

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4TH 2024

## First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

## Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

## Bible Verse for the Week

"We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. Commit your actions to the Lord and your plans will succeed." *Proverbs 16:1-3*

## 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 3392073089 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



## 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

Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Dorteia C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rose-marie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Tyra Plaisimond, Noel Toussaint, Anthony Cavaliere, Joseph Virgile

*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	55
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	120
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	45
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	204

### Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$3,427.00

Previous Week \$3,852.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



### Monday: August 5

8:30 AM Mass

### Tuesday: August 6

8:30 AM Mass

### Wednesday: August 7

8:30 AM Mass

### Thursday: August 8

8:30 AM Mass

### Friday: August 9

8:30 AM Mass

### Saturday: August 10

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

### Sunday: August 11

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 August 3

8:30 AM Thanksgiving In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Naika Joseph

8:30 AM In Memory of Pedro Ignacio by Josie Nover

5:30 PM No Mass Intentions

### Sunday August 4

8:30 AM In Memory of Jose, Eric, Carazon, & Sandra by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Naika Joseph

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10:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

12:30 PM In Memory of Madelaine Martina Neptune by AnneMarie Bazard & Family

12:30 PM In Memory of Lionel Abellard by Nicole Abellard

### Monday August 5

8:30 AM Healing & Good Health for Rosamund Gilkes by Susan Robinson

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Valerie Arman by Valerie

8:30 AM Prayers & All Gods Blessings for Matrisha Coriolan by Matrisha

### Tuesday August 6

8:30 AM 1 Year Anniversary in heaven for Dexter Stiell by Bernadette Stanislaus

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Huguette Pierre-Antoine

### Wednesday August 7

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Valerie Arman by Valerie

### Thursday August 8

8:30 AM In Memory of Alfred, Guiseppa, Paolina, Joann, & Charles Fusco by Brother, Sisters, & Children

### Friday August 9

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Anthony Oliva by Nina Riti, & Family

### Saturday August 10

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Adely August by Aunty Gladys Jean

5:30 PM In Memory of Germain & Lewis Johnson by Children & Grandchildren



Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes by Cyriane Richard

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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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday August 4th 2024 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

The initial scene of the Gospel in today's liturgy (see Jn 6,24-35) shows us some boats moving towards Capernaum: the crowd is going to look for Jesus. We might think that this is a very good thing, yet the Gospel teaches us that it is not enough to seek God; we must also ask why we are seeking him. Indeed, Jesus says: "You seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves" (v. 26). The people, in fact, had witnessed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, but they had not grasped the meaning of that gesture: they stopped at the external miracle, they stopped at the material bread: there only, without going beyond, to the meaning of this.

Here then is a first question we can ask ourselves: why do we seek the Lord? Why do I seek the Lord? What are the motivations for my faith, for our faith? We need to discern this, because among the many temptations we encounter in life, among the many temptations there is one that we might call *idolatrous temptation*. It is the one that drives us to seek God for our own use, to solve problems, to have thanks to Him what we cannot obtain on our own, for our interests.

But in this way faith remains superficial and even, if I may say so, faith remains miraculous: we look for God to feed us and then forget about Him when we are satiated. At the centre of this immature faith is not God, but our own needs. I think of our interests, many things ... It is right to present our needs to God's heart, but the Lord, who acts far beyond our expectations, wishes to live with us first of all in a relationship of love. And true love is disinterested, it is free: one does not love to receive a favour in return! This is self-interest; and very often in life we are motivated by self-interest.

A second question that the crowd asks Jesus can help us: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (v. 28). It is as if the people, provoked by Jesus, were saying: "How can we purify our search for God? How do we go from a magical faith, which thinks only of our own needs, to a faith that pleases God?" And Jesus shows the way: He answers that the work of God is to welcome the One whom the Father has sent, that is, welcoming Himself, Jesus. It is not adding religious practices or observing special precepts; it is welcoming Jesus, it is welcoming Him into our lives, living a story of love with Jesus. It is He who will purify our faith. We are not able to do this on our own. But the Lord wants a loving relationship with us: before the things we receive and do, there is Him to love. There is a relationship with Him that goes beyond the logic of interest and calculation.

This applies to God, but it also applies to our human and social relationships: when we seek first and foremost the satisfaction of our needs, we risk using people and exploiting situations for our own ends. How many times have we heard it said of someone; "But he uses people and then forgets about them"? Using people for one's own gain: this is bad. And a society that puts interests instead of people at its centre is a society that does not generate life. The Gospel's invitation is this: rather than being concerned only with the material bread that feeds us, let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our friendship with Him, learn to love each other. Freely and without calculation. Love given freely and without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday August 5**

*Jer 28:1-17 Mt 14:13-21(407)*

**Tuesday August 6**

*Dn 7:9-10; 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10(614)*

**Wednesday August 7**

*Jer 31:1-7 Mt 15:21-28(408)*

**Thursday August 8**

*Jer 31:31-34 Mt 16:13-23(410)*

**Friday August 9**

*Na 2:1;3 3:1-3;6-7 Mt 16:24-28(411)*

**Saturday August 10**

*2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26(618)*

## 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

**Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcomed**

**Every last Saturday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass 1000 Hail Mary's will be done by the Etincelles D'Amour Group**

**Friday August 9th 2024 at 7:30 PM**

**A English meeting will take place in the rectory at 757 East 86th St for only just the leaders of each organization**

**August 13th 2024 at 7:30 PM**

**A meeting for only the Haitian leaders of each organization will take place in the rectory at 757 East 86th St**

**September 17th 2024 at 7:30 PM**

**A meeting will take place at 757 East 86th St for only PPC, Financial, and Liturgy.**

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## Office Of Faith Formation News

The Religious Education Classes for 2023-2024 ended on JUNE 2 2024 with the celebration of CORPUS CHRISTI.

All parents and Guardians are required to register Students for 2024-2025. Any child who will be registered between June 4 2024 through August 31st will pay \$60. After this date, registration will be \$80.

Please take advantage of this discount.

I wish you all a blessed summer vacation.

Anyone including adults who want to register for any religious education should contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006 on the following office hours and days

### Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 9:30AM-4:00PM

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

**Alleluia A Grace to Hold Life's Interruptions  
A New Book by Sister Ave Clark, O.P.**

**Order from Amazon, or directly from:  
Sister Ave Clark, 718-428-2471**

**Heart to Heart Ministry  
151-58 17th Road, Whitestone, NY 11357**

**Cost per book \$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping  
Please make check payable to Sisters of St. Dominic**

**For more information Visit Heart to Heart Ministry  
Website at [www.h2h.nyc](http://www.h2h.nyc)**

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St Brooklyn NY 11236**

## **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 Word Search

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**Books of the New Testament**



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| HEBREWS     | REVELATION    |
| JAMES       | ROMANS        |
| JOHN        | THESSALONIANS |
| JUDE        | TIMOTHY       |
| LUKE        | TITUS         |

