

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 45:1,4-6*

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 96:1,3-10*

Sing praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

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 ST 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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***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)

# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18TH 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: October 19**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: October 20**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: October 21**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: October 22**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: October 23**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: October 24**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: October 25**

**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 October 17

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

**5:30 PM** For the Guidance and Safety of all people

### Sunday October 18

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Ruth Mallare by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Elizia Henry by Gerta Moise

**10:30 AM** For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and religious life

**12:30 PM** Prayer and Protection for all people in this world

### Monday October 19

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Elizia Henry by Gerta Moise

### Tuesday October 20

**8:30 AM** For the Guidance and Safety of all people

### Wednesday October 21

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

### Thursday October 22

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Alvin Baptiste by Mom & Family

### Friday October 23

**8:30 AM** Prayer and Protection for all people in this world

### Saturday October 24

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

**5:30 PM** For the Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs



**In Memory of Richard Koerner by Josephine Korona**

**In Memory of My Daughter Mary Love Mom by Mom**

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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday October 18th 2020 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When a child makes a wish while blowing the fluff of a dandelion gone to seed, whatever her dreams may be, her father is secretly hoping that the seeds don't take root in his lawn. Those miniature seeds, like little children, are amazing bundles of vitality just waiting to flourish. Their tenacious sprouts are a living exhibition of creation's urgency for growth.

When he was a kid, Jesus must have enjoyed watching the proliferation of the wild mustard plants that invaded his neighbors' fields. No more cherished than dandelions or kudzu, they're notable because they grow like crazy, respecting no boundaries, surviving weather's adverse attacks, and impudently making their presence known where farmers want to see only well-cultivated, purposeful plants. That's Jesus' image for faith.

Today's Gospel gives us a curious combination of images. Although it sounds so obvious that it should go without saying, as we listen to these sayings we should make ourselves keenly aware that Jesus came up with examples like this because he really believed in the message he was preaching. He was absolutely convinced that the power of God's love was like a seed that, given the right conditions, would change the world.

But he also knew that it doesn't happen overnight. This may be the point of apparent non sequitur in today's Gospel in which, after talking about the seed, Jesus suggests that when tired field hands get home, they should clean up and start to wait on tables.

In other parables, Jesus promised that he would receive his missionaries like a master who puts on an apron and serves them. At the Last Supper, he went to the extreme of performing a living parable about God's infinite self-giving by taking the role of a slave and washing his disciples' feet.

Now, he looks at his impatient disciples and says, "When you finish plowing or shepherding, don't think your work is done. In fact, all those activities were just the prelude."

Before we protest that [Rerum Novarum](#) and the Catholic social teaching that followed it calls for decent working conditions, we should pay careful attention to the examples Jesus chose. He was talking to servants who had been plowing (as in sowing the word) or caring for the sheep (as pastors). Their arrival home was the time not to end their work, but to bring it as an offering to the table.

In effect, Jesus was saying, "Once you have evangelized in word and deed, it's time to bring it all to completion at the table of communion." After all, isn't that what he did? He spent years healing and teaching and when he knew the end was near, he celebrated a final meal that symbolized everything that had already happened and was about to be fulfilled.

Reading today's Gospel in this way illuminates Jesus' theology of ministry and sacrament. Moments of service in the field lead us to the table and vice versa. Christians at the table — whether at the altar, at the lectern or in the pews — are never there to be served, but to serve.

Our participation at the table, our Eucharist, is a summary and a launching pad. (Vatican II used more sophisticated language, calling it the source and summit of our Christian life.) Here, we symbolically celebrate and are nourished for all that we are called to do in our daily discipleship.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday October 19**

*Eph 2:1-10 Lk 12:13-21(473)*

**Tuesday October 20**

*Eph 2:12-22 Lk 12:35-38(474)*

**Wednesday October 21**

*Eph 3:2-12 Lk 12:39-48(475)*

**Thursday October 22**

*Eph 3:14-21 Lk 12:49-53(476)*

**Friday October 23**

*Eph 4:1-6 Lk 12:54-59(477)*

**Saturday October 24**

*Eph 4:7-16 Lk 13:1-9(478)*

## 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**

Classes have begun this week for 1st Holy Communion, Continuation of Religious Ed, and Confirmation. If you have not done so 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 there are any questions please call the Religious Ed office on Tuesday or Friday at the number below. Or email me at dre101163@diobrook.org

## **Our office hours and contact: 718-649-1006**

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM-3:00 PM

## **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

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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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