First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24 God creates woman from Adam's rib.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6 A prayer for God's blessing

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11 Christ was made perfect through suffering so that we might all be consecrated.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 (shorter form Mark 10:2-12) Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in <u>Deuteronomy</u> <u>24:1-5</u>. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel

<u>Bible Verse for the Week</u>

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

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, deaconate 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. 86th St. & Flatlands Ave.)
Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)
Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)
10:30 AM (Eng.)
12:30 PM (French/Creole)

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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) Ist Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 6TH 2024

Saturday October 5

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for his blessings by Naika Joseph5:30 PM No Mass Intentions

Sunday October 6

8:30 AM In Memory of The Bajada Family by Letecia Casipe **8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to God for his blessings by Naika Joseph

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Rosario Lim by Letecia Casipe **10:30** AM Birthday Blessings for Marilyn Saint-Vil by Mom, Dad & Family

10:30 AM 10 year anniversary in heaven for Claire Celie Johnson by her daughter Michaelle Felix

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Cheryl Ramdeenhackshaw by her Aunt Tricia Calderon

12:30 PM In Loving Memory of Francois Farvol Jean by his wife Gladys Jean

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Soeurette Fougere by Gladys Jean

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Richenel Ostine by Carline Ostine

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Marie Henry by Marie

Monday October 7

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Geraldine Belfon by Auldeen Marrast & Family

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Gillian & Patrick Bain by Their Mom

Tuesday October 8

8:30 AM Happy Birthday In Heaven for Randall Robert by his Mom Rose Vincent8:30 AM In Memory of Alfred Guiseppe, Paolina, Joann &

Charles Fusco by Brother, Sisters, & Children

Wednesday October 9

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Castana Andre Etienne by Gladys Jean

Thursday October 10 8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Friday October 118:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Maria Bajada by Letecia Casipe

Saturday October 12

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God In Honor of Our Lady of Miracles by Naika Joseph5:30 PM No Mass Intentions

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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, Rosemarie 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	63
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	110
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	106
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	182

Weather: Sunny DayOur weekly goal is\$4850.00This Weeks Total was\$3,440.00Previous Week\$3,427.00Your generosity is greatly appreciatedSecond Collection

Coming Up This Week

Monday: October 7 8:30 AM Mass Tuesday: October 8 8:30 AM Mass Wednesday: October 9 8:30 AM Mass Thursday: October 10 8:30 AM Mass Friday: October 11 8:30 AM Mass Saturday: October 12 8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass Sunday: October 13 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

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday October 6th 2024 Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both of them are manifestations of the fact that God has no favorite (Act 10, 34). He chooses and uses those that please him for his mission. It also proves that the Spirit of God is the one that empowers to do good. In both readings, we see men outside the "*camp and the group of disciples*" prophesying and preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit; and also casting out devils in the name of Jesus respectively. We also see the zealous and envious disciples getting afraid and worried. Being afraid for their own positions and the authority of their masters, they made efforts to stop them from participating in the ministry and mission of God.

In both cases, Moses and Jesus refused to yield to the fears and request of their disciples. This is because, it is in line with the will of God that all men should receive the spirit of God and be motivated to do good works. This good work includes, prophesying and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. This was why Moses responded: "...*If* only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and, the Lord gave his Spirit to them all." And Jesus told his disciples: "You must not stop him; No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me..." So for both Moses and Jesus, it was a good development. Their responses to their disciples simply show that they were opposed to the spirit of envy over the gifts of others. It also shows how modest and meek their hearts are.

Today, James warns us against oppression, suppressions and injustices of all kinds against the weak, the poor and those who do not belong to our, group, fold or class. Rather than oppress and suppress them, we should build and, help them to grow up physically and spiritually. We should not strangle the true spirit of God at work in others due to envy or by being overzealous. Doing this means being unjust like the oppressive rich that James condemned in today's second reading. Rather, we should be messengers of justice, peace, progress, charity, mercy and compassion. This is what the Holy Father Pope Francis is calling all Christians and Catholics at all levels of faith to do.

Rather than oppress and suppress others and their gifts, we should do everything possible to uplift their human dignity. To do this we must be open and docile to the spirit of God. Like the disciples of both Moses and Jesus in our readings today, while being zealous in God's work, we must avoid the fear of losing our positions or authority. We must also avoid envy which moves us to try to suppress God's gift to others. Instead, we should read the signs of the times and allow God to be God in his people

Finally, another important lesson we must learn today is that God works in mysterious ways and does not reason like us humans. Hence, he tells us through the prophet Isaiah: "My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts. Just as the heavens are higher than the sky so are my thoughts and my ways higher than yours" (Ish 55, 8-9). This is simply to say that by allowing his spirit to operate in those outside the camp of Moses and the disciples of Jesus, God sees much better than us humans. He chooses whoever he wants and empowers him or her for his mission. Also, it is his desire that all of us his children be filled with his spirit in order to work for the establishment of His Kingdom in all hearts.

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Scriptures For The Week

Monday October 7 Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37(461) Tuesday October 8 Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42(462) Wednesday October 9 Gal 2:1-2; 7-14 Lk 11:1-4(463) Thursday October 10 Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13(464) Friday October 11 Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26(465) Saturday October 12 Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28(466)

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

<u>Etincelles D' Amour Group Tentative Event</u> <u>Schedule for 2024-2025</u>

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

December Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday of December 7th 2024 call Joseph Kenscoff for details at 516-395-3665

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage scheduled for Saturday, April 6th 2025 which is the first Saturday of the month

Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrimage in New Jersey with the Haitian Apostolate July 17th 2025

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel from July 7th to July 15th followed by a Feast Day celebration on July 16th

Novena to St Michael from September 20th to September 28th with the Feast Day Celebration on September 29th 2025

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 Please make check payable to Sisters of St. Dominic

For more information Visit Heart to Heart Ministry 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 ENTER-ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.

