

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28TH 2024

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32*

The whole world shall praise the Lord.

## Second Reading

*1 John 3:18-24*

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

## Gospel Reading

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

## Bible Verse for the Week

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” – Romans 8:28, KJV

## 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

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28TH 2024



## 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, Noel Toussaint

*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           | 75  |
| Sunday   | 8:30 AM  | Eng           | 180 |
| Sunday   | 10:30 AM | Eng           | 105 |
| Sunday   | 12:30 PM | French/Kreyol | 193 |

### Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$3,878.00

Previous Week \$4,785.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



### Monday: April 29

8:30 AM Mass

### Tuesday: April 30

8:30 AM Mass

### Wednesday: May 1

8:30 AM Mass

### Thursday: May 2

8:30 AM Mass

### Friday: May 3

8:30 AM Mass

### Saturday: May 4

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

### Sunday: May 5

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 27

8:30 AM In Memory of Alourde Darius, Delcarme Darius, & Monite Millien by Jean Kernizan

8:30 AM In Memory of Monique Joseph by The Joseph Family

5:30 PM In Memory of Raymond Perine by Dolce Bernadette

5:30 PM Improved Health for Ann Jacobs by Ann

5:30 PM Improved Health for Dudley & Ellie Jacobs by Mom & Family

5:30 PM Improved Health for Deborah Jaffier by Mom & Family

### Sunday April 28

8:30 AM In Memory of Vincente Jr & Rosario Cordenillo by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Memory of Province Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon

12:30 PM In Memory of Monique Joseph by The Joseph Family

12:30 PM Action De Grace pour Alex Ben Almonord by his Mother

12:30 PM In Memory of Marie Jesula Calixte by her son Andre Calixte

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving for Blessings for Ronald Edouard & Family by Ronald

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Anne Marie Bazard by Anne Marie Bazard

12:30 PM Birthday In Heaven for Yvonne Bosse Belancourt by Anne Marie Bazard 7 Family

12:30 PM In Memory of Silus Bazard by Anne Marie Bazard & Family

### Monday April 29

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Alexandra St Jean by Jeannine St Jean

### Tuesday April 30

8:30 AM For All The Souls In Purgatory by Ann Jacobs & Family

### Wednesday May 1

8:30 AM In Memory of Renaldo Alqueza by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Prosper Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon

### Thursday May 2

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Philome Joseph by Gladys Jean

### Friday May 3

8:30 AM In Memory of Eliscar Napoleon by Cryford Napoleon

### Saturday May 4

8:30 AM In Memory of Voguel Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon

5:30 PM In Loving Memory of Tracey Lee Milisse King forever in our hearts by Mom & Dad & Family

### May 2nd 2024 STAnthony

In Loving Memory of Tracey Lee Milisse King By Mom & Dad & Family



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28TH 2024

Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday April 28th 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

It is a joy for me to celebrate Mass with you in this Basilica. I greet the Archpriest, Cardinal James Harvey, and I thank him for the words that he has addressed to me. Along with him, I greet and thank the various institutions that form part of this Basilica, and all of you. We are at the tomb of Saint Paul, a great yet humble Apostle of the Lord, who proclaimed him by word, bore witness to him by martyrdom and worshipped him with all his heart. These are the three key ideas on which I would like to reflect in the light of the word of God that we have heard: proclamation, witness, worship.

In the First Reading, what strikes us is the strength of Peter and the other Apostles. In response to the order to be silent, no longer to teach in the name of Jesus, no longer to proclaim his message, they respond clearly: "We must obey God, rather than men". And they remain undeterred even when flogged, ill-treated and imprisoned. Peter and the Apostles proclaim courageously, fearlessly, what they have received: the Gospel of Jesus. And we? Are we capable of bringing the word of God into the environment in which we live? Do we know how to speak of Christ, of what he represents for us, in our families, among the people who form part of our daily lives? Faith is born from listening, and is strengthened by proclamation.

