

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19TH 2026

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God has shown himself to be a God of justice and mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

A prayer to God for mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit intercedes for us with God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43 (shorter form: Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Bible Verse for the Week

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles..." — Isaiah 40:31 [1]

Pro Sanctity Movement

The Pro Sanctity family had a consensus and decided to start our summer break now. We will be returning on Monday, Sept 14, 2026. Till then have a peaceful, restful and fun filled safe summer.

So please continue to grow spiritually by joining us

REMEMBER we will resume on September 14th

Who: The Prosanctity Movement is a catholic organization dedicated to promoting the universal call to holiness by seeking to address the needs of the mind with Theology, the heart with spirituality and the hands with ministry

When: Monday Nights for the Rosary and today's gospel reflection and/or Thursday nights for Sunday's scripture readings and reflections

Why: To grow in your spiritual journey through prayer & Sharing

How: Call (339)-207-8069 on Monday & Thursday at 7:00PM

As always, the Apostolic Oblates and all its member will be keeping YOU in our prayers.

God Bless All

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 voca-

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. 9:00 AM (Eng.)

11:00 AM (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

2nd Sun ... Eng/Spanish

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Saturday July 18

8:30 AM Messe de remerciement pour Chris A. Charles, Janell E. Charles, & Louis Charles by Martine Charles

8:30 AM In Memory of Molere Saint Germain, Prudent Saint Germain, & Paulone Philogen Saint Germain by Farrah Saint Germain

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to God for his blessings toward Melissa & Alicia Charles by Their Mom Laurel Charles

5:30 PM In Memory of Atesie Saint Germain, Shella Saint Germain Monjeune, & Esterla Charles by Farrah Saint Germain

Sunday July 19

9:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Michemelle Jean Michel by Lucette

9:00 AM Thanksgiving to St Catherine by Letecia Casipe

11:00 AM In Memory of Serviuse Michel, Jertha Michel, Lerene Michel, & Herminie Michel by Farrah Saint Germain

Monday July 20

8:30 AM Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Adrian Sarjeant by his grandmother Marjorie

Tuesday July 21

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Wednesday July 22

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Dieunette Victor by Dieunette Victor

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Monica Leggard by Aunty Ann & Family

Thursday July 23

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

Friday July 24

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Anthony Marrast by Auldeen Marrast & Family

Saturday July 25

8:30 AM No Mass Intentions

5:30 PM All Souls in Purgatory by Ann & Family



Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Ann Jacobs Deryck Ming, Dorthea C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rosemarie Campanilla, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Noel Toussaint, , Joseph Virgile, Lucy Simon Fred Castro Sr & Jr Edward Deppert, Shirley Deppert, Alexandria Lopez

We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks.

Our Parish needs your Weekly Support

		TIME	People
Saturday	8:00 PM	Eng	50
Sunday	9:00 AM	Eng	120
Sunday	11:00 AM	French/Creole	145

If you would like to register to become a Parishioner of Our Lady of Miracles RC Church please call the rectory at 718-257-2401

Coming Up This Week

Monday: July 20

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: July 21

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: July 22

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: July 23

8:30 AM

Friday: July 24

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: July 25

5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: July 26

9:00 AM English Mass **11:00 AM** Creole/Haitian Mass

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM Saturday 9AM-3PM

Sunday Closed

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Pope Leo XIV Reflection for Sunday July 19th 2026
Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today's Gospel presents the Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat, a story that speaks directly to the realities of our lives and our world. We often long for a world where goodness triumphs immediately over evil, where justice is swift, and where every wrong is quickly made right. Yet Jesus offers a different perspective. He tells us that the wheat and the weeds grow together until the harvest.

This parable reminds us that God's patience is not weakness but mercy. He gives every person the opportunity to repent, to grow, and to be transformed by His grace. While we are often quick to judge others, God sees the whole person, the entire journey, and the possibility of redemption that we may overlook.

The first reading from Genesis reveals Abraham's generous hospitality. He welcomes three strangers with kindness, not realizing that he is entertaining the presence of God. His openness becomes the occasion for God's promise of new life. Hospitality is more than offering food or shelter; it is making room for God to work in unexpected ways through the people He places in our lives.

