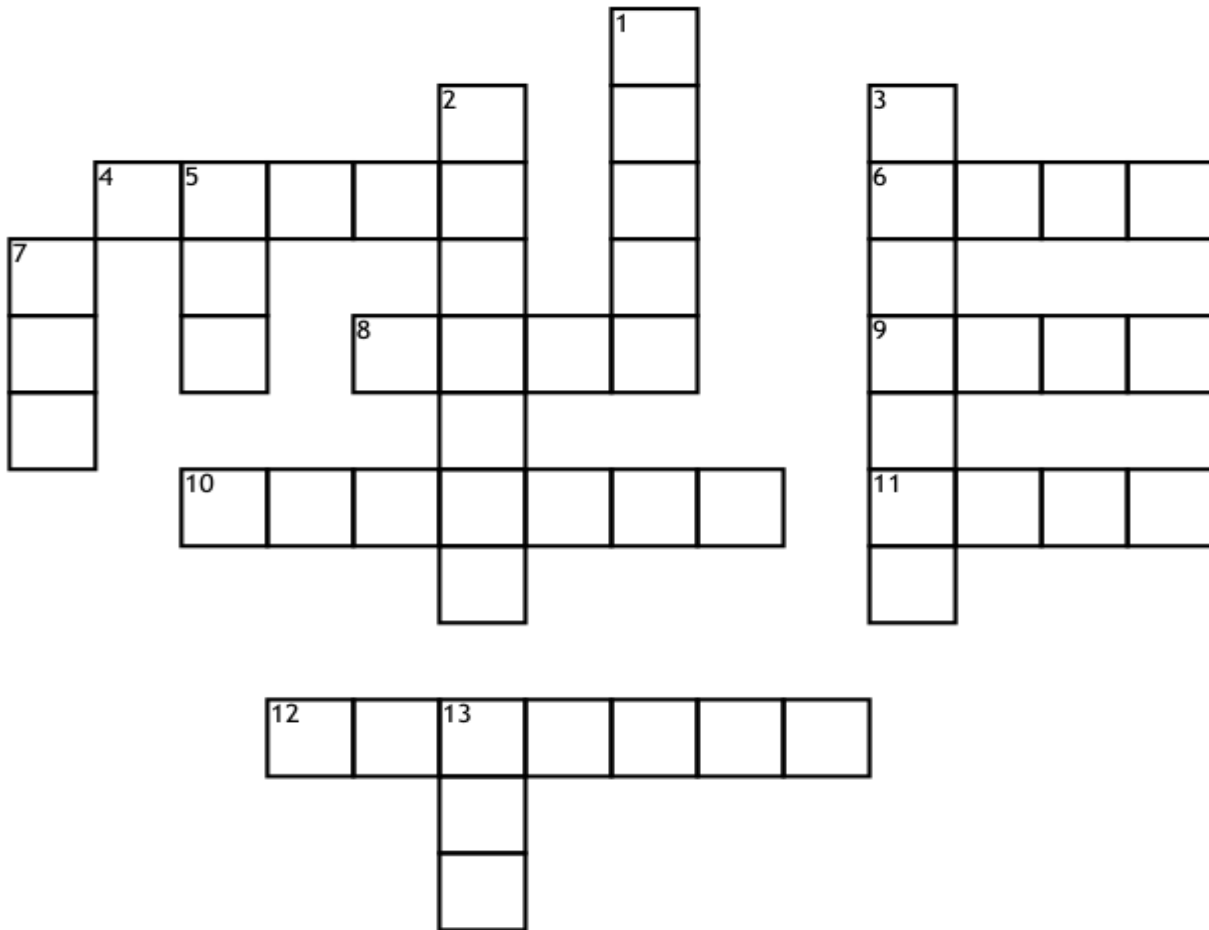
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PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTER-  
ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS  
QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE  
PRIEST AND OTHER  
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_.