

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 123:1-2,3-4

A prayer to God for mercy

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul bears insults and weakness for the sake of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is rejected in his hometown.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of our Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

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)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 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 \$4,100.00

Previous Week \$2,700.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: July 5

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: July 6

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: July 7

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: July 8

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: July 9

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: July 10

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: July 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 July 3

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Healing of Dimitri Paul by Chantal Guillouette

Sunday July 4

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Catalina Bajada by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Thanksgiving for Kevin & Marsha Michel by Rosemay Pierre-Louis

10:30 AM In Honor of Our Lady of Miracles for Krisly Marcella and the Zamor Family by Marie Zamor

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Auldeen Marrast by Auldeen Marrast

10:30 AM In Thanksgiving and God's continued protection and blessings to our children by The Egbunam Family

12:30 PM In Memory of Emmanuel Pierre Louis by Serge Pierre Louis

12:30 PM In Memory of Latal Pierre Louis by Serge Pierre Louis

12:30 PM Messe de Remercient pour Marie Maud Bazile pour de mon anniversere de naissance

12:30 PM In Memory of Carmelle Coquillon by her daughter

12:30 PM In Memory of Myrtha Clerjeune by her son Donald Semirville

Monday July 5

8:30 AM In Memory of Madeleine Pierre by Jean Frantz Pierre

Tuesday July 6

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Rudy Legros by Renee Legros

Wednesday July 7

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Brenda Entweslte by Jeanine

Thursday July 8

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Chery & Jacqueline Chery by Monique Augustin

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Andre Torchon & Eolo Merveille by Monique Augustin

Friday July 9

8:30 AM In Memory of Frantz Schultz by Jean Ernst Pierre

Saturday July 10

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

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 4TH 2021



Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday July 4th 2021 Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Jesus immediately has compassion, reaches out in love. His compassion and his generosity and his love are shown even more dramatically in what happens next. We have to be aware of all that is going on in this episode. Remember the end when the woman finally comes up to Jesus? Mark says she was trembling with fear. She was afraid she had done something terribly wrong. Because of her infirmity, because of her illness, because of her bleeding, she was “unclean” according to the law. She could not go into the temple or the synagogue. She had to be apart from the rest of the people, and she thought Jesus would be angry with her because she touched Jesus and