

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29TH 2020

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

A prayer for the Lord's protection

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the season of [Advent](#), which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in diffi-

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. 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)

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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 30

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: December 1

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: December 2

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: December 3

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: December 4

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: December 5

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confirmation Ceremony

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: December 6

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 28

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

5:30 PM For the increase to the priesthood

Sunday November 29

8:30 AM 5 Year Anniversary in Heaven for Bruno Corion by His wife & Children

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Roger Grady by Cecilia Lam & Family

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Maureen Francis by Her Sister & Mother

10:30 AM In Memory of Salvatore Palmeri on his 100th Birthday by Joseph, John, Salvatore, & Family

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Andre Calixte by Andre Calixte

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Ann-Sherley Louis by Her Dad Marc Albert Louis

Monday November 30

8:30 AM In Memory of Dadilia Balthazar by Nandslie Jean Louis

Tuesday December 1

8:30 AM For an increase to the Priesthood

Wednesday December 2

8:30 AM Wishing Everyone Safety and Protection for this Holiday season by O.L.M

Thursday December 3

8:30 AM For an Increase to the Priesthood

Friday December 4

8:30 AM In Memory of Beatrice Jean by Daughter & Son

Saturday December 5

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

5:30 PM For the increase to the priesthood

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

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday November 29th 2020 First Sunday Of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

In the First Reading we heard the Prophet Isaiah speak to us about a journey, and he says that in the latter days, at the end of the journey, the mountain of the Lord's Temple shall be established as the highest mountain. He says this to tell us that our life is a journey: we must go on this journey to arrive at the mountain of the Lord, to encounter Jesus. The most important thing that can happen to a person is to meet Jesus: this encounter with Jesus who loves us, who has saved us, who has given his life for us. Encounter Jesus. And we are [journeying](#) in order to meet Jesus.

We could ask ourselves this question: But when do I meet Jesus? Only at the end? No, no! We meet him every day. How? In prayer, when you pray, you meet Jesus. When you receive Communion, you meet Jesus in the Sacraments. When you bring your child to be baptized, you meet Jesus, you find Jesus. And today, you who are receiving [Confirmation](#), you too will encounter Jesus; then you will meet him in Communion. "And then, Father, after Confirmation, goodbye?" because they say that Confirmation is called "the sacrament of goodbye". Is this true or not? After Confirmation you never go back to Church: true or false? ... so, so! However, after Confirmation even, our whole life is an encounter with Jesus: in prayer, when we go to Mass, and when we do good works, when we visit the sick, when we help the poor, when we think of others, when we are not selfish, when we are loving... in these things we always meet Jesus. And the journey of life is precisely this: journeying in order to meet Jesus.

And today, it is also a joy for me to come and visit you, because today in the Mass we shall all meet Jesus, and we will walk a portion of the journey together.

Always remember this: life is a journey. It is a path, a journey to meet Jesus. At the end, and forever. A journey in which we do not encounter Jesus is not a Christian journey. It is for the Christian to continually encounter Jesus, to watch him, to let himself be watched over by Jesus, because Jesus watches us with love; he loves us so much, he loves us so much and he is always watching over us. To encounter Jesus also means allowing oneself to be gazed upon by him. "But, Father, you know," one of you might say to me, "you know that this journey is horrible for me, I am such a sinner, I have committed many sins... how can I encounter Jesus?". And you know that the people whom Jesus most sought out were the greatest sinners; and they reproached him for this, and the people — those who believed themselves righteous — would say: this is no true prophet, look what lovely company he keeps! He was with sinners... And he said: I came for those in need of salvation, in need of healing. Jesus heals our sins. And along the way Jesus comes and forgives us — all of us sinners, we are all sinners — even when we make a mistake, when we commit a sin, when we sin. And this forgiveness that we receive in Confession is an encounter with Jesus. We always encounter Jesus.

So let us go forward in life like this, as the Prophet says, to the mountain, until the day when we shall attain the final encounter, when we will be able to look upon the beautiful gaze of Jesus, it is so beautiful. This is the Christian life: to walk, to go forward, united as brothers and sisters, loving one another. Encounter Jesus. Do you agree, the nine of you? Do you want to meet Jesus in your lives? Yes? This is important in the Christian life. Today, with the seal of the Holy Spirit, you will have greater strength for the journey, for the encounter with Jesus. Take courage, do not be afraid! Life is this journey. And the most beautiful gift is to meet Jesus. Go forward, be brave!



Scriptures For The Week

Monday November 30

Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22(684)

Tuesday December 1

Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24(176)

Wednesday December 2

Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37(177)

Thursday December 3

Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27(178)

Friday December 4

Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31(179)

Saturday December 5

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8(180)

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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Office Of Faith Formation News

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 & Thurs @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

Confirmation for the class of 2019-2020 takes place on December 5th 2020 at 11AM

Remedial Classes take place on

Monday November 30th at 4PM

Tuesday December 1st at 4PM

Thursday December 3rd at 4PM

Friday December 4th at 8:30 AM Mass Confession and Meeting

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.