

**First Reading**

*Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8*

Our souls are thirsting for God.

**Second Reading**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

(shorter form: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

God will raise all those who have died.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In this week’s Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week’s reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus’ parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In [last week’s Gospel](#), we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity’s struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this con-

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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***Weekend Masses in the Canarsie Cluster Parishes:***

***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)

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 8TH 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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Eng</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Eng</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Eng</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>French/Kreyol</b>

**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: November 9**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: November 10**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: November 11**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: November 12**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: November 13**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: November 14**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: November 15**

**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 November 7

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt Carmel by Jocelyne Prudhomme

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Elvire Legros, Guy Cherenfant & Edith Clerveaux by Norma Fequiere

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Yvica Cadet by Her Children

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Jacques Leon Jeanty by His Children

### Sunday November 8

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Jeanine Kenscoff by her Son Joseph

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Alfred, Giuseppe, Paolina, Joann Fusco by Brother, Sisters, & Children

**8:30 AM** Special Thanksgiving by Cecilia Lam & Family

**10:30 AM** In Memory of The Bajadas Family by Letecia Casipe

**10:30 AM** In Memory of Daniel DiMarco 1 month in Heaven by Nina Riti

**10:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Kernie Falaise by Mom

**12:30 AM** In Memory of Adelina Charles by her Son Jean Augustine

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Mr & Mrs Andre & Rosemie Thrazilna by her Daughter Andreleone

### Monday November 9

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Lamerchie & Brumaire Louis by Marc Albert Louis

### Tuesday November 10

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Jacqueline Esposito by Nina Riti & Family

**8:30 AM** 20 Year Birthday In Heaven for Germaine C Berrette by Fr Hugues Berrette

### Wednesday November 11

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Prosper Dejean Moyon & Freyel Lafontant by Marinia Lafontant

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Marie Dalma Louis known as Mama Louis by Marc Albert Louis

### Thursday November 12

**8:30 AM** For the safety and protection of all people

### Friday November 13

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Fredine Laroache by Marinia Lafontant

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Jacques Raynald Louis by Marc Albert Louis

### Saturday November 14

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Gabriel Baptiste by Family

**5:30 PM** For the safety and protection of all people  
You can donate to the parish by using our electronic giving page at <https://givecentral.org/olm-brooklyn> Or simply text the word SUDAY to 646-736-4700 or mail your envelopes to the rectory at 757 East 86TH St Brooklyn NY 11236

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 8TH 2020



Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday November 8th 2020  
Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

If a Christian wants to reach heaven, he or she should ask themselves if they are living for the pleasures of the world, or if they are striving after holiness with all their strength, Pope Francis said on the feast of All Saints.

“Let us ask ourselves what side we are on: that of heaven or that of the earth? Do we live for the Lord or for ourselves, for eternal happiness or for some fulfillment now?” the pope said Nov. 1.

“Let us ask ourselves: do we really want holiness?” he continued. “Or do we content ourselves with being Christians without disgrace and without praise, who believe in God and esteem others but without going too far?”

“In short, either holiness or nothing!” he said.

The pope led the Angelus from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square in honor of the feast day. In his message before the prayer, he said it is good for Catholics to let themselves be encouraged by the saints, who did not live their lives by “half measures.”

In heaven, the saints “cheer” for those on earth when they see them “choose God, humility, meekness, mercy, purity,” he said. The saints “understand us, they love us, they know what our true good is, they help us, and they wait for us. They are happy, and they want us to be happy with them in paradise.”

He noted that among the saints are also those who may not be known to us, or who are not on the Church's liturgical calendar, but are nevertheless with God in heaven. And they are all one's brothers and sisters – making the feast of All Saints, “a family party,” he said.

Pope Francis recalled a significant point in the Mass, when the “Sanctus,” or “Holy, Holy, Holy,” is recited or sung. “It is a hymn – that the Bible says – comes from heaven,” he said.

When singing the “Sanctus” at Mass, Catholics “not only think of the saints, but we do what they do [in heaven]: at that moment, in the Mass, we are united with them more than ever.”

The saints encourage people to follow the Beatitudes, which are “the path of happiness,” he said. He acknowledged that this is not always easy, especially because the world says, blessed are the rich and the arrogant, not “blessed are the poor in spirit” or “blessed are the meek.”

But as the day's first reading from the book of Revelation says, the saints have “palm branches in their hands,” which is a symbol of victory, the pope said, adding that the saints “have won them, not the world, and they exhort us to choose their part, that of God who is holy.”

Today Christians are called to hear and to put the Beatitudes into practice, Francis said. Winning the victory of heaven is not always about doing extraordinary things but is “about following this path every day... in the family, at home.”

“Today we glimpse our future and celebrate what we were born for: we were born to never die again, we were born to enjoy the happiness of God!” he said. “May the Holy Mother of God, Queen of the saints, help us to firmly walk the path of holiness.”



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday November 9**

*Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22(671)*

**Tuesday November 10**

*Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Lk 17:7-10(492)*

**Wednesday November 11**

*Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19(493)*

**Thursday November 12**

*Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25(494)*

**Friday November 13**

*2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37(495)*

**Saturday November 14**

*3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8(496)*

## 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**

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 8TH 2020

## Faith Formation Office announcements

Virtual classes have begun for 1st Holy Communion, Continuation of Religious Ed, and Confirmation Classes meet for

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Time</u>
1,2	Thur @7PM
3	Sat @ 10 AM
4	Tue @7PM
5	Sun @1PM
6	Sat @3PM
7	Sun @12PM
8	Sun @11AM
RCIA	Wed @7PM

To register your child please provide (First & Last) Name, Name of Public School & Grade, Date of Birth, Copy of Baptismal Certificate, Parents Names Address Telephone or Cell & Email Address

If there 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

## **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.**