

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three

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. 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.)

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)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23RD 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 \$2,461.00

Previous Week \$2,876.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: August 24

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: August 25

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: August 26

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: August 27

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: August 28

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: August 29

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: August 30

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 August 22

8:30 AM Protection and safety for all people around the world

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

Sunday August 23

8:30 AM Happy Anniversary for Joseph & Tonia Kenscoff by Joseph & Tonia Kenscoff

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marites Lorenzo by Letecia Casipe

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving by Dorcise Pierre Louis

12:30 PM In Thanksgiving by Kasha Desir

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Lucile Jean Gilles by Lucile Jean Gilles

12:30 PM In Honor of St Philomene & Mount Carmel by Lucile Jean Gilles

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for the Vaillant Family by Murille Vaillant

Monday August 24

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Randall Adolphe by Theresa Adolphe

Tuesday August 25

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

Wednesday August 26

8:30 AM In Memory of Emelda & Albert Modeste by Felicity Modeste

Thursday August 27

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Massenat by Marie Massenat

Friday August 28

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Calypso Bien-Aime by Rose & Family

Saturday August 29

8:30 AM Protection and safety for all people around the world

5:30 PM For The Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23RD 2020



Pope Francis's Angelus Reflection for Sunday August 23rd
2020 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, the liturgy presents a rare example of faith to us: a Canaanite woman who asks Jesus to heal her daughter who was “terribly troubled by a demon”. The Lord resisted her insistent entreaties and seemed impervious to them even when the disciples themselves interceded for her, as the Evangelist Matthew relates.

In the end, however, confronted by the perseverance and humility of this unknown woman, Jesus consented: “Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass” (see Mt 15: 21-28).

“Woman, you have great faith!”. Jesus singles out this humble woman as an example of indomitable faith.

Her insistence in imploring Christ's intervention is an encouragement to us never to lose heart and not to despair, even in the harshest trials of life.

The Lord does not close his eyes to the needs of his children, and if he seems at times insensitive to their requests, it is only in order to test them and to temper their faith.

This is the witness of saints; this is especially the witness of martyrs, closely associated with the redeeming sacrifice of Christ.

In recent days, we have commemorated some of them: the Pontiffs, Pontianus and Sixtus II, the priest Hippolytus, Lawrence the Deacon with his companions, killed in Rome at the dawn of Christianity.

We have also commemorated a martyr of our time, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein, Co-Patroness of Europe, who died in a concentration camp; and on this very day the liturgy presents to us a martyr of charity who sealed his witness of love for Christ in the bunker of starvation at Auschwitz: St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, who willingly sacrificed himself in place of a father with a family.

I invite every baptized person and especially the young people who will be taking part in [World Youth Day](#) to look at this shining example of Gospel heroism. I invoke upon them all their protection and in particular, that of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, who spent several years of her life at the Carmelite convent in Cologne.

May Mary, Queen of Martyrs, whom we will contemplate tomorrow in her glorious Assumption into Heaven, watch over each one.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday August 24

Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51(629)

Tuesday August 25

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23:23-26(426)

Wednesday August 26

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mt 23:27-32(427)

Thursday August 27

1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51(428)

Friday August 28

1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13(429)

Saturday August 29

1 Cor 1:26-31(430) Mt 6:17-29(634)

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

Faith Formation Office announcements

Registration of 2020-2021 Religious Education is in progress. All 2019-2020 students will be registered for free. The details in their files will be used. New Students are asked to provide the following information to dre101163@diobrook.org First Name, Last Name, Telephone Number, and the grade they are in and I will register them online. Registration fee is \$60.00 for all levels please see our banner on facebook or you can call the Religious Ed office on Tuesday or Friday for more details.

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)

Olm Spiritual Journey English Bible Study meets every Friday from 7PM Via Zoom the Zoom id to join is 75069929347 and the password is 0Uw2qz

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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