

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial

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)

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 4TH 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 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: April 5

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: April 6

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: April 7

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: April 8

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: April 9

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: April 10

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: April 11

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 April 3

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday April 4

7:00 AM Easter Mass for Haitian

8:30 AM God's Blessings for the Casipe Family by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Maureen R Francis by Theresa Baptiste

10:30 AM In Memory of all OLM Parishioners who are deceased by OLM

10:30 AM 1 year anniversary in heaven for Roland Prudhomme by his wife Marie & Family

12:30 PM In Memory of Renaud Delva by Family

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Gershorn Delva by Family

Monday April 5

8:30 AM In Memory of Anna & Antonio Angotta by Catherine Brozek

8:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Fellecci Arcaya by The Arcaya Family

Tuesday April 6

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings In Heaven for Celestino Mallare by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Yvan Freycinet by Jocelyne Freycinet

8:30 AM In Memory of Pierre Beatrice by Murat Marie Resianne

Wednesday April 7

8:30 AM Messe pour le repos de l'ame de Claire Mencia Juste recommandee par by Marie Zamor

Thursday April 8

8:30 AM In Memory of Jean Bernard by Regine

Friday April 9

8:30 AM In Memory of Anna, Charles, & Anthony Brozek by Catherine Brozek

Saturday April 10

8:30 AM In Memory of Jean Yves Emile by Soeurette Fougere

5:30 PM In Loving Memory of Dorrel Tavares by Mireya Hinkson

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 April 4th 2021 Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, the Church repeats, sings, cries: "Jesus is risen!" But how can this be? Peter, John, and the women went to the sepulchre and it was empty; He was not there. They went with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, He whom they so loved, was executed, is dead. And no one returns from death. This is defeat; this is the path of defeat, the path to the tomb. But the Angel says to them: He is not here, He is risen". It is the first announcement: "He is risen". And then confusion, the closed heart, the apparitions. However, the disciples remained shut in the Cenacle the whole day, because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. And the Church never ceases to say to our defeats, to our closed and fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is risen". But if the Lord is risen, how is it that these things happen? How is it that there are tragedies, sicknesses, human trafficking, slavery, wars, destructions, mutilations, vendettas, hatred? But where is the Lord?

Yesterday, I telephoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated youth, an engineer and to give him a sign of faith, I said to him: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross, God did this with His Son, and there is no other explanation". And he answered me: "Yes, but He asked the Son and the Son said yes. I wasn't asked if I wanted this". This touches us: no one of us has been asked: "But are you happy with what happens in the world? Are you ready to carry this cross ahead?" And the cross goes ahead, and faith in Jesus comes down to us. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop, Jesus is risen". And this is not a fantasy; the Resurrection of Christ is not a feast with many flowers.

This is beautiful, but it is not this, it is more; it is the mystery of the discarded stone that ends up being the foundation of our existence. It means Christ is risen. In this disposable culture where what is not useful goes the way of the disposable, where what is not useful is discarded, that stone – Jesus – is discarded and yet it is the source of life. And we too, pebbles on the ground, in this land of sorrow, of tragedies, with faith in the Risen Christ we find meaning, in the midst of so many calamities. The meaning of looking beyond, the meaning of saying: "Look, there isn't wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead; do not close yourself up. You, pebble, you have a meaning in life because you are a pebble next to that stone, that rock that the evil of sin has discarded". What does the Church say to us today, faced with so many tragedies?

This, simply. The discarded rock is not truly discarded. The pebbles that believe and attach themselves to that rock are not discarded, they have meaning, and with this sentiment the Church repeats from the depth of her heart: "Christ is risen". Let us think a little, each one of us, of everyday problems, of the sicknesses we have experienced or that one of our relatives has; let us think of the wars, of the human tragedies and, simply, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before ourselves let us say: "I don't know how this is so, but I am sure that Christ is risen and I count on this". Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Return home today, repeating in your heart: "Christ is risen".



Scriptures For The Week

Monday April 5

Acts 2:14,22-23 Mt 28:8-15(261)

Tuesday April 6

Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18(262)

Wednesday April 7

Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35(263)

Thursday April 8

Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48(264)

Friday April 9

Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14(265)

Saturday April 10

Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15(266)

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.

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