

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The Word of God exposes the heart.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that

Bible Verse for the Week

"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn." – Psalm 37:4, 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, 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. 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 13TH 2024



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, 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	65
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	120
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	150
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	225

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: October 14

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: October 15

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: October 16

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: October 17

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: October 18

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: October 19

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: October 20

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 October 12

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God In Honor of Our Lady of Miracles by Naika Joseph

5:30 PM No Mass Intentions

Sunday October 13

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Rosette Nicolas by Lucette

8:30 AM First Anniversary In Heaven for Rudolfo Mallare by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God In Honor of Our Lady of Miracles by Naika Joseph

10:30 AM First Anniversary In Heaven for Rudolfo Mallare by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In Memory of & 2 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Beryl Smith by Cheryl Ramdeenhackshaw

12:30 PM No Mass Intentions

Monday October 14

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Tuesday October 15

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for St Teresa of Avila by Letecia Casipe

Wednesday October 16

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to God for his healing by Naika Joseph

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Yanick Celestin by Marie

Thursday October 17

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings In Heaven for Rudolfo Mallare by Letecia Casipe

Friday October 18

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven & In Memory of Genelia Lops by her daughter Solange Lope-Delerme

Saturday October 19

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God In Honor of Our Lady of Miracles by Naika Joseph

5:30 PM Improved health for Francis Stephens by Ann & Family

5:30 PM Improved health for Rosemarie Chemthemtobil Schlicklg by Ann & 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 October 13th 2024 Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today's Liturgy offers us the encounter between Jesus and a man who "had great possessions" (Mk 10:22), and who went down in history as "the rich young man" (cf. Mt 19:20-22). We do not know his name. The Gospel of Mark actually speaks of him as "a man", without mentioning his age or name, suggesting that we can all see ourselves in this man, as though in a mirror. His encounter with Jesus, in fact, allows us to test our faith. Reading this, I test myself on my faith.

The man begins with a *question*: "What must I do, to have eternal life?" (v. 17). Notice the verbs he uses: "must do" — "to have". Here is his religiosity: a duty, a doing so as to obtain; "I do something to get what I need". But this is a commercial relationship with God, a *quid pro quo*. Faith, on the other hand, is not a cold, mechanical ritual, a "must-do-obtain". It is a question of freedom and love. Faith is a question of freedom, it is a question of love. Here is a first test: what is faith for me? If it is mainly a duty or a bargaining chip, we are off track, because salvation is a *gift* and not a duty, it is free and cannot be bought. The first thing to do is to free ourselves of a commercial and mechanical faith, which insinuates the false image of an accountant God, a controlling God, not a father. And very often in life we experience this "commercial" relationship of faith: I do this, so that God will give me that.

Jesus, in the second step, helps this man by offering him the true face of God. Indeed, the text says, "Jesus looking upon him loved him" (v. 21): this is God! This is where faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something that is to be done or paid, but from a *gaze* of love to be welcomed. In this way Christian life becomes beautiful, if it is not based on our abilities and our plans, but rather based on God's gaze. Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved by him, by he who is father.

After the question and the gaze there is — the third and final step — *an invitation* from Jesus, who says: "You lack one thing". What was that rich man lacking? Giving, gratuitousness. "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor" (v. 21). It is perhaps what we are missing too. We often do the bare minimum, whereas Jesus invites us to do the maximum possible. How many times are we satisfied with doing our duties — the precepts, a few prayers, and many things like that — whereas God, who gives us life, asks us for leaps of life! In today's Gospel we can see this passage from duty to giving, clearly; Jesus begins by recalling the Commandments: "Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal..." and so on (v. 19) and arrives at a positive proposal: "Go, sell, give, follow me!" (cf. v. 21). Faith cannot be limited to [a series of] "no", because Christian life is a "yes" a "yes" of love.

Dear brothers and sisters, a faith without giving, a faith without gratuitousness is an incomplete faith. It is a weak faith, a faith that is ill. We could compare it to rich and nourishing food that nonetheless lacks flavour, or a more or less well-played game, but without a goal: no, it isn't good, it lacks "salt". A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity, makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home "sorrowful" with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: "At what point is my faith? Do I experience it as something mechanical, like a relationship of duty or interest with God? Do I remember to nourish it by letting myself be looked at and loved by Jesus"? Letting oneself be gazed at and loved by Jesus; letting Jesus look at us, love us. "And, attracted by him, do I respond freely, with generosity, with all my heart?"



Scriptures For The Week

Monday October 14

Gal 4:22-24; 26-27; 31—5:1 Lk 11:29-32(467)

Tuesday October 15

Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41(468)

Wednesday October 16

Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46(469)

Thursday October 17

Eph 1:1-10 Lk 11:47-54(470)

Friday October 18

2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9(661)

Saturday October 19

Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12(472)

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

Etincelles D' Amour Group Tentative Event Schedule for 2024-2025

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 December 7th 2024 call Joseph Kencsoff 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

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Office Of Faith Formation News

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. Registration ends on 10/31/2024

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

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

Baptism classes are held on the 3rd Friday & Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:30AM or 1:00-2:30PM

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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**Cost per book \$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping
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mail your envelopes to the rectory at 757 East 86TH
St Brooklyn NY 11236**

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.**

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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