

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25TH 2024

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32 (or shorter form Ephesians 5:2a,25-32)

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Bible Verse for the Week

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." **James 1:17**

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. 86th 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)

1st Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

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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, Edward Kessler, 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	50
Sunday	8:30 AM Eng	80
Sunday	10:30 AM Eng	55
Sunday	12:30 PM French/Kreyol	212

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 26

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: August 27

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: August 28

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: August 29

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: August 30

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: August 31

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: September 1

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 24

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Clement Clermont, Dickens Kernizan, & Carmen Yves St Louis by Jean Kernizan

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to God by Naika Joseph

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

Sunday August 25

8:30 AM Wedding Anniversary for Tonia & Joseph Kenscoff by Angelica & Emmanuel Kenscoff

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings to Marites Lorenzo by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Emelda, Joseph & Albert Modeste by Felicity Modeste

8:30 AM Healing for Rosamund Gilkes by Susan Robinson

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for good health by Michmel

8:30 AM In Memory of Patricia De-verteuil & Rhonda De-verteuil by Daughter & Sister

10:30 AM Thanksgiving for Rosemay Pierre-Louis by Rosemay

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Florence Meo & Roberta Fleurisca by The Etincelles D' Amour Group

10:30 AM All God's Blessings for Jeany Madelene Lochard by her Mom Louise

10:30 AM In Thanksgiving to God by Naika Joseph

12:30 PM Wedding Anniversary for Jean & Andrelemer Augustin by The Augustin Family

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to Ronald Edouard & Family by Ronald Edouard

12:30 PM Prayer for Lesly Alphonse & Family by The Alphonse Family

Monday August 26

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Paulette Joseph by Naika Joseph

8:30 AM In Memory of Lucene Jervais by Marie Tabuteau

8:30 AM For All The Saints & Daily Deliverance by Marie Tabuteau

Tuesday August 27

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Massenat by Marie Massenat

Wednesday August 28

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Bernadette Williams by Susan

Thursday August 29

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Friday August 30

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Josephine & Jarrad Mancuso by Nina Riti & Family

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Jarrad Mancuso by Nina Riti & Family

Saturday August 31

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

5:30 PM No Mass Intentions



Birthday In Heaven for Kenrick Barnes by Ann & Family

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday August 25th 2024 Twenty-First 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 26

2 Thes 1:1-5; 11-12 Mt 23:13-22(425)

Tuesday August 27

2 Thes 2:1-3a; 14-17 Mt 23:23-26(426)

Wednesday August 28

2 Thes 3:6-10; 16-18 Mt 23:27-32(427)

Thursday August 29

1 Cor 1:1-9(428) Mk 6:17-29(634)

Friday August 30

1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13(429)

Saturday August 31

1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30(430)

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

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

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 Starting from September 1st and on the office days and hours will be on Friday, and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Our office Days and Hours

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Saturday 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

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A New Book by Sister Ave Clark, O.P.**

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Sister Ave Clark, 718-428-2471**

**Heart to Heart Ministry
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**Cost per book \$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping
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Website at www.h2h.nyc**

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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 ENTERING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.



Bible Word Search

Apostles / Disciples



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