

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 7TH 2024

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24*

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

## Second Reading

*1 John 5:1-6*

Those who love God keep his commandments.

## Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-31*

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

## Bible Verse for the Week

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorned its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." *Hebrews 12:1-2*

## 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

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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

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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: April 8**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: April 9**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: April 10**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: April 11**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: April 12**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: April 13**

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday: April 14**

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 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

### Sunday April 7

8:30 AM In Memory of Wilner Kenscoff by His Son Joseph Kenscoff

8:30 AM In Memory of Nirva Jean Louis & Alice Jean Michel by Their Sisters

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for what if my god wasn't loved by Marie Louis

8:30 AM In Memory of Roland Prudhomme by his wife Marie Jean Baptiste & Children

10:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Michael Petrizzo Sr by Michael, MaryAnne, & Steve

10:30 AM Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Memory of Herbert & Venetia Blaize by Their Children

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Vanessa Pluviose by Marie Massenat

12:30 PM Action De Grace & Birthday Blessings for Wilda Sevaire by Wilda

12:30 PM In Memory of Joan P. Gilbert by Anne-Marie Bazard & Family

12:30 PM Messe de Requiem pour Icreda Midi by Francoise Midy-Joseph

### Monday April 8

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

8:30 AM For Health Deliverance & Protection for Carole Beaudouin by Carole Beaudouin

### Tuesday April 9

8:30 AM God's Blessings for the Family of Kerline Desir & Jean Germain by Kerline

### Wednesday April 10

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Marc Antoine & Brunel Louis Jr by Their Mom

### Thursday April 11

8:30 AM In Memory of Marie Chantal Domingue, & Anthony Domingue by Marie Louis

### Friday April 12

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for The Charles Family by Laurel Charles

### Saturday April 13

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

5:30 PM Thanksgiving for Taina Slynay by Josette Edouard

5:30 PM 4th Anniversary celebration for The Etincelles D' Amour by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Solange Salgado &

Michemelle Jean Michel by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday April 7th 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter



*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 8**

*Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38(545)*

**Tuesday April 9**

*Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15(268)*

**Wednesday April 10**

*Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21(269)*

**Thursday April 11**

*Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36(270)*

**Friday April 12**

*Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15(271)*

**Saturday April 13**

*Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21(272)*

## 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***

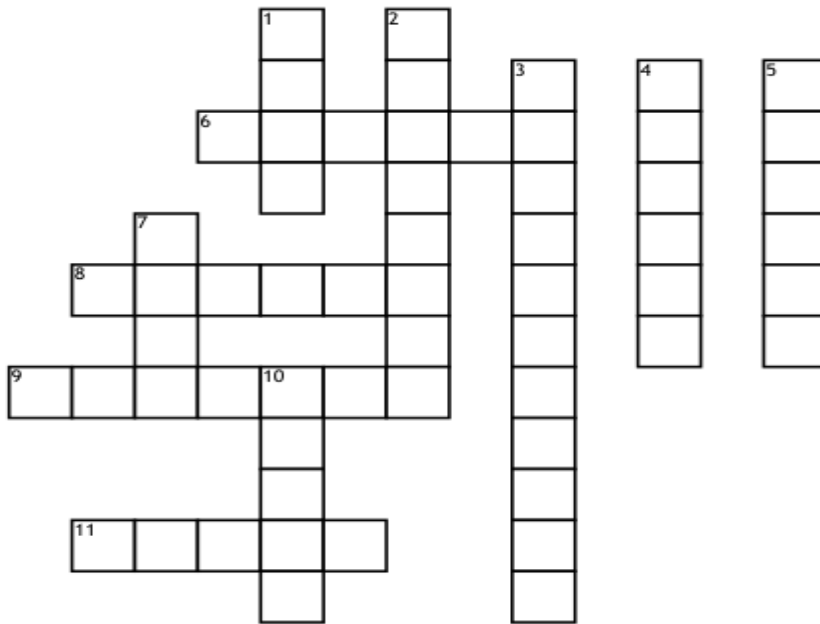
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PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTER-  
ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS  
QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE  
PRIEST AND OTHER  
PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.**



## 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?