

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5TH 2024

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4*

A song of praise for God's salvation

## Second Reading

*1 John 4:7-10*

God is love.

## Gospel Reading

*John 15:9-17*

Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

## 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, 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: May 6**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: May 7**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: May 8**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: May 9**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: May 10**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: May 11**

**8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass**

**Sunday: May 12**

**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 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

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Violette Belanston Desir by Fabiola Dodin

### Sunday May 5

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings & In Thanksgiving for Lucette by Lucette

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Manuel Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

**10:30 AM** In Memory of Manuel Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

**10:30 AM** In Memory of Chantale Etienne & Fredine Laroche by Marie Louis

**10:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Saintonia St Juste by Simone Benoit

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Serge Napoleon by Cryford Napoleon

### Monday May 6

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

### Tuesday May 7

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Michelle Lorenzo by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** 1 Year Anniversary in Heaven for Jean Labriere by The Labriere Family

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Yole Laplace by Yole Laplace

### Wednesday May 8

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

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Rose Margrette Fredelyque by Rose

### Thursday May 9

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

### Friday May 10

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Magalie Etienne by Gladys Jean

**8:30 AM** Deliverance from The Angel Sprit by Anne Emmanuel

### Saturday May 11

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Violette Desir Belanston & Cledana Auguste Lenoard

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Regina Rugnetta by Grace & Richard Deppert

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Lomene Cazeau by Cryford Napoleon



### Bread & Wine May 5th -11th

Birthday Blessings to Michelle Lorenzo by Letecia Casipe

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday May 5th 2024  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that “the tender mercy of our God has given us one another”. The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: “In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ’s disciples [Jn 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message.

” Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today’s reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis wants to say to all believers in his new Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and be Glad). As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of “joy”, the three-fold repetition of “friends” and the nine-fold repetition of “love”. We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to “commands” and “commandments”.

We tend not to associate “commands” with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being told what to do. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as “Father”, loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God’s love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them.

This is his commandment or commission to them, and by extension to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. It means being faithful to the teaching of Jesus as he has been faithful to God’s commandments. Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation.

Jesus’ whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another. Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday May 6**

*Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a(291)*

**Tuesday May 7**

*Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11(292)*

**Wednesday May 8**

*Acts 17:15;22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15(293)*

**Thursday May 9**

*Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20(294)*

**Friday May 10**

*Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23(295)*

**Saturday May 11**

*Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28(296)*

## 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.

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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.

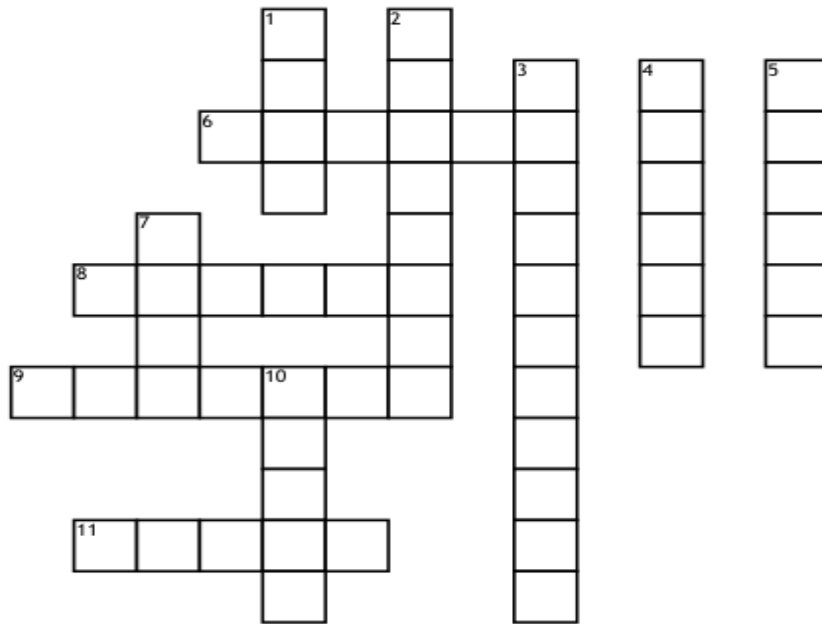
We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

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

Thank for your generous support.  
God bless you!

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL  
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?