

## 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

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)

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19TH 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**

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| 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 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 Mass**

**Friday: July 24**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: July 25**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: July 26**

**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 18**

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

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

**Sunday July 19**

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

**10:30 AM** In Memory of Bernadette Viltus requested by Valerie Louis

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Marjorea Lambert requested by Yanick Lambert

**12:30 PM** Deliverance for Mt Carmel requested by Jesula Siffrard

**12:30 PM** Remersimon Tout Lafamill requested by Jesula Siffrard

**Monday July 20**

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

**Tuesday July 21**

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

**Wednesday July 22**

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

**Thursday July 23**

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

**Friday July 24**

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

**Saturday July 25**

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

**5:30 PM** For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and religious life



To the Sacred Heart In Memory of Bill Hurley by Josephine Korona

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 at the 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

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19TH 2020



Pope Francis's Angelus Reflection for Sunday July 19th 2020  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel the Evangelist Luke writes about Jesus who, on the way to Jerusalem, enters a village and is welcomed into the home of two sisters: Martha and Mary (see Lk 10:38-42). Both welcome the Lord, but they do so in different ways. Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens to his words (see v. 39), whereas Martha is completely caught up in preparing things; at a certain point she says to Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me" (v. 40). Jesus responds to her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her" (vv. 41-42).

In bustling about and busying herself, Martha risks forgetting—and this is the problem—the most important thing, which is the presence of the guest, Jesus in this case. She forgets about the presence of the guest. A guest is not merely to be served, fed, looked after in every way. Most importantly he ought to be listened to. Remember this word: Listen! A guest should be welcomed as a person, with a story, his heart rich with feelings and thoughts, so that he may truly feel like he is among family. If you welcome a guest into your home but continue doing other things, letting him just sit there, both of you in silence, it is as if he were of stone: a guest of stone. No. A guest is to be listened to. Of course, Jesus' response to Martha—when he tells her that there is only one thing that needs to be done—finds its full significance in reference to listening to the very word of Jesus, that word which illuminates and supports all that we are and what we do. If we go to pray, for example, before the Crucifix, and we talk, talk, talk, and then we leave, we do not listen to Jesus. We do not allow him to speak to our heart. Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget! And we must not forget that in the house of Martha and Mary, Jesus, before being Lord and Master, is a pilgrim and guest. Thus, his response has this significance first and foremost: "Martha, Martha why do you busy yourself doing so much for this guest even to the point of forgetting about his presence?"—A guest of stone!—Not much is necessary to welcome him; indeed, only one thing is needed: listen to him—this is the word: listen to him—be brotherly to him, let him realize he is among family and not in a temporary shelter. Understood in this light, hospitality, which is one of the works of mercy, is revealed as a truly human and Christian virtue, a virtue which in today's world is at risk of being overlooked. In fact, nursing homes and hospices are multiplying, but true hospitality is not always practiced in these environments. Various institutions are opened to care for many types of disease, of loneliness, of marginalization, but opportunities are decreasing for those who are foreign, marginalized, excluded, from finding someone ready to listen to them: because they are foreigners, refugees, migrants. Listen to that painful story.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday July 20**

*Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42(395)*

**Tuesday July 21**

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50(396)*

**Wednesday July 22**

*Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 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)*

## 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**

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19TH 2020

## **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.

With so much going on, I request First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates to continue doing remotely the assignments assigned to them. This will be the gauge for eligibility to reception of these sacraments.

We will soon begin online registration for Religious Education 2020-2021 Fall session and advise you on how classes will be conducted.

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 and contact: 718-649-1006**

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM-3:00 PM

Friday remotely from 7:00 PM-8:30 PM via Zoom

See details below

## **OLM Spiritual Journey Program (OSJP)**

After consultations, Zoom was the most preferred for Bible Study compared to the OLM Facebook Page. This is a “**Lets discover Together**” **Spiritual Journey Program** designed for, but not limited to, all OLM Parishioners. Anyone wanting to know more about God is welcomed to participate in this zoom session

The session will run remotely via Zoom every Friday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM starting on July 24th onward, if God Permits. I hope many of you will not only join but also invite your friends. The link to this zoom session is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5494986774?pwd=Oulu6mRNc> Password 89MjiP

## **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.**