

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Isaiah prophesies about God’s vindication.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10*

A song of praise to God

**Second Reading**

*James 2:1-5*

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 7:31-37*

Jesus restores a man’s hearing and speech.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today’s reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus’ healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God’s grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark’s Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman’s great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus’ own mission affirms the early Church’s mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark’s Gospel and is sometimes called the “messianic secret.”

**Bible Verse for the Week**

**“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” Philipians 2:3–4**

**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)

*1<sup>st</sup> Sun ... Eng/French/Creole*

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 8TH 2024



## 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
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Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	55
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	135
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	55
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	215

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 9**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: September 10**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: September 11**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: September 12**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: September 13**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: September 14**

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday: September 15**

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 September 7

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

### Sunday September 8

8:30 AM Happy Birthday to Heyward Elmore by His Son & Daughter

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Vincente Sr, & Jr & Rosario Cordenillo by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Pierre C. Etienne by Resienne Etienne

10:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Concetta Petrizzo by Michael, MaryAnne, & Steve

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving to Marie Viltus Louis, & Patrick Louis by Marie Viltus Louis

10:30 AM In Memory of Glenwood & Jennette M Barrington by Their Daughter Debra Cesaire

12:30 PM In Liberation for Micheline Vassor by Emile

### Monday September 9

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings to Stacy Line by Aunty Gladys

### Tuesday September 10

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Wednesday September 11

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

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr Hugues Berrette by Gladys Jean

### Thursday September 12

8:30 AM Wedding Anniversary for Augustin & Chantal Alexis by Augustin & Chantal Alexis

### Friday September 13

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Saturday September 14

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

5:30 PM Birthday In Heaven for Camille Kelly by Ann & Family

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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 8th 2024 Twenty-Third 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 9**

*1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11(437)*

**Tuesday September 10**

*1 Cor 6:1-11 Lk 6:12-19(438)*

**Wednesday September 11**

*1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26(432)*

**Thursday September 12**

*1 Cor 8:1b-7; 11-13 Lk 6:27-38(440)*

**Friday September 13**

*1 Cor 9:16-19; 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42(441)*

**Saturday September 14**

*Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17(638)*

## 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.**

**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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## **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.**



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