

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses tells the Israelites to observe the commandments that God gave them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15:2-3,3-4,4-5

Those who do justice will find favor with God.

Second Reading

James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

James teaches that Christians should be doers of the Word.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark’s Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John’s report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark’s report of this event.

In today’s Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark’s community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus’ teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God’s Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees’ language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person’s life.

If we read today’s Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus’ teaching

Bible Verse for the Week

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” – Ephesians 2:8, ESV

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1ST 2024



Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Dortehea 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	60
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	125
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	55
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	230

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: September 2

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 3

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 4

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 5

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 6

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 7

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: September 8

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 31

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

5:30 PM In Memory of Claudie Duchatelier by Florence Meo

Sunday September 1

8:30 AM Happy Birthday to Joseph Kenscoff by His Wife & Kids

8:30 AM In Memory of Celestino Jr, Rudolfo, & Belin Mallare by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM 2nd Birthday in heaven for Jennette M Barrington by her daughter Debra Cesaire

10:30 AM 3 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Anne Robillard by Marie, Patrick, & Carmelle

12:30 PM In Memory of Alene & Gulie Marcelin, & Wilda & Wilhelen Reimers by Venise Marcelin

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving to All The Saints by Venise Marcelin

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Yanick Lambert by Yanick Lambert

Monday September 2

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Adeline Chanlatte by Gladys Jean

Tuesday September 3

8:30 AM In Memory of Dadilia Balthazar by Nandslie Jean Louis, her daughter

Wednesday September 4

8:30 AM Wedding Anniversary for Gladys & Favrol Jean by his wife Gladys Jean

Thursday September 5

8:30 AM Anniversary in Heaven for Bernadette Williams by Susan

Friday September 6

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Saturday September 7

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Norma Fequiere by Norma Fequiere



2nd Heavenly Birthday in heaven for Jennette M Barrington by her daughter Debra Cesaire



In Memory of Skylah Davenport By her Grandma Debra Cesaire

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 1st 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

The Gospel for today's liturgy shows a few scribes and Pharisees amazed by Jesus' attitude. They are scandalized because his disciples pick up food without first performing the traditional ritual ablutions. They think among themselves "*This way of doing things is contrary to the religious practice*" (cf. Mk 7:2-5).

We too can ask ourselves: **why do Jesus and his disciples disregard these traditions?** After all, they are not bad things, but good ritual habits, simple washings before eating. **Why doesn't Jesus attend to it? Because for Him it is important to bring faith back to its centre.**

In the Gospel we see it repeatedly: this bringing faith back to the centre. **And to avoid a risk, which applies to those scribes as well as to us: to observe outward formalities, putting the heart and the faith in the background.** Many times we too "put makeup" on our soul. **Outward formality and not the heart of faith: this is a risk.** It is the risk of *a religiosity of appearances: looking good on the outside, while failing to purify the heart.* There is always the temptation to "organize God" with some outward devotion, but **Jesus does not settle for this worship. Jesus does not want outward appearances, he wants a faith that touches the heart.**

In fact, immediately afterwards, he calls the people back to speak a great truth: "*there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him*" (v. 15). Rather, it is "*from within, out of the heart*" (v. 21) **that evil things are born.** These words are revolutionary, because in the mindset of the time it was thought that certain foods or external contacts would render one impure. Jesus reverses the perspective: **what comes from the outside does not do harm, but rather, what is born from within.**

We often think that evil comes mainly from the outside: from other people's conduct, from those who think badly of us, from society. **How often we blame others, society, the world, for everything that happens to us! It is always the fault of "others":** it is the fault of people, of those who govern, of misfortune, and so on. **It seems that problems always come from the outside. And we spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time.** We become angry, bitter and keep God away from our heart. Like those people in the Gospel, who complain, who are scandalized, who cause controversy and do not accept Jesus. **One cannot be truly religious in complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness, that of the heart, which closes the door to God.**

Blaming ourselves. How many of us, during the day, in a moment during the day or a moment during the week, are able to blame ourselves within? "Yes, this one did this to me, the other one ... that is barbarity...". But me? I do the same thing, or I do it this way.... **It is wisdom: learning to blame yourself. Try to do it, it will do you good. It does me good, when I manage to do so, but it is good for us, it everyone good.**

May the Virgin Mary, who changed history through the purity of her heart, help us to purify our own, by overcoming first and foremost the vice of blaming others and complaining about everything



Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 2

1 Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30(431)

Tuesday September 3

1 Cor 2:10b-16 Lk 4:31-37(432)

Wednesday September 4

1 Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44(433)

Thursday September 5

1 Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11(434)

Friday September 6

1 Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39(435)

Saturday September 7

1 Cor 4:6b-15 Lk 6:1-5(436)

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

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

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**Heart to Heart Ministry
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**Cost per book \$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping
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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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