

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 25TH 2021

## First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*

Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29*

A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness

## Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-2*

God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

## Gospel Reading

*John 10:11-18*

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shep-

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 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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Eng</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Eng</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Eng</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>French/Kreyol</b>

**Weather: Sunny Day**

**Our weekly goal is** \$4850.00

**This Weeks Total was** \$3,700.00

**Previous Week** \$3,065.00

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated**

**Second Collection**

## Coming Up This Week



**Monday: April 26**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Tuesday: April 27**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Wednesday: April 28**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Thursday: April 29**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Friday: April 30**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Saturday: May 1**

**8:30 AM Mass**

**Sunday: May 2**

**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 24

**8:30 AM** Messe de remerciement pour Ted Huggins by Gabriel Milfort

**5:30 PM** In Memory of Adda Jean Baptiste by Soeurette Fougere

**5:30 PM** For the Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs

### Sunday April 25

**8:30 AM** In Thanksgiving for Patricia Jean Michel by Lucette

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

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

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Emanie, Helen, & Odelmonde Francois by Christine Nacier

**12:30 PM** Messe de remerciement pour Mrs Yanick Michel by Florence Meo

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Carole Volcy by Marie Noel

**12:30 PM** Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Marie Louis

**12:30 PM** In Memory of Fredine Laroche by Marie Louis

### Monday April 26

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Adolphus Marshall by Mr Sohan

**8:30 AM** Birthday In Heaven for Stanley Honore by his Family & Luce Laplace

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Dennis Enile by Marjorie McSween

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

### Tuesday April 27

**8:30 AM** Messe de remerciement pour Myriam Milfort by Gabriel Milfort

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

### Wednesday April 28

**8:30 AM** Birthday Blessings for Michelle Louis by Marjorie McSween

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

### Thursday April 29

**8:30 AM** Thanksgiving for Alexandra St Jean by Jeanine

**8:30 AM** Messe de remerciement pour Gabriel Milfort by Gabriel Milfort

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

### Friday April 30

**8:30 AM** Messe de remerciement pour Rudolph Milfort by Gabriel Milfort

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

### Saturday May 1

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Giordani Desir by Family

**8:30 AM** In Memory of Reynaldo de Chaver by Anicaise

**5:30 PM** In Memory of all deceased OLM parishioners by OLM

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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday April 25th 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

The Evangelist John presents us, on this Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season, with the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd. In contemplating this page of the Gospel, we can understand the kind of relationship that Jesus had with his disciples: a relationship based on tenderness, love, mutual knowledge and the promise of an immeasurable gift: "I came", Jesus said, "that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). This relationship is the model for relations between Christians and for human relationships.

Today, too, as in the time of Jesus, many put themselves forward as "shepherds" of our lives; but only the Risen One is the true Shepherd, who gives us life in abundance. I invite everyone to place their trust in the Lord who guides us. But he not only guides us: he accompanies us, he walks with us. Let us listen to his Word with minds and hearts opened, to nourish our faith, enlighten our conscience and follow the teaching of the Gospel.

On this Sunday let us pray for the Shepherds of the Church, for all Bishops, including the Bishop of Rome, for all priests, for everyone! We pray especially for the new priests of the Diocese of Rome, whom I ordained a short while ago in St Peter's Basilica. A greeting to these 13 priests! May the Lord help us pastors always to be faithful to the Master and wise and enlightened guides of the People of God, entrusted to us. I also ask you to please help us: help us to be good shepherds. Once I read something very beautiful on how the People of God help the bishops and priests to be good shepherds. It is a writing of St Caesarius of Arles, a Father of the first centuries of the Church. He explained how the People of God must help the pastor, and he gave this example: when a calf is hungry it goes to the cow, its mother, to get milk. The cow, however, does not give it right away: it seems that she withholds it. And what does the calf do? It knocks with its nose at the cow's udder, so that the milk will come. It is a beautiful image! "So also you must be with your pastors", this saint said: always knock at their door, at their hearts, that they may give you the milk of doctrine, the milk of grace and the milk of guidance.

This Sunday is the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. In [this year's Message](#) I recalled that "every vocation, even within the variety of paths, always requires an exodus from oneself in order to centre one's life on Christ and on his Gospel" (n. 2). Therefore, the call to follow Jesus is both exciting and challenging. In order that it may be realized, it is always necessary to enter into deep friendship with the Lord in order to live from Him and for Him.

Let us pray that also, in these times, many young people may hear the voice of the Lord, which is always in danger of being suffocated by the clamour of other voices. Let us pray for young people: perhaps there is someone here in the Square who hears the voice of the Lord calling him to the priesthood; let us pray for him, if he is here, and for all young people who are being called. I asked four of them from the Diocese of Rome to come forward and join me in giving the blessing. May Our Lady offer her help in support of those who are called by Him, that they may be ready and generous in following his voice.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday April 26**

*Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10(279)*

**Tuesday April 27**

*Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30(280)*

**Wednesday April 28**

*Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44-50(281)*

**Thursday April 29**

*Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20(282)*

**Friday April 30**

*Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6(283)*

**Saturday May 1**

*Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14(284)*

## 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&6	Tue @7PM
5	Sun @1PM
7	Sun @12PM
8	Sun @11AM
RCIA	Wed @7PM

## Please Save these dates

May 1st 2021 @8:30AM Reconciliation for 1st H.C.

May 4th 2021 @4PM Rehearsals for confession and confirmation group

May 7th 2021 @4PM Confession for confirmation

May 8th 2021 @11AM-1PM 1st Holy Communion

May 15th 2021 @11AM Confirmation

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 this number **718-649-1006**  
Or by email at [dre101163@diobrook.org](mailto:dre101163@diobrook.org)

## Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 10:00AM-4:30PM

Friday: 10:00AM-4:30 PM

## OLM Spiritual Journey Program (OSJP)

Olm Spiritual Insights based on the word of God takes place every Saturday at 7:30 PM 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