

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13TH 2020

## First Reading

*Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11*

The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Luke 1:46-50,53-54*

Mary sings praise to God.

## Second Reading

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

## Gospel Reading

*John 1:6-8,19-28*

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

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)

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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: December 14**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: December 15**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: December 16**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: December 17**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: December 18**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: December 19**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: December 20**

**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 December 12

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to God for my Birthday by Gabriel Evenou Jasmin

**5:30 PM** Thanksgiving for The Immaculate Conception by Norma Fequiere

**5:30 PM** Thanksgiving to God for my Birthday by Gabriel Evenou Jasmin

### Sunday December 13

**8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Arlette Frederick by Ann Jacobs

**10:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Max W Zamor and Emmanuel Zamor by Marie Zamor

**12:30 PM** Messe d'action de Grace pour les epoux anniversaire de mariage de Jeff & Stephanie Laprice by Jeff & Stephanie

### Monday December 14

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Sr Doryne & Heidi by Letecia Casipe

### Tuesday December 15

**8:30 AM** In Memory of George Lam by Cecilia Lam & Family

**8:30 AM** Celebrating Ivinia Alexander's First Birthday with the Lord by Family

### Wednesday December 16

**8:30 AM** For Protection and Safety for all during these tough times

### Thursday December 17

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

### Friday December 18

**8:30 AM** For an increase to the Priesthood

### Saturday December 19

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

**5:30 PM** Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe & St Lucie by Norma Fequiere

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

**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 December 13th 2020 Third Sunday Of Advent

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It is called "Gaudete Sunday," that is, the Sunday of joy. Frequently in the liturgy [today] we hear invitation to express joy, to be delighted. Why? Because the Lord is near. [Christmas](#) is near. The Christian message is called "gospel," that is, "happy tidings," an announcement of joy for the entire individuals; the Church is not a sanctuary for unfortunate people, the Church is a residence of joy! And those who are sad discover joy in her, they find true joy in her.

However the joy of the Gospel is not just any joy. It is caused by our discovering ourselves welcomed and liked by [God](#). As the prophet Isaiah (cf. 35:1 -6 a, 8a, 10) reminds us, God is he who concerns conserve us, and offer succor specifically to the afraid of heart. His coming among us reinforces, solidifies, encourages, raises and makes the desert and plain bloom, that is, our life when it becomes arid. And when does our life ended up being arid?

This takes place when it lacks the water of the Word of God and his Spirit of love. Nevertheless wonderful are our limits and our dismay, we are not permitted to be downhearted and vacillating in the face of our infirmities. On the contrary, we are welcomed to get a grip and align our weak knees, to have courage and not hesitate since our God constantly shows us the greatness of his mercy. He offers us the strength to go ahead. He is constantly with us to help us go forward. He is a God who genuinely wants what is good for us, he loves us and so he is with us, to help us, to reinforce us and go forward. Take heart! Constantly forward! [Thanks](#) to his assistance we can always begin over. How? Exactly how do we start over? Somebody may state to me: "No, Father, I have done a bunch of ... I am a wonderful sinner ... I can not start over!" You're wrong! You can start over! Exactly how? Because he waits for you, he is near you, he likes you, he is merciful, he forgives you, he gives you the strength to begin over! He gives it to everybody! Then we have the ability to open our eyes once again, to overcome sadness and splits and sing a new tune. And this real joy remains in times of trial too, even in suffering, because it is not a superficial joy but takes part in the extremely depths of the person who leaves himself to God and confides in him.

Christian joy, like hope, has its foundation in God's fidelity, in the certainty that he always keeps his pledges. The prophet Isaiah exhorts those who have actually lost their method and are in problem to rely on the Lord's fidelity due to the fact that his salvation will not delay in breaking into their life. Those who have actually satisfied [Jesus](#) along the way have experienced a joy that nothing and no one can take away. Jesus Christ is our joy! His faithful love is limitless! Thus, when a Christian becomes sad, it means that he has actually distanced himself from Jesus. However we should not leave him to his own gadgets. We must pray for him, and make him feel the heat of the community.

The Virgin [Mary](#) assists us rush towards Bethlehem to satisfy the Child who is born for us, for the salvation and joy of all men. To her the Angels says: "Rejoice, loaded with grace. The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). She obtains for us the joy of the Gospel in the family, at work, in the parish and everywhere. It is an intimate joy, made from marvel and inflammation. It is exactly what a mom experiences when she looks at her newborn kid, and feels that he is a gift of God, a wonder that she can just be grateful for!

[Following the Angelus, the Holy Father greeted those gathered in St. Peter's Square.] Dear brothers and sisters, I am sorry that you need to stand in the rain! However I am with you, away Courage! Thank you! Today the first greeting is for the kids of Rome, who have actually



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday December 14**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27(187)

**Tuesday December 15**

Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32(188)

**Wednesday December 16**

Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25 Lk 7:18b-23(189)

**Thursday December 17**

Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17(193)

**Friday December 18**

Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25(194)

**Saturday December 19**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25(195)

## 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 All Faith Formation Classes formerly called CCD

See schedule below for Days and Times for each grade.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Day and 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

If you have not registered your child please come to my office located at 741 East 86th St Brooklyn NY 11236 and provide the following information

Child's full name and address  
Public school attending and grade  
Copy of Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate  
Parents Name and Address  
Telephone: Home, Cell, Work  
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.**