

First Reading

Sirach 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,9-12

A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading directly follows [last week's Gospel](#) in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13TH 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 \$2,461.00

Previous Week \$2,876.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: September 14

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 15

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 16

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 17

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 18

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 19

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: September 20

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 September 12

8:30 AM 19 Year Anniversary in Heaven for Angelina Budd by Elizabeth Corion

5:30 PM Wedding Anniversary for Augustin & Chantal Alexis by Augustin & Chantal

Sunday September 13

8:30 AM In Memory of Melecio & Felipa Bajada by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Thanksgiving in Honor of St Michael of Archangel by Marie Zamor & Children

10:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Concetta Petrizzo by Michael, Mary Anne, & Steve

12:30 PM Remerciement et Protection for Adhemar by his family

Monday September 14

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

Tuesday September 15

8:30 AM In Memory of Pascal Desmormes by her son Carlo Balthazar

Wednesday September 16

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Giselle Bazille by Children

Thursday September 17

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

Friday September 18

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

Saturday September 19

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Rose Arbouet by Rose

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Jocelyne Prudhomme

5:30 PM In Memory of Barbara Chandler by Ann Jacobs & Family

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

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 13th 2020 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel passage (see Mt 18:21-35 below) offers us a lesson on forgiveness which does not deny wrongdoing, but recognizes that human beings, created in God's image, are always greater than the evil they commit. Saint Peter asks Jesus: "*Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?*" (v. 21). To Peter, forgiving the same person seven times already seemed the maximum possible.

And perhaps to us it may already seem too much to do so twice. But Jesus answers, "*I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven*" (v. 22), meaning always. You must always forgive.

And he confirms this by telling the parable of the merciful king and the wicked servant, in which he shows the inconsistency of the man who was first forgiven and then refused to forgive. The king in the parable is a generous man who, spurred by compassion, forgives an enormous debt "10,000 talents": enormous to a servant who beseeches him. That same servant, however, as soon as he meets another servant like himself who owes him 100 dinarii which is much less behaves in a ruthless way and has him thrown in prison.

The servant's inconsistent behavior is the same as ours when we refuse to forgive our brothers and sisters.

Whereas the king in the parable is the image of God who loves us with a love that is so rich in mercy as to welcome us, love us and forgive us continuously.

From the time of our Baptism, God has forgiven us, releasing us from an intractable debt: original sin. But that is the first time. Then, with boundless mercy, he forgives us all our faults as soon as we show even the least sign of repentance. This is how God is: merciful.

When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "*I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?*" (vv. 32-33). Anyone who has experienced the joy, peace and inner freedom which come from being forgiven should open him or herself up to the possibility of forgiving in turn. Jesus wished to introduce the teaching of this parable into the *Our Father*. He linked the forgiveness which we ask from God with the forgiveness that we should accord our brothers and sisters: "*And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors*" (Mt 6:12).

God's forgiveness is the symbol of his "overflowing" love for each of us.

It is the love that leaves us free to distance ourselves, like the prodigal son, but which awaits our return every day. It is the resourceful love of the shepherd for the lost sheep. It is the tenderness which welcomes each sinner who knocks at his door.

The Heavenly Father, our Father is filled, is full of love and he wants to offer it to us, but he cannot do so if we close our heart to love towards others.

May the Virgin Mary help us to become ever more aware of the gratuitousness and the greatness of the forgiveness received from God, to become merciful like him, Good Father, slow to anger and great in love.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 14

Nm 21:4b-9 Phi 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17(638)

Tuesday September 15

1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a(444) Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday September 16

1 Cor 12:31--13:13 Lk 7:31-35(445)

Thursday September 17

1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50(446)

Friday September 18

1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 8:1-3(447)

Saturday September 19

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15(448)

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

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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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