

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 18TH 2024

## First Reading

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has set a feast before us.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7*

A prayer of praise to God for his goodness

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

Filled with the Spirit, Christians strive to follow the will of the Lord.

## Gospel Reading

*John 6:51-58*

Jesus teaches that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will live forever.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel elaborates further on the teaching that Jesus began in our liturgy last week. In that reading, the crowds wondered about how Jesus could say that he had come down from heaven because they knew Jesus to be the son of Joseph. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread sent by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world.

Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world.

To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept what he said. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

## Bible Verse for the Week

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

*Matthew 19:26*

## 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 and periodic special programs

Why: To pray, learn and share

How: Call (339) 207- 8069 on Mondays and

Thursdays at 7:00PM ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please note: Our meetings have been suspended for the rest of the summer. We will resume on Monday, September 9th at 7:00PM.

## 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)

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## Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Dorthea 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
Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	60
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	125
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	55
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	225

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$3,440.00

Previous Week \$3,427.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



Monday: August 19

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: August 20

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: August 22

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: August 23

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: August 24

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: August 25

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: August 26

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 17

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Junie Desmarattes by her Sister Gladys Jean

5:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory by Ann & Family

### Sunday August 18

8:30 AM Healing for Ruth Mallare by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Memory of Beverly Calderon-Fernandez & Rita DeVerteuil by Cheryl

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Florence Meo by Kayla & Jonathan Meo

12:30 PM In Memory of Denise Paulemon by Sr Marie France

12:30 PM In Memory of Marie J. Pinchinat by her husband Fleurissant Antoine

### Monday August 19

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Tuesday August 20

8:30 AM In Loving Memory of Eviton Charles by his family

### Wednesday August 21

8:30 AM For The Repose Soul of Ivy Alexander by Prisca Alexander

### Thursday August 22

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Friday August 23

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Kenrick Barnes by Ann & Family

### Saturday August 24

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for the blessings of good Health & Life by Anne & Marc

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Njomo Mwaura by Auldeen Marrast & Family

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 18th 2024 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Stories continue to come out of China, from time to time, of the heroic efforts of the few bishops and priests to keep the Faith alive and nourish the underground Church. One such story tells of a priest who lives and works as an unskilled worker. By means of ore-arranged sign language, he gets messages around of where he is to be found – usually in the corner of a local market ostensibly selling soap. Customers who, like the early Christians, give a secret sign, are given a piece of soap, between the wrappings of which is hidden a small wafer of consecrated bread. The Chinese Christian takes his purchase home and usually, after a short family service, receives Communion.

What a beautiful story. Even if Chinese Christians are in danger of being caught and imprisoned by Chinese government authorities that declared the Catholic Church as outlawed, still Catholic Christians continue receiving Jesus as the living bread in spite of the danger of being punished

At first glance, our gospel today talks about Jesus, our bread because he is the Word of God who became man and nourish us. But later, this gospel talks more about the Eucharist because the word flesh is mentioned. Jesus said: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink,” (vv. 54-55)

The Jewish were surprised by these words of Jesus. They said: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” (v.52). It is because to partake of the blood of animals is a big, big no to them. This can be found in the book of Leviticus that says: “And if anyone, whether of the house of Israel or of the aliens residing among them, partakes of any blood, I will set myself against that one who partakes of blood and will cut him off from among his people,” (17:10). And here Jesus is offering himself to them as food. As for teenager’s expression today, “Yaks! Kadiri!” Jesus insists on what he has declared. He is not speaking symbolically but literally. That is why in the early church, Christians were being accused of being cannibals because they ate the flesh and drank the blood of Jesus during their community gathering. In our local language, they are *aswangs* (witch or vampire). They speak of Christians as enemies of human race.

Jesus gives us his body and blood, literally, as our food for eternal life. It is because Jesus did not say: “For the symbol of my flesh is true food and the symbol of my blood is true drink.” He invites us to partake of his body and blood. His body is present in the bread and his blood is present in the cup of wine.

A priest said that actually there are more people with a dirty tongue than with dirty hands. Others say that receiving Jesus by the hands is a sign of Christian maturity for only children are fed. In can also mean that by receiving Body of Jesus by the hands, it strengthens not our tongue but our hands because our Christian living should be expressed more in what we do than in what we say. Anyway the early Christians received communion by the hands.

To make our Mass complete: we should be punctual for Jesus invites us, we participate actively in the singing and praying, we dress properly, we genuflect or bow before the Blessed Sacrament upon entering or leaving the church; we do not talk to ur seatmates, we control our children and we feel responsible for the orderliness and cleanliness of the church. It is because the one with us is from heaven.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday August 19**

*Ez 24:15-23 Mt 19:16-22(419)*

**Tuesday August 20**

*Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30(420)*

**Wednesday August 21**

*Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16(421)*

**Thursday August 22**

*Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14(422)*

**Friday August 23**

*Ez 37:1-14 Mt 22:34-40(423)*

**Saturday August 24**

*Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51(699)*

## 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**

**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.**

**We will be having a Novena in honor of St Michael the Archangel from September 20th through September 28th at 7:00PM The Feast Day, Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 PM. St Michael the Archangel, pray for us.**

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## Office Of Faith Formation News

Welcome to the Religious Education year 2024-2025 classes begin on September 8th. From 2024 onwards classes begin at 8:45 AM to 10:15 AM. All children and their parents are required to attend the 10:30 AM Mass.

All Parents and Guardians of children receiving Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2025 have a mandatory meeting on September 8th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center

To register for Religious Education classes you can take and fill out forms in the back of the church and put these forms back into the basket in the back of the church.

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.**

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

