

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6TH 2020

## First Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 85:9-14*

The Lord's salvation is near.

## Second Reading

*2 Peter 3:8-14*

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 1:1-8*

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Unlike Luke and Matthew, Mark does not include any details of Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John.

Many scholars believe that the Gospels reflect the tension that likely existed between followers of John the Baptist and disciples of Jesus. Each of the four Evangelists report on John's preaching and baptizing, and they each emphasize the importance of Jesus' baptism by John. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. In the Gospel of Luke, the question is raised as to whether John the

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 7**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: December 8**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: December 9**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: December 10**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: December 11**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: December 12**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: December 13**

**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 5

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

**5:30 PM** For the increase to the priesthood

### Sunday December 6

**8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving for Lesly & Ketty Merceron by Lesly

**8:30 AM** God's Blessings for Marites & Michelle by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Mr & Mrs Shew Fook Mah 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 December 7

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Lancelot Menelas by The Menelas Family

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Ralph Anthony DeCiampa by Tamara Marcus

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Roger Malbranche by Luce Laplace

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Pascal Malbranche by Luce Laplace

### Tuesday December 8

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

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Father Delva by Letecia Casipe

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Clarice Dorante by Luce Laplace

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Dumoro Dorante by Luce Laplace

### Wednesday December 9

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Stanley Honore by Luce Laplace

### Thursday December 10

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Gerard Andre Momplaisir by Luce Laplace

### Friday December 11

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

### Saturday December 12

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

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

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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6TH 2020



Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday December 6th 2020  
First Sunday Of Advent

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

This second Sunday of Advent falls on the day of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and thus our gaze is drawn to the beauty of the Mother of Jesus, our Mother! With great joy the Church contemplates her "full of grace" (Lk 1:28), and starting with these words we salute her together: "Full of grace!" Let us say it three times: "Full of grace!". Everyone: Full of grace! Full of grace! Full of grace! This is how God saw her from the first moment of his loving design. He saw her as beautiful, full of grace. Our Mother is beautiful! Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him! The Gospel of St Luke presents us with Mary, a girl from Nazareth, a small town in Galilee, in the outskirts of the Roman Empire and on the outskirts of Israel as well. A village. Yet the Lord's gaze rested on her, on this little girl from that distant village, on the one he had chosen to be the mother of his Son. In view of this motherhood, Mary was preserved from original sin, from that fracture in communion with God, with others and with creation, which deeply wounds every human being. But this fracture was healed in advance in the Mother of the One who came to free us from the slavery of sin. The *Immaculata* was written in God's design; she is the fruit of God's love that saves the world.

And Our Lady never distanced herself from that love: throughout her life her whole being is a "yes" to that love, it is the "yes" to God. But that didn't make life easy for her! When the Angel calls her "full of grace" (Lk 1:28), she is "*greatly troubled*" for in her humility she feels she is nothing before God. The Angel consoles her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" (v. 30,31). This announcement troubles her even more because she was not yet married to Joseph; but the Angel adds: "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you... therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God*" (v. 35). Mary listens, interiorly obeys and responds: "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word*" (v.38).

The mystery of this girl from Nazareth, who is in the heart of God, is not estranged from us. She is not there and we over here. No, we are connected. Indeed, God rests his loving gaze on every man and every woman! By name and surname. His gaze of love is on every one of us. The Apostle Paul states that God "*chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him*" (Eph 1:4). We too, from all time, were chosen by God to live a holy life, free of sin. It is a plan of love that God renews every time we come to him, especially through the Sacraments. On this Solemnity, then, by contemplating our beautiful Immaculate Mother, let us also recognize our truest destiny, our deepest vocation: to be loved, to be transformed by love, to be transformed by the beauty of God. Let us look to her, our Mother, and allow her to look upon us, for she is our mother and she loves us so much; let us allow ourselves to be watched over by her so that we may learn how to be more humble, and also more courageous in following the Word of God; to welcome the tender embrace of her Son Jesus, an embrace that gives us life, hope and peace.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday December 7**

*Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26(181)*

**Tuesday December 8 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38(689)*

**Wednesday December 9**

*Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30(183)*

**Thursday December 10**

*Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15(184)*

**Friday December 11**

*Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19(185)*

**Saturday December 12**

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47(690A)*

## 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

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

**Makeup & Practice Classes take place on  
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.**