

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they

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

BIBLE SHARING: PRO SANCTITY MOVEMENT MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE SIMONETTI CENTER: 741 E. 86TH ET STARTS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 ALL ARE WELCOME. FOR INFO CALL 718-649-0324 or 917-873-1707

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

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. 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20TH 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: September 21

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 22

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 23

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 24

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 25

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 26

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: September 27

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 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

Sunday September 20

8:30 AM In Memory of Father Mike Almosa by Letecia Casipe

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

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Rachele Letang by Rachele Letang

12:30 PM In Memory of Erzilia Jean-Baptiste by Nancy Samseverino

12:30 PM In Memory of Attilus, Antoine, & Yves Menelas by The Menelas Family

Monday September 21

8:30 AM In Memory of Delani Jacobs by Mom Dudley, Debbie, & Family

Tuesday September 22

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

Wednesday September 23

8:30 AM Anniversary in Heaven for Jacqueline Esposito by Nina Riti & Family

Thursday September 24

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

Friday September 25

8:30 AM Thanksgiving Mass In Honor of St Michael of Archangel by Marie Zamor & Children

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Candelario & Felicci Arcaya by The Arcaya Family

Saturday September 26

8:30 AM Thanksgiving Mass In Honor of St Michael of Archangel by Marie Zamor & Children

5:30 PM For The Souls In Purgatory by Ann Jacobs & Family

5:30 PM In Memory of Elizia Henry by Adeline Dominique & Joseph Alcindor

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 20th 2020 25th 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 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13(643)

Tuesday September 22

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Lk 8:19-21(450)

Wednesday September 23

Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6(451)

Thursday September 24

Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9(452)

Friday September 25

Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22(453)

Saturday September 26

Eccl 11:9—12:8 Lk 9:43b-45(454)

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

Please send your Child's name for 1st Holy Communion, Continuation of Religious Ed, or Confirmation to dre101163@diobrook.org The following information will be needed for your Child. Last Name, First Name, School Name, Grade, and DOB. We will also need parents Telephone numbers to stay in contact with you. If they are any questions please call the Religious Ed office on Tuesday or Friday at the number below.

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 at 7PM Via Zoom the Zoom id to join is 75069929347 and the password is 0Uw2qz
The next meeting will be on October 2nd

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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!

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