

## First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

The Lord teaches us his ways.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes

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)

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 24TH 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 25**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: January 26**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: January 27**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: January 28**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: January 29**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: January 30**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**5:30 PM Mass English**

**Sunday: January 31**

**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 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

**5:30 PM** Thanksgiving Mass for The Boliscar Family by The Boliscar Family

**5:30 PM** In Honor of Jesus Christ by Aliette Pierre

### Sunday January 24

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Celestion Sr & Jr, Esperanza Mallare by Letecia Casipe

**10:30 AM** For the Protection & Safety of all people by O.L.M

**12:30 PM** Thanksgiving to God for everything you have done for me by Marie Catouchea Legros

**12:30 PM** For The Little Child of Jesus by Anne Marie Leandre

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Armante Pierre by Aliette Pierre

### Monday January 25

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Charles Celin by Marie Massenet

### Tuesday January 26

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Evanie, Joanna Alabre, & Dorceus Muscadine by Jina Alabre

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagracia by Cassandra Hyacinthe

### Wednesday January 27

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving to God for all that you have done for me by Jina Alabre

### Thursday January 28

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Richard F Deppert 20th Anniversary In Heaven Love Wife Grace & Son Richard

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Frances Oliva by Nina Riti

### Friday January 29

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Immacula Legros Demesmin, Gerard Legros, & Luxene Gourgue by Marie Catouchea Legros

**8:30 AM** Anniversary In Heaven for Frances Oliva by Nina Riti

### Saturday January 30

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Joan Leonard by Nina Riti

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Richard F Deppert 20th Anniversary In Heaven Love Wife Grace & Son Richard

**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

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 24TH 2021



**Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday January 24th 2021  
Third 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 25**

*Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18(519)*

**Tuesday January 26**

*2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:31-35(318)*

**Wednesday January 27**

*Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20(319)*

**Thursday January 28**

*Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25(320)*

**Friday January 29**

*Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34(321)*

**Saturday January 30**

*Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Mk 4:35-41(322)*

## **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**

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 24TH 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.**