

## First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3b–10,19  
The Lord calls Samuel.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10  
A prayer of commitment to follow the will of the Lord.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a,17–20  
Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

## Gospel Reading

John 1:35–42  
John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today’s reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today’s reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah’s description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus’ passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus’ Last Supper.

We learn in today’s reading how Jesus’ first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John’s testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his

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)

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17TH 2021



## 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: January 18**  
8:30 AM Mass
- Tuesday: January 19**  
8:30 AM Mass
- Wednesday: January 20**  
8:30 AM Mass
- Thursday: January 21**  
8:30 AM Mass
- Friday: January 22**  
8:30 AM Mass
- Saturday: January 23**  
8:30 AM Mass  
5:30 PM Mass English
- Sunday: January 24**  
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 January 16**  
**8:30 AM** In Memory of Joachim, Georgette Petit, & Jean Marie Wilfrid Legros  
**8:30 AM** In Memory of Charles Massenat by Marie Massenat  
**5:30 PM** For the safety and Protection of all people

**Sunday January 17**  
**8:30 AM** Special Intention for Ms V Barnes by Cecilia Lam & Family  
**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Belinda Durity by Ann Jacobs & Family  
**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Yanisha Germain by Mom  
**10:30 AM** In Memory of Natividad & Esperanza Bajada by Letecia Casipe  
**12:30 PM** For the Protection & Safety of all people by O.L.M

**Monday January 18**  
**8:30 AM** For an increase to the Priesthood

**Tuesday January 19**  
**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Monica Barnes by Ann Jacobs & Family  
**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Jean Nerva Joseph by Jean Nerva Joseph

**Wednesday January 20**  
**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving for 30th Anniversary in the Priesthood for Fr Hugues Berrette by Fr Hugues Berrette

**Thursday January 21**  
**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Marjorie McSween by Marjorie McSween

**Friday January 22**  
**8:30 AM** In Memory of Calderone Rosalia by Rosa Russo

**Saturday January 23**  
**8:30 AM** For the safety and Protection of all people  
**5:30 PM** Thanksgiving for God's Blessings by Laurel Charles  
**5:30 PM** Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Grace 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 IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17TH 2021



**Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday January 17th 2021  
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Christ, as God, could deal directly with every human being on earth. He could teach the infallible truth; he could pardon sins; he could give all the graces needed to travel successfully to heaven. There would then be no need for a Church with its teaching magisterium, no need for the sacrament of Baptism, or of Penance, nor of the Holy Eucharist itself or of any other such aids. Christ could do all that his Church does for the salvation of mankind, and more successfully, of course, but yet he chose the way which divine wisdom saw was best.

We mortals know that God can speak directly to our hearts, and actually has done so to many men in the past. We know that he can do directly all that is done by his Church, to whom he gave the power, with its teaching magisterium and sacraments. If he were to act in this way we should be open to continuous doubts about the source of our inspirations and the objectivity of the graces we thought we were receiving. It was to remove such doubts, and the possibility of self-deception that Christ left to us the external visible kingdom to which he gave all the powers necessary for men's salvation. It was for the security and peace of men's consciences that he set up a visible Church founded on the Apostles, men like ourselves, but transformed by his assisting grace.

Another momentous fact in Christ's choice of the Apostles on whom he was to build his Church, is that he "chose the lowly and the humble to confound the wise." The first four Apostles, as well as the other eight, were simple, lowly fishermen from Galilee. They may possibly have been able to read and write a little, but they were certainly not men of education or any social standing in their communities. He could have converted and chosen some of the more highly educated scribes of Jerusalem, or some of the Roman centurions then in Palestine, or some of the many philosophers in Greece, or even Roman senators whose influence as Christian teachers would carry such weight with the educated elite of the empire. But he did not. The instrument he chose to carry his message to all men was not dependent on human ingenuity or on the educational or social standing of his witnesses. Rather it was to stand on the power of God, of which it was the expression and proof.

We can see clearly the divine wisdom governing Christ's choice of Apostles! Had his message of salvation been spread and promulgated by men of learning and social standing, the cry would soon go up on all sides: "This religion is the invention of philosophers; it is a clever plan of the upper classes to keep the poor and humble workers in subjection." But it was the poor and working classes who spread Christ's message, and who suffered imprisonment and death itself at the hands of the educated and upper classes for so doing

Today, let us thank our blessed Lord who provided so humanly—and yet so divinely for our eternal welfare. In the Church, which he founded on the lowly but solid foundation of simple fishermen of Galilee, he erected an institution against which the gates of hell, the power of all the enemies of our salvation, cannot prevail, for his divine guidance and help will be with it forever.



## *Scriptures For The Week*

*Monday January 18*

*Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:23-28(311)*

*Tuesday January 19*

*Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28(312)*

*Wednesday January 20*

*Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6(313)*

*Thursday January 21*

*Heb 7:25—8:6 Mk 3:7-12(314)*

*Friday January 22 Day of Prayer for the legal protection of Unborn Children lectionary for Ritual Masses Vol IV Mass for Peace & Justice nos 887-891*

*Saturday January 23*

*Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Mk 3:20-21(316)*

## **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**

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17TH 2021

## Office Of Faith Formation News

Virtual classes for Spring 2021 began on Jan 10th as follows. 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 are 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 Insights based on the word of God takes place 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.**