

## First Reading

*Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

The just one is put to the test.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8*

A prayer for God's protection.

## Second Reading

*James 3:16—4:3*

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

## Bible Verse for the Week

**“Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised”** [Hebrews 10:35-36](#)

## 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**

**Infant Baptisms will take place on the 4th Saturday of each month at 12PM**



## 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 22ND 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

Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	55
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	110
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	135
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	210

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 23**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: September 24**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: September 25**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: September 26**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: September 27**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: September 28**

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

**Sunday: September 29**

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 21

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Xavier Antoine by Anne

5:30 PM In Memory of Delani Jacobs by Mom, Debbie, & Family

### Sunday September 22

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Alvin Baptiste by Theresa Baptiste & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Manuel, Alicia, & Rifino Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM No Mass Intentions

12:30 PM Messe De Requiem for Francois Favol Jean for the repose of his soul by his wife Gladys Jean

12:30 PM All God's Blessings for Joseph U. Azor by His Family

### Monday September 23

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Jacqueline Esposito by Nina Riti & Family

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

### Tuesday September 24

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Wednesday September 25

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Thursday September 26

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Friday September 27

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

### Saturday September 28

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Fr Andre Bain by His Mom

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

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Chantal M. Alexis by Augustin Alexis

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 22nd 2024 Twenty-Fifth 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 23**

*Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18*

**Tuesday September 24**

*Prv 21:1-6; 10-13 Lk 8:19-21(450)*

**Wednesday September 25**

*Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6(451)*

**Thursday September 26**

*Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9(459)*

**Friday September 27**

*Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22(453)*

**Saturday September 28**

*Eccl 11:9—12:8 Lk 9:43b-45(454)*

## 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.**

## Office Of Faith Formation News

Welcome to the Religious Education year 2024-2025 classes begin on September 8th. From 2024 onwards classes begin at 8:30 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 continuing with religious education in 2025 have a mandatory meeting on September 22nd 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 or 646-348-0343 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

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### 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  
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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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