

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2ND 2021

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32

The whole world shall praise the Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he

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 \$2,700.00

Previous Week \$3,700.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: May 3

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: May 4

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: May 5

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: May 6

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: May 7

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: May 8

8:30 AM Mass

11:00AM First Holy Communion

Sunday: May 9

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 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

Sunday May 2

8:30 AM In Memory of Reynaldo Guzman Alqueza by Letecia Casipe

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Fredine Laroche by Marie Louis

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Jean Rudy Jean-Pierre, & Marie Gertha Jean-Pierre by their daughter/granddaughter Kristelle Jean-Pierre

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

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Marlon Jacques by Nicole Bazelais

12:30 PM Messe de deliverance for Tiffany Matthew by Nicole Bazelais

12:30 PM In Memory of Andre Macelus by Nicole Bazelais

12:30 PM Action de Grace pour Anne Marie Bazard a l'occasion anniversaire by Yoleine Jean

12:30 PM Messe de requiem pour Samson Jean-Louis by Yanique Jean-Louis

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

Tuesday May 4

8:30 AM In Memory of Kathy Elysse by Family

8:30 AM Messe de requiem pour Samson Jean-Louis by Yanique Jean Louis

Wednesday May 5

8:30 AM In Memory of Jean Renaud Delva by Family

Thursday May 6

8:30 AM Anniversary In Heaven for Michael Riti by Nina Riti

8:30 AM In Memory of Manuel & Malita Bariantos by Letecia Casipe

Friday May 7

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Michelle Lorenzo by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Yole Laplace by Yole Laplace

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Marie Penchinat by Marie Penchinat

Saturday May 8

8:30 AM For an Increase to the Priesthood

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



Bread and Wine for Letecia Casipe by Letecia Casipe

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday May 2nd 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Jesus is the Truth. Gandhi said, "God is truth." Jesus is the Truth because he is the only one who reveals to us the whole truth about God. He teaches us that God is a loving, merciful, providing and forgiving Father. He also teaches us the truth that our Triune God lives in each one of the believers. Jesus is the Truth also because he has borne testimony to truth, demonstrating through his life and death the love of God for human beings. Truth here is that complete integrity and harmony which Jesus himself revealed, not only in what he said and did, but in the total manifestation of his life and person. Jesus is the Truth, the Word of God. To seek the truth elsewhere is to *stumble and fall*, to deal in falsehood and lies. So, we pray in the 86th Psalm, "*Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth.*" For us to live the Truth in that Way is also to be fully alive, to be a "fully-functioning person," responding totally to that abundance of life which Jesus has come to give us.

Jesus is the Life. As God, Jesus has eternal life in himself. In addition, he is the one who gives us his life-giving Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Life also in the sense that he allows us to share in God's Life through the Sacraments. Christ rose from the dead for two reasons: first, to give us eternal life; second, to make us fully alive now. His Spirit animates every moment of our lives. To be fully alive is to be in God. Thomas a Kempis of *The Imitation of Christ* fame wrote, "Without the Way, there is no going. Without the Truth, there is no knowing. Without the Life, there is no living."

We need to know Jesus the Truth and walk Jesus the Way: Jesus asked Philip: "*Have I been with you all this time and you still do not know me?*" He is asking us the same question: "Have I been with you all this time – in the Mass, in the Sacraments, in the Bible in the worshipping community – and you still do not know me?" If we really believe that Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life, then we will find fresh and creative ways to keep alive his memory. Jesus asks us to keep alive his memory by reading and praying the Scriptures, by gathering in Jesus' name and celebrating the Eucharist "in memory" of him, by handing on the great tradition of Christian Faith and by living according to his wise teachings. Jesus says, "*If you believe in me, you will do the work I do.*" This is the work he's talking about: creating safe, secure, happy places for one another in which the really important work of life - transformation and big-family building - can happen. We can help one another "get a life" in the same way Jesus did - by recognizing the powerful effect we have on one another, for good or ill, and by consciously deciding to make even our smallest choices add up to safe, secure, happy spaces where every member of our big family can grow whole.

We need to possess Jesus the Life. We share the Divine life of God by making use of the means Jesus established in his Church: a) by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; b) by the worthy reception of the other Sacraments; c) by the meditative and daily reading of the Word of God; d) by following the guidance of the life-giving Spirit of God, living within us; and e) by communicating with God, the Source of Life, in personal and family prayers



Scriptures For The Week

Monday May 3

1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14(561)

Tuesday May 4

Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a(286)

Wednesday May 5

Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8(287)

Thursday May 6

Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11(288)

Friday May 7

Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17(289)

Saturday May 8

Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21(290)

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

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