

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord teaches that compassion ought to be shown to the alien and to the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-4,47,51

The Lord is our strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul tells the Thessalonians that their conversion to the Lord has been an example to all believers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read [last Sunday](#). It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see [Matthew 22:22-33](#)). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding.

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. 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)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25TH 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 26

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: October 27

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: October 28

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: October 29

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: October 30

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: October 31

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: November 1

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 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

Sunday October 25

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to O.L.M by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Praises answered by Theresa Baptiste

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

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings in Heaven for Rosita Daniel by Desmangles Theodore & The Daniel Family

12:30 PM For Requiem of George Dufanal, Marisna Octobre, Creda Olivier, & Serge Caillo by The Caillo Family

Monday October 26

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

Tuesday October 27

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

Wednesday October 28

8:30 AM In Memory of Adolphus Marshall by The Marshall Family

Thursday October 29

8:30 AM In Memory of Esperanza Mallare by Letecia Casipe

Friday October 30

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for my granddaughter Linn Jacobs by Ann Jacobs

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Greer Lumlock by Ann Jacobs

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Dudley Jacobs & Family by Ann Jacobs

Saturday October 31

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

5:30 PM For All Saints by Norma Fequiere

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 25th 2020
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

This Sunday [[30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A](#)], the Liturgy presents us with a brief, but very important Gospel passage (Mt 22:34-40). Matthew the Evangelist recounts that the Pharisees assemble in order to put Jesus to the test. One of them, a doctor of the Law, asks him this question: **“Teacher, which one is the great commandment in the law?”** (v. 36). It is an insidious question, because **more than 600 precepts are mentioned in the Law of Moses**. How should the *great commandment* be distinguished among these? But Jesus responds without hesitation: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”**. And he adds: **“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”** (vv. 37, 39).

This response of Jesus is not to be taken for granted, because, **among the numerous precepts of the Hebrew Law, the most important were the 10 Commandments, communicated directly by God to Moses, as the conditions of the Covenant with the people. But Jesus wants to make it understood that without love for God and for our neighbour there is no true fidelity to this Covenant with the Lord. You may do many good things, fulfil many precepts, many good things, but if you do not have love, this serves no purpose.**

It is confirmed by another text in the Book of Exodus, the so-called “Covenant Code”, where it is said that **one cannot adhere to the Covenant with the Lord and mistreat those who enjoy his protection. And who are those who enjoy his protection? The Bible says: the widow, the orphan and the stranger, the migrant, that is, the most lonely and defenseless people** (cf. Ex 22:20-21). In responding to those Pharisees who question him, Jesus also tries to help them **put their religiosity in order, to distinguish what truly matters from what is less important**. Jesus says: **“On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets”** (Mt. 22:40). They are the most important, and the others depend on these two. **And Jesus lived his life precisely in this way: preaching and practising what truly matters and is essential, namely, love. Love gives impulse and fruitfulness to life and to the journey of life: without love, both life and faith remain sterile.**

What Jesus proposes in this Gospel passage is a wonderful ideal, which corresponds to our heart's most authentic desire. **Indeed, we were created to love and to be loved. God, who is Love, created us to make us participants in his life, to be loved by him and to love him, and with him, to love all other people. This is God's “dream” for mankind. And to accomplish it we need his grace; we need to receive within us the capacity to love which comes from God himself. Jesus offers himself to us in the Eucharist for this very reason. In it we receive Jesus in the utmost expression of his love, when he offered himself to the Father for our salvation.**

May the Blessed Virgin help us to **welcome into our life the “great commandment” of love of God and neighbour**. Indeed, if we have experienced it ever since we were children, we will never cease converting ourselves to it and putting it into practice in the various situations in which we find ourselves.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday October 26

Eph 4:32—5:8 Lk 13:10-17(479)

Tuesday October 27

Eph 5:21-33 Lk 13:18-21(480)

Wednesday October 28

Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16(666)

Thursday October 29

Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35(482)

Friday October 30

Phil 1:1-11 Lk 14:1-6(483)

Saturday October 31

Phil 1:18b-26 Lk 14:1,7-11(484)

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

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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!

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