

## First Reading

*Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31*

The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5*

Blessed are those who walk in God's ways.

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Paul warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be predicted.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of [last week's parable](#) of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15TH 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 \$2,685.00

Previous Week \$2,876.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



**Monday: November 16**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: November 17**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: November 18**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: November 19**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: November 20**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: November 21**

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

**Sunday: November 22**

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 14

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Gabriel Baptiste by Family

5:30 PM For the safety and protection of all people

### Sunday November 15

8:30 AM In Memory of The Cordenillo Family by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Check Wai Ma by Cecilia Lam & Family

10:30 AM One Year Anniversary In Heaven for Eveld Manuel by Elysha & Eveld Manuel Jr

12:30 PM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Poujol & Arago Sevaire by Family

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Claude Lesly Hylaris by Claude Lesly Hylaris

### Monday November 16

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Charles Nixon by Charles Nixon

### Tuesday November 17

8:30 AM In Memory of Lee Harrington by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Fabiola Dodin by Fabiola Dodin

### Wednesday November 18

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Nelta Pierre Louis by Marie Nelta Pierre Louis

### Thursday November 19

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Dudley Jacobs by Mom, Sister, & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of June Modeste by Felicity Modeste

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marc Paolo Louis by His Dad Marc Albert Louis

### Friday November 20

8:30 AM In Memory of Marie Solange Cherenfant, Declasse Horace, & Guy Cherenfant by Norma Fequiere

### Saturday November 21

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

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



Bread & Wine offered by Letecia Casipe

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15TH 2020



## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday November 15th 2020 Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

There is a theme running through the readings of today: the Lord has entrusted us with responsibilities and expects us to work on God's behalf. Having bestowed on us the miracle of life and revealed to us God's love through Jesus, we are called upon to build God's Reign on Earth. So, what exactly does that entail?

In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we encounter Jesus teaching his disciples with the parable about the talents, a unit of currency in Jesus' time representing a large sum. Three servants receive five talents, two talents, and one talent, respectively. While entrusting them with this wealth, their master expects them to put it to good use – not to just bury it in the ground.

How have we been blessed by God? We have all experienced God's generosity in our lives, each in a different way. Jesus teaches his disciples that what God has given us, we are to put to good use. We are expected to work in the Lord's vineyard, pasture, field, or ocean to reap benefits that are pleasing in God's eyes – which are not necessarily the things valued by "the world." Fear can be crippling, as was the case of the servant who received one talent and buried it. We cannot let fear stop us from doing God's work. God has no use for a prophet who is too afraid to speak or act. We cannot let the values of the world pretend to tell us what is pleasing in God's sight.

Similarly, in the first reading from Proverbs, a wife is found praiseworthy not for her charm or beauty; but rather for her labors that are pleasing to God. That is, when she "reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy." In such acts of charity and kindness, we are told that "her works praise her at the city gates." We are challenged to actively find ways to help others and to care for our Common Home.

In the second reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul reminds us that the day of the Lord is coming. We should not be like people who sit back and say, "peace and security," meaning that all is well and we need not concern ourselves with doing anything further. Rather, Paul warns that disaster will come to such people who live in the darkness – shutting their eyes to the world around them. We are instead called to be "children of the light" who stay alert and see with eyes of faith.

In the world today, denying the reality of the climate crisis is one way we can choose to live in darkness. As scientists have warned for decades, if too many people and their governments do nothing, a disaster of biblical proportions will befall the world and harm all life on planet earth, especially the poor and needy.

Pope Francis has implored all people to undertake the monumental work of caring for our common home. Remember the servant who was given five talents? To save the earth, it means that those to whom much has been given are expected to use their wealth and power to do great works for God. Those people and nations of lesser means are also expected to participate in caring for our common home – each according to their abilities.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday November 16**

*Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43(497)*

**Tuesday November 17**

*Rv 3:1-6; 14-22 Lk 19:1-10(498)*

**Wednesday November 18**

*Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28(499)*

**Thursday November 19**

*Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44(500)*

**Friday November 20**

*Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48(501)*

**Saturday November 21**

*Rv 11:4-12 Lk 20:27-40(502)*

## 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15TH 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	Mon &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 7:30 PM Via Zoom the Zoom id to join is 79745894054 and the password is WdF5b7

## **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.**