But let us take a further step: the proclamation made by Peter and the Apostles does not merely consist of words: fidelity to Christ affects their whole lives, which are changed, given a new direction, and it is through their lives that they bear witness to the faith and to the proclamation of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter three times to feed his flock, to feed it with his love, and he prophesies to him: "When you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go" (Jn 21:18). These words are addressed first and foremost to those of us who are pastors: we cannot feed God's flock unless we let ourselves be carried by God's will even where we would rather not go, unless we are prepared to bear witness to Christ with the gift of ourselves, unreservedly, not in a calculating way, sometimes even at the cost of our lives. But this also applies to everyone: we all have to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel. We should all ask ourselves: How do I bear witness to Christ through my faith? Do I have the courage of Peter and the other Apostles, to think, to choose and to live as a Christian, obedient to God? To be sure, the testimony of faith comes in very many forms, just as in a great fresco, there is a variety of colours and shades; yet they are all important, even those which do not stand out.

Worshipping him! The passage that we heard from the Book of Revelation speaks to us of worship: the myriads of angels, all creatures, the living beings, the elders, prostrate themselves before the Throne of God and of the Lamb that was slain, namely Christ, to whom be praise, honour and glory (cf. Rev 5:11-14). I would like all of us to ask ourselves this question: You, I, do we worship the Lord? Do we turn to God only to ask him for things, to thank him, or do we also turn to him to worship him? What does it mean, then, to worship God? It means learning to be with him, it means that we stop trying to dialogue with him, and it means sensing that his presence is the most true, the most good, the most important thing of all. All of us, in our own lives, consciously and perhaps sometimes unconsciously, have a very clear order of priority concerning the things we consider important. Worshipping the Lord means giving him the place that he must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing – not only by our words – that he alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before him that he is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday April 29**

*Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26(285)*

**Tuesday April 30**

*Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a(286)*

**Wednesday May 1**

*Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8(287)*

**Thursday May 2**

*Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11(288)*

**Friday May 3**

*1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14(561)*

**Saturday May 4**

*Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21(290)*

## 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

Celebration of the sacraments: 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation classes of 2023-2024.

- 4/20/2024 @ 12 noon—Retreat for confirmation at **St Laurence Church**
- 4/27/2024 @ 4PM—Reconciliation at **OLM**
- 5/4/2024 @ 5PM— Celebrating the sacrament of confirmation at **Holy Family Church**
- 5/7/2024 @ 4PM— Rehearsals for 1st Holy Communion
- 5/11/2024 @ 11AM— Celebrating the sacrament of 1st Holy Communion at **OLM**
- 5/19/2024 @ 10:30 AM— Celebrating 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation for older students at **OLM**
- 5/26/2024 - Last day of class

**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.

**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 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.

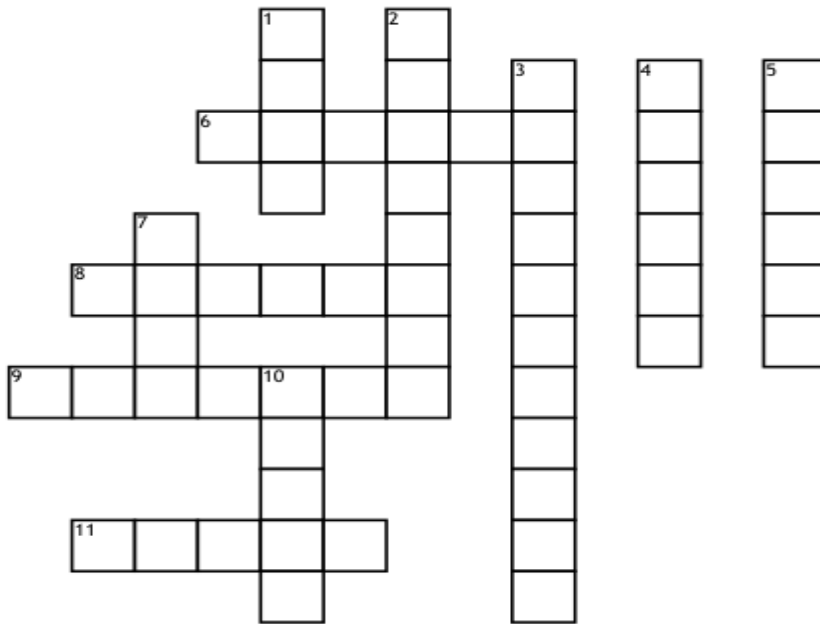
We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

***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  
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?