

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 21ST 2021

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's par-

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)

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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 Kenai, 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 \$2,500.00

Previous Week \$3,065.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: March 22

8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM English Lenten Mission

Tuesday: March 23

8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM English Lenten Mission

Wednesday: March 24

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Haitian Lenten Mission

Thursday: March 25

8:30 AM Mass

7:30 PM Haitian Lenten Mission

Friday: March 26

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: March 27

8:30 AM Mass

5:30 PM Mass English

Sunday: March 28

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 March 20

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Maureen Francis by Nina Riti

5:30 PM For the repose of the Soul of George Michelet Cesar by Yvica's Children

5:30 PM In Memory of Rose Edouard by Soeurette Fougere

Sunday March 21

8:30 AM 1 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Maureen Francis by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM 1 Year Anniversary In Heaven for Maureen Francis by Sister & Mom

8:30 AM In Honor of St Joseph by Michemel

10:30 AM In Memory of All Deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

12:30 PM For the repose of the Soul of George Michelet Cesar by Yvica's Children

12:30 PM In Memory of Ines Rousseau, Carmen Rousseau, & Estesia Antoine by The Menelas Family

12:30 PM In Memory of Yveline Kavanagh by Family

Monday March 22

8:30 AM For the Protection and Safety of All People by OLM

Tuesday March 23

8:30 AM Messe d'action de grace pour Mrs Souverain Gerard by Marie Letang

8:30 AM In Memory of Kathy Ulysse by Lucienne

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Baltazor Pierre Murat by Murat Marie Resianne

Wednesday March 24

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings & Thanksgiving for Grace Simmons by Marjorie

Thursday March 25

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings In Heaven for Eileen Bonair by Ann & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of my Sister in law by Letecia Casipe

Friday March 26

8:30 AM In Memory of Cleggon George Joseph by The Prosanctity Movement

Saturday March 27

8:30 AM In Memory of Luke Angotta & Family by Catherine Brozek

5:30 PM For the Souls In Purgatory by Ann Jacobs



In Honor of St Joseph by Michemel

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday March 21st 2021 Fifth Sunday Of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today's Gospel (cf. Jn 12:20-33) narrates an episode which took place in the last days of Jesus' life. The scene takes place in Jerusalem where he finds himself for the feast of the Jewish Passover. Several Greeks had also arrived there for this celebration. These men were driven by religious sentiment, attracted by the faith of the Jewish People and, having heard of this great prophet, they approach Philip, one of the 12 Apostles, and say to him: "we wish to see Jesus" (v. 21). John highlights this sentence, that is centered on the verb *to see*, which in the evangelical lexicon means to go beyond appearances *in order to comprehend the mystery of a person*. The verb John uses, "to see", means to reach the depths of the heart, to reach through sight, with understanding, the depths of a person's soul, within the person.

Jesus' reaction is surprising. He does not answer with a "yes" or with a "no" but says: "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified" (v. 23). These words which at first glance appear to ignore the question of those Greeks, in reality provide the true response because those who seek to know Jesus must *look within the Cross* where his glory is revealed; to look *within* the Cross. Today's Gospel invites us to turn our gaze to the Crucifix which is not an ornamental object or a clothing accessory — abused at times! Rather, it is a religious symbol to contemplate and to understand. Within the image of Jesus crucified is revealed the mystery of the death of the Son as a supreme act of love, the source of life and salvation for humanity of all ages. We have been healed in his wounds.

I may think: "How do I look at the Crucifix? As a work of art, to see if it is beautiful or not? Or do I look within; do I penetrate Jesus' wounds unto the depths of his heart? Do I look at the mystery of God who was humiliated unto death, like a slave, like a criminal?" Do not forget this: look to the Crucifix, but look within it. There is a beautiful devotional way of praying one "Our Father" for each of the five wounds. When we pray that "Our Father", we are trying to enter within, through the wounds of Jesus, inside his very heart. And there we will learn the great wisdom of the mystery of Christ, the great wisdom of the Cross. And in order to explain the meaning of his death and Resurrection, Jesus uses an image and says: "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (v. 24). He wants to explain that his extreme fate — that is the Cross, death and Resurrection — is an act of *fruitfulness* — *his wounds have healed us* — a fruitfulness which will bear fruit for many. He thus compares himself to a grain of wheat which, rotting in the earth, generates new life. Jesus came to earth through the Incarnation, but this is not enough. He must also die to redeem man from the slavery of sin and to offer him a new life reconciled in love. I said "to redeem man": but to redeem me, you, all of us, each of us. He paid that price. This is the mystery of Christ. Go towards his wounds, enter, contemplate, see Jesus — but from within.

And this dynamism of the grain of wheat which was accomplished in Jesus must also take place within us, his disciples. We are called to take on the *Paschal law* of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does *losing life* mean? That is, what does it mean to be the grain of wheat? It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them. To joyfully carry out works of charity towards those who suffer in body and spirit is the most authentic way of living the Gospel. It is the necessary foundation upon which our communities can grow in reciprocal fraternity and welcome.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday March 22

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11(251)

Tuesday March 23

Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30(252)

Wednesday March 24

Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42(253)

Thursday March 25

Is 7:10-14;8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38(545)

Friday March 26

Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42(255)

Saturday March 27

Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56(256)

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(2020) 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

Hybrid 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 @7PM

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 confirmation candidates on their commissioning last Sunday. Please continue to pray for them as they continue with their classes. Commissioning of the First Holy Communion candidates will take place on March 21st during the 8:30AM Mass. All parents and candidates are required to keep time for the mass and commissioning.

RCIA is an ongoing formation program open to any adult who wishes to be prepared to receive the following sacraments Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. If you know of anyone in need of receiving any or all of the sacraments please contact the Faith Formation Office

The days to call the Faith Formation Office is on Tuesday and Friday at the number below. Or by email 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 Saturday at 7:30 PM during lent-Via Zoom. The Meeting id to join is 76155578592 and the passcode is s2h8kz

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 2021 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 2021 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.

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