

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God’s help.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one’s works.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s reading is the turning point in Mark’s Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus’ disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today’s reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ’s disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus’ words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

Bible Verse for the Week

"If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." **2 Chronicles 7:14**

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 15TH 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	65
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	100
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	152
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	216

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 16

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 17

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 18

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 19

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 20

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 21

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: September 22

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 14

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

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

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Brent & Sydney Bowen & Trevor Edwards by Sheila Bowen

Sunday September 15

8:30 AM In Memory of Father Mike Aмоса by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM No Mass Intentions

12:30 PM In Memory of Andree Gay Jean & Francois Avin by Dr Nadege Avin

Monday September 16

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Therese G Bazile by Chantal Alexis

Tuesday September 17

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Elli Jacobs by Grandma & Family

Wednesday September 18

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Thursday September 19

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Friday September 20

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Annelle Etienne by her Sister Gladys Jean

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Maureen Kelly-Clarke by Ann & Family

Saturday September 21

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Xavier Antoine by Anne

5:30 PM In Memory of Delani Jacobs by Mom, Debbie, & 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 September 15th 2024 Twenty-Fourth 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 16

1 Cor 11:17-26; 33 Lk 7:1-10(443)

Tuesday September 17

1 Cor 12:12-14;27-31a Lk 7:11-17(444)

Wednesday September 18

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 7:31-35(445)

Thursday September 19

1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50(446)

Friday September 20

1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3(447)

Saturday September 21

Eph 4:1-7;11-13 Mt 9:9-13(643)

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**

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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

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