

## First Reading

*Isaiah 55:10-11*

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 65:10-14*

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:18-23*

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)*

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with

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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## 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.)

### **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)

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12TH 2020



## 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*

**Our Parish needs your Weekly Support TIME People**

Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol

**Weather: Sunny Day**

**Our weekly goal is \$4850.00**

**This Weeks Total was \$2,522.00**

**Previous Week \$4,970.00**

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated**

**Second Collection**

## Coming Up This Week



**Monday: July 13th**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: July 14th**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: July 15th**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: July 16th**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: July 17th**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: July 18th**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: July 19th**

**8:30 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass English**

**12:30 PM Mass French/Kreyol**

**Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours**

**Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,**

**Wednesday Closed Thursday 10AM-5PM,**

**Friday Closed, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed**

### Saturday July 11th

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Natacha Divert requested by Natacha

**5:30 PM** One year anniversary in Heaven for Ludovic Andre requested by Gladys Souffrant

### Sunday July 12th

**8:30 AM** Prayer for all of the people who are suffering in this world

**10:30 AM** Protection for Elysha Manual requested by Mom

**12:30 PM** For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and religious life

### Monday July 13th

**8:30 AM** Prayer for the safety and well being of all people

### Tuesday July 14th

**8:30 AM** Prayer for the safety of all OLM parishioners

### Wednesday July 15th

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Fritz Pierre Louis requested by Marie Charles

**8:30 AM** Deliverance for Mt Carmel requested by Leandre Aerele

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to the Lord requested by Yvette Fidelis

### Thursday July 16th

**8:30 AM** Deliverance for Mt Carmel requested by Leandre Aerele

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving for Carl Michel Sabbat requested by Marie Beauvais

### Friday July 17th

**8:30 AM** For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and religious life

### Saturday July 18th

**8:30 AM** Prayer for the safety and well being of all people

**5:30 PM** Birthday Blessings for Michemel requested by Michemel

Our Lady of Miracles Church Masses are also live streamed on our Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/olmrchurch> on Sunday's at the 10:30 AM Eng Mass and 12:30 PM Haitian Mass

You can donate to the parish by using our electronic giving page at <https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn>

Or simply text the word SUNDAY to 646-736-4700 or mail your envelopes to the rectory at 757 East 86th St Brooklyn NY 11236

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12TH 2020



Pope Francis's Angelus Reflection for Sunday July 12th 2020  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sunday Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: *"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest"* (see gospel above). The Lord does not reserve this phrase for certain friends of his, no; he addresses it to "all" those who are weary and overwhelmed by life. And who could feel excluded from this invitation? The Lord knows how arduous life can be. He knows that many things weary the heart: disappointments and wounds of the past, burdens to carry and wrongs to bear in the present, uncertainties and worries about the future.

In the face of all this, Jesus' first word is an invitation, a call to move and respond: "Come". The mistake, when things go wrong, is to stay where we are, lying there. It seems obvious, but how difficult it is to respond and open ourselves! It is not easy. In dark times it feels natural to keep to ourselves, to ruminate over how unfair life is, over how ungrateful others are, how mean the world is, and so on. We all know it. We have had this awful experience a few times. But in this way, locked up inside ourselves, we see everything as grim. Then we even grow accustomed to sadness, which becomes like home: that sadness overcomes us; this sadness is a terrible thing. *Jesus, however, wants to pull us out of this "quicksand"* and thus says to each one: "Come! — Who? — You, you, you". The way out is in connecting, in extending a hand and lifting our gaze to those who truly love us. In fact it is not enough to come out of ourselves; it is important to know where to go. Because many aims are illusory: they promise comfort and distract just a little; they guarantee peace and offer amusement, then leave us with the loneliness there was before; they are "fireworks". Therefore Jesus indicates where to go: *"Come to me"*. And many times, in the face of a burden of life or a situation that saddens us, we try to talk about it with someone who listens to us, with a friend, with an expert.... This is a great thing to do but let us not forget Jesus. Let us not forget to open ourselves to him and to recount our life to him, to entrust people and situations to him. Perhaps there are "areas" of our life that we have never opened up to him and which have remained dark, because they



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday July 13**

Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34—11:1(389)

**Tuesday July 14**

Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24(390)

**Wednesday July 15**

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27(391)

**Thursday July 16**

Is 26:7-9,12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30(392)

**Friday July 17**

Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Mt 12:1-8(393)

**Saturday July 18**

Mt 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21(394)

## 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!

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.**