In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul reminds us that "Christ is in you, the hope of glory." This hope enables us to persevere even when the weeds seem to outnumber the wheat. We are called not to become discouraged by the presence of evil but to remain faithful in cultivating goodness, trusting that God is always at work, even when His action is hidden.

The temptation is to focus on the weeds—our failures, the faults of others, and the brokenness of the world. Jesus invites us instead to become healthy wheat, rooted deeply in His love. Every act of forgiveness, every moment of kindness, every choice to speak truth with charity, and every sacrifice made for another person contributes to God's kingdom.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to be patient without becoming passive, hopeful without becoming naïve, and faithful without becoming discouraged. God is still tending His field. He has not abandoned His people. The final harvest belongs to Him, and His justice will ultimately prevail. May we ask the Lord today for the wisdom to recognize His patient mercy in our own lives, the humility to refrain from judging others too quickly, and the courage to bear good fruit wherever He has planted us. In a world where wheat and weeds grow side by side, may our lives reveal the beauty, hope, and love of Christ.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday July 20
MI 6:1-4; 6:8 Mt 12:30-42(395)
Tuesday July 21
MI 7:14-15; 18:20 Mt 12:46-50(396)
Wednesday July 22
Sg 3:1-4b Jn 20:1-2; 11-18(603)
Thursday July 23
Jer 2:1-3; 7:8; 12-13 Mt 13:10-17(398)
Friday July 24
Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23(399)
Saturday July 25
2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28(605)

Announcements

Every Last Monday of the month The OLM Vision Divine Group will have a Prayer & a Mass at 7PM

EVERY MONDAY AT 7PM- Haitian Prayer Group Meeting

1,000 Hail Mary's every second Saturday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass the next one will be on August 8th

SATURDAY August 22nd – Infant Baptism at 12:00 noon

The ZOOM Adult Faith Formation with Sr. Francesca started this WEDNESDAY @7:00PM and will continue every Wednesday at the same time CLASS INFORMATION link, Password and Passcode are at the back of the Church

Mission appeal: Rev. Charles Udokang was invited by the Diocese of Brooklyn to our Parish for a Mission appeal on the weekend of July 25th and 26th, 2026.

The Faith Formation office will be closed for vacation during the month of July.

Please remember in your prayers our sick and homebound parishioners, especially Jeanne Louis, Andre Souffrance, & Ernst St. Julien

We continue to pray for the soul of Ms. Theresa Baptiste.

Etincelles D' Amour Group Tentative Event Schedule for 2025-2026

Novena of Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 7th-15th and The Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated on July 16th

The Novena of Saint Michael the Archangel will be from September 20th-29th with the feast celebration taking place on September 29th

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Office Of Faith Formation News

Religious Ed Program registration for the 2026-2027 year has begun come to register on Friday or Saturday from 11 AM –3PM

Important Dates & Information

- **The Religious Ed Office is open for everyone from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Fridays, & Saturdays**
- If you need assistance outside these hours, please call 718-649-1006 to schedule an appointment.
- For assistance call 718-649-1006

Anyone including adults who want to register for any religious education should contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006 or 929-634-1068 on the following office hours and days Friday, and Saturday from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

The next baptism will be on August 22nd at 12PM

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

Our office Days and Hours

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM
Saturday 9:30AM-4:00 PM
Email: dre101163@diobrook.org



Knights of Columbus
Are recruiting at the parish & are looking For good catholic gentlemen. This is an organization that helps others, feeds the poor, gives coats for the needy, special Olympics, & so much more a true brother hood built on Shared values. Are you a Knight Why Not? For more information please contact Grand Knight Rich at 917-678-7529



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 2026 CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Loving and merciful God, You call us to be one Church, united in faith and rich in service to one another. Open our hearts to recognize the many gifts You have given us, and inspire us to share them generously for the good of Your people. Bless the work of the Annual Catholic Appeal. May our sacrifices help Your Church to serve the poor, heal the suffering, teach the young, and accompany all who seek Your presence. Strengthen our priests, support our ministries, and guide our communities as we bring the hope of the Gospel to life throughout Brooklyn and Queens. Unite us ever more deeply in Your love, that together we may continue Christ's mission of charity, compassion, and service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026 Goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$38,686

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.

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

Name: _____

Chapter 7 Ordinary Time

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