

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

(or the first reading from Cycle A: Sirach 3:2-7,12-14)

God fulfills his promise to Abraham, and Sarah gives birth to a son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6,8-9 (or the psalm from Cycle A: Psalm 128:1-5)

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to his covenant.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 (or the second reading from Cycle A: Colossians 3:12-21)

Paul examines Abraham's example of faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (or shorter form: Luke 2:22,39-40)

Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel

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)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 27TH 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: December 28

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: December 29

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: December 30

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: December 31

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 PM Holy Hour

12:00 AM New Years Eve Mass

Friday: January 1 New Years Day

8:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass

12:30 PM Mass

Saturday: January 2

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: January 3

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 26

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

5:30 PM Happy Holidays to all from O.L.M

Sunday December 27

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

8:30 AM In Honor of Holy Family by Letecia Casipe

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Vito Basile by Rosa Russo

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings For Godwin St Louis by Gina ST Louis

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Krisly Marcella Zamor by Marie Zamor

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Anne Nadege Louis by Her Dad Marc Albert Louis

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Soleil Rivas by Marjorie McSween

12:30 PM Thank You to God for a special favor that I have been praying for a longtime Glory to Jesus by Nona Lochard

Monday December 28

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Jim Pon by Cecilia Lam & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Gioachino Russo by Rosa Russo

Tuesday December 29

8:30 AM For an increase to the Priesthood

8:30 AM In Memory of Angelina Russo by Rosa Russo

Wednesday December 30

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Mary The Immaculate by Marc Albert Louis

Thursday December 31

8:30 AM In Memory of Ann Cheng by Cecilia Lam & Family

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

12:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Letecia Casipe by Letecia Casipe

Friday January 1

8:30 AM O.L.M would like to wish Everyone a Happy and Safe New Year

Saturday January 2

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

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to Mary The Immaculate by Marc Albert Louis

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 27th 2020 The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

And truly, today is a beautiful day... We celebrate today the feast of the [Holy Family](#) of Nazareth. The term "holy" places this family within the sphere of holiness which is a gift from God but, at the same time, is free and responsible adherence to God's plan. This was the case for the family of Nazareth: they were totally available to God's will.

How can we not wonder, for example, at Mary's docility to the action of the Holy Spirit Who asks her to become the mother of the Messiah? Because Mary, like every young woman of her time, was about to realize her life project, that is, to marry Joseph.

But when she realizes that God is calling her to a particular mission, she does not hesitate to proclaim herself His "servant" (cf. Lk 1: 38). Jesus will exalt her greatness not so much for her role as a mother, but for her obedience to God. Jesus said: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11: 28), like Mary. And when she does not fully understand the events that involve her, Mary meditates in silence, reflects and adores the divine initiative. Her presence at the foot of the cross consecrates this total willingness.

Then, with regard to Joseph, the Gospel does not give us a single word: he does not speak, but he acts, obeying. He is the man of silence, the man of obedience.

Today's Gospel reading (cf. Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23) recalls this obedience of the righteous Joseph three times, referring to the flight to Egypt and the return to the land of Israel. Under God's guidance, represented by the Angel, Joseph distances his family from Herod's threats, and saves them. The Holy Family is thus in solidarity with all the families of the world forced into exile, in solidarity with all those who are compelled to abandon their own land due to repression, violence, and war.

Finally, the third person of the Holy Family, Jesus. He is the will of the Father: in Him, says Saint Paul, there was no "yes" and "no", but only "yes" (cf. 2 Cor 1: 19). And this is made manifest in many moments of His earthly life. For example, the episode at the temple when He responded to the anguished parents who sought Him out: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2: 49); His continual repetition: "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent me and to accomplish His work" (Jn 4: 34); His prayer in the olive grove: "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done" (Mt 26: 42). All these events are the perfect realization of the very words of Christ Who says: "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired [...] Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book'" (Heb 10: 5-7; Psalm 40: 7-9).

Mary, Joseph, Jesus: the Holy Family of Nazareth which represents a choral response to the will of the Father: the three members of this family help each other reciprocally to discover God's plan. They prayed, worked, communicated. And I ask myself: you, in your family, do you know how to communicate or are you like those kids at the table, each one with their mobile phone, while they are chatting? In that table there seems to be a silence as if they were at Mass... But they do not communicate between themselves. We must resume dialogue in the family: fathers, parents, sons, grandparents and siblings must communicate with one another ... This is today's homework, right on the day of the Holy Family. May the Holy Family be a model



Scriptures For The Week

Monday December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18(698)

Tuesday December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35(202)

Wednesday December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40(203)

Thursday December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18(204)

Friday January 1

Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21(18)

Saturday January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28(205)

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.