

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28TH 2020

## First Reading

*2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a*

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 89:2-3,16-19*

Sing God's praises forever.

## Second Reading

*Romans 6:3-4,8-11*

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 10:37-42*

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Jesus has demolished all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

When Jesus asks the lawyer who was the neighbor in the story, the lawyer can't bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says is that it was "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus' response was similar to that of the first discussion: "Go and do likewise." The lawyer, and we, know what is right. The key is to do it.

## Pro Sanctity

7:15 PM Pro-sanctity Bible sharing in the Fr. Simonetti Parish Center every Thursday

## 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. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, Amen.

**Every First, and Third Sunday, of the month after each mass Fellowship is followed in the Parish Center all are welcomed**

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### **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.)

### **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)



## **Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish**

Jadranka Knezevic, Frantz Darius, Marie Yvonne Darius, Melanie Peter, Donna Ann Burris, Angelia Agbi, Maureen Ming, Libera Kenia, Beryl Whyte

*We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks. After that time, the family should call the rectory*

**To watch our facebook live stream masses visit our facebook page at [facebook.com/olmrchurch](https://facebook.com/olmrchurch)**

**Sunday 10:00 AM facebook Live Stream Mass**

*Coming Up This Week* 

### ***Sunday June 28th 2020***

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Live Stream Mass in English on Facebook.com To watch Our Lady of Miracles RC Church visit our facebook page at [facebook.com/olmrchurch](https://facebook.com/olmrchurch)*

Your generosity and support is what allows us to sustain our parish during this time.

Please consider using our convenient electronic giving method.

You can access our Electronic Giving page at

<https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn>

Or simply text the word SUNDAY to 646-736-4700

Our Lady of Miracles RC Church will be doing Live Masses on Facebook every Sunday at 10AM

To watch the Live Stream Mass please visit Our Lady of Miracles Facebook Page at <https://facebook.com/olmrchurch>

Please visit our website at <https://ourladyofmiracles-brooklyn.org/> for information about Our lady of Miracles RC Church and to also donate to our church.

Our Lady of Miracles will be taking Prayer Requests on the Our Lady of Miracles website if you would like to have a Prayer Request please visit our website at <https://ourladyofmiracles-brooklyn.org/mass-intentions-and-prayer-requests/> Or call the rectory at 718-257-2400

Our Lady of Miracles RC Church will reopen for Mass on June 29th and will have weekend Masses on July 4th and 5th in the church

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 28TH 2020



Pope Francis's Angelus Reflection for Sunday June 28th  
2020 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel (Mat. 10:26-33)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus, after having called and sent the disciples on mission, teaches them and prepares them to face the trials and persecutions they will have to endure. Going on mission is not like tourism, and Jesus cautions them: "you will find persecutions". So he exhorts them: "have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed.... What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light.... And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (vv. 26-28). They can only kill the body; they do not have the power to kill souls: do not fear this. Jesus' dispatch [of the disciples] on mission does not guarantee their success, just as it does not protect them from failure and suffering. They have to take into account both the possibility of rejection and that of persecution. This is somewhat frightening but it is the truth.

The disciple is called to conform his life to Christ who was persecuted by men, knew rejection, abandonment and death on the cross. There is no Christian mission marked by tranquility! Difficulties and tribulations are part of the work of evangelization and we are called to find in them the opportunity to test the authenticity of our faith and of our relationship with Jesus. We must consider these difficulties as the opportunity to be even more missionary and to grow in that trust toward God, our Father who does not abandon his children during the storm. Amid the difficulties of Christian witness in the world, we are not forgotten but always assisted by the attentive concern of the Father. For this reason, in today's Gospel, a good three times Jesus reassures the disciples, saying: "Do not fear!". Even in our day, brothers and sisters, persecution against Christians is present. We pray for our brothers and sisters who are persecuted and we praise God because, in spite of this, they continue to bear witness to their faith with courage and faithfulness.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday June 29 Saints Peter And Paul  
Apostles**

*Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19(591)*

**Tuesday June 30**

*Am 3:1-8, 4-11-12 Mt 8:23-27(378)*

**Wednesday July 1**

*Am 5:14-15,21-24 Mt 8:28-34(379)*

**Thursday July 2**

*Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8(380)*

**Friday July 3 Saint Thomas, Apostle**

*Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29(593)*

**Saturday July 4 Independence Day**

*Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17(382)*

## 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 (2019) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

Our Lady of Miracles Church, 757 East 86th street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. We will be happy to forward the information to you.

**Due to the Corona Virus we will not be serving the Precious Blood we will let you know when we will be serving the precious blood.**

**Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 Pm in the church. All are welcomed**

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## Faith Formation Office announcements

Peace of the risen Lord to you all. Owing to Corona Virus pandemic that shook us to our core, I want to thank parents for the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation classes for their cooperation. With no clarity on what tomorrow holds with regards to Religious Education in the fall, I request all parents and students be prepared to embrace the new changes that may come our way.

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation will continue remotely till mid-June to catch up with the time lost.

For the ongoing students, I will soon contact you and your parents on the way forward.

No one has any definite answer on when administration of these sacraments will take place, but as always, let us be optimistic. The future may hold a good promise.

**Our office hours continue remotely. Please use the personal number I have given you below for any questions.**

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM  
Friday: 10:00AM-4:30 PM  
Sunday: 10:00AM-1PM  
Tel: 718-649-1006  
**Personal # 347-592-6145**

Members of the English Prayer and Bible study meet remotely via zoom for daily recitation of the rosary and other spiritual exercises. Should you want to join them, please contact me via the **personal number** and I will connect you.

**Pentecost is almost here.** Let us get ready for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Do not hesitate to call me via 347-592-6145 on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday between 9 am to 4 pm. I will be available for you, God willing.  
**Sister Francesca Mumbua Simon, SSJ: Director of faith formation (OLM).**

## **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 2020 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 2020 goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$33,494***

Thank for your generous support.  
God bless you!

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