

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD MARCH 31ST 2024

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Bible Verse for the Week

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

Romans 5:6-8

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, Dorthea 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: April 1

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: April 2

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: April 3

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: April 4

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: April 5

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: April 6

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: April 7

8:30 AM English Mass & 10:30 AM English Mass 12:30 PM Haitian Mass

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 30

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

5:30 PM No Mass

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday March 31

8:30 AM Healing for Ruth Mallare by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for the Despinos & Jerome Family by Yolene Despinos

10:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lord Jesus Christ by Letecia Casipe

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God for The Merisier, Boursiquot, Jn Baptiste Families by Marie Gisele Merisier

12:30 PM Baptism of Richard & Billy Augustin by Their Mom

12:30 PM Thanksgiving & God's Blessings for Ronald Edouard & Family by Ronald Edouard

Monday April 1

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Joan Leonard by Nina Riti & Family

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Herve Thelusmond by Gladys Jean

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to All Saints by Dorothee Valere

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered by Veronica Anuforoh

Tuesday April 2

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered by Veronica Anuforoh

Wednesday April 3

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings In Heaven for Celestino Mallare Jr by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered by Veronica Anuforoh

Thursday April 4

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Jean Taylor by Auldeen Marrast & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Marie Simone Champagne by Dorothee Valere

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered by Veronica Anuforoh

Friday April 5

8:30 AM For the souls of Mr & Mrs Polynice Merisier, Solange Allovie, Andrenne Etzer Merisier, & Wilfrid by Marie Gisele Merisier

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered by Veronica Anuforoh

Saturday April 6

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for prayers answered by Veronica Anuforoh

5:30 PM In Memory of Romann Freycinet & Demesmin Lochard by Jocelyne Freycinet



God's Blessings for the Casipe Family
By Letecia Casipe

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Every Friday During lent

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

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday March 31st 2024 Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, the Church repeats, sings, cries: "Jesus is risen!" But how can this be? Peter, John, and the women went to the sepulchre and it was empty; He was not there. They went with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, He whom they so loved, was executed, is dead. And no one returns from death. This is defeat; this is the path of defeat, the path to the tomb. But the Angel says to them: He is not here, He is risen". It is the first announcement:

"He is risen". And then confusion, the closed heart, the apparitions. However, the disciples remained shut in the Cenacle the whole day, because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. And the Church never ceases to say to our defeats, to our closed and fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is risen". But if the Lord is risen, how is it that these things happen? How is it that there are tragedies, sicknesses, human trafficking, slavery, wars, destructions, mutilations, vendettas, hatred? But where is the Lord?

Yesterday, I telephoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated youth, an engineer and to give him a sign of faith, I said to him: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross, God did this with His Son, and there is no other explanation". And he answered me: "Yes, but He asked the Son and the Son said yes. I wasn't asked if I wanted this". This touches us: no one of us has been asked: "But are you happy with what happens in the world? Are you ready to carry this cross ahead?" And the cross goes ahead, and faith in Jesus comes down to us. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop, Jesus is risen".

And this is not a fantasy; the Resurrection of Christ is not a feast with many flowers. This is beautiful, but it is not this, it is more; it is the mystery of the discarded stone that ends up being the foundation of our existence. It means Christ is risen. In this disposable culture where what is not useful goes the way of the disposable, where what is not useful is discarded, that stone – Jesus – is discarded and yet it is the source of life. And we too, pebbles on the ground, in this land of sorrow, of tragedies, with faith in the Risen Christ we find meaning, in the midst of so many calamities.

The meaning of looking beyond, the meaning of saying: "Look, there isn't wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead; do not close yourself up. You, pebble, you have a meaning in life because you are a pebble next to that stone, that rock that the evil of sin has discarded". What does the Church say to us today, faced with so many tragedies? This, simply. The discarded rock is not truly discarded. The pebbles that believe and attach themselves to that rock are not discarded, they have meaning, and with this sentiment the Church repeats from the depth of her heart:

"Christ is risen". Let us think a little, each one of us, of everyday problems, of the sicknesses we have experienced or that one of our relatives has; let us think of the wars, of the human tragedies and, simply, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before ourselves let us say: "I don't know how this is so, but I am sure that Christ is risen and I count on this". Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Return home today, repeating in your heart: "Christ is risen".



Scriptures For The Week

Monday April 1

Acts 2:14; 22-33 Mt 28:8-15(261)

Tuesday April 2

Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18(262)

Wednesday April 3

Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35(263)

Thursday April 4

Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48(264)

Friday April 5

Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14(265)

Saturday April 6

Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15(266)

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(2023) 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.

The Faith Formation Office wishes all Parishioners a blessed Easter Season God Bless You All

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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 2024 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

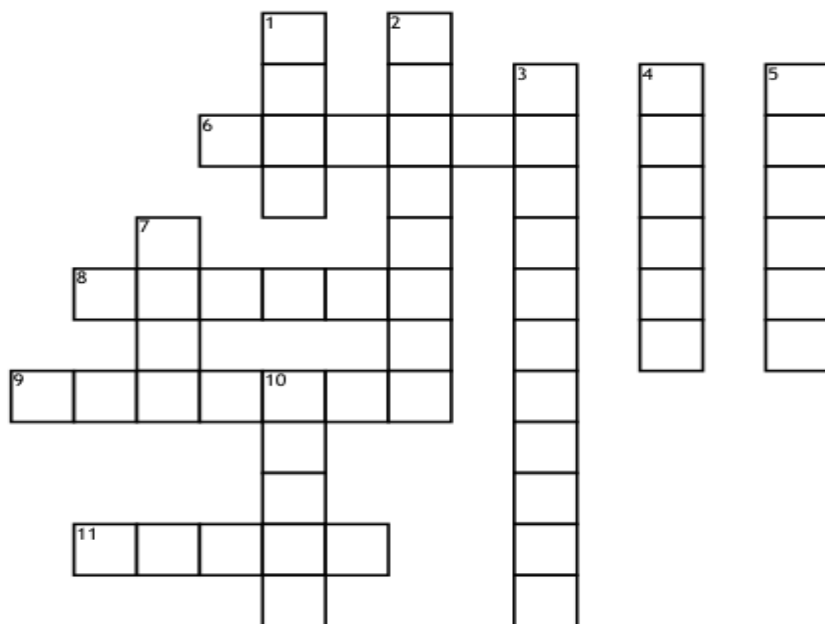
***Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 Goal at Our
Lady of Miracles R.C is \$35,000***

Thank for your generous support.

God bless you!

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PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTER-
ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS
QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE
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Bible Characters



Across

6. What bible character gave Samuel a little sleeveless coat each year?
8. What was Samson's father's name?
9. What bible character prayed not for riches, but for an obedient heart?
11. Who began to sink because they gave way to doubt?

Down

1. Who lived to be 950 years old?
2. Which son of Saul became David's close friend?

3. Who went with Isaiah to deliver a message to King Ahaz?
4. What bible character played the musical instrument tambourine?
5. Who was thrown into a lions' pit because he prayed when ordered not to?
7. Who supported his ministry by making tents?
10. Who did Jehovah inspire to write the bible books Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Job, as well as Psalm 90 and perhaps 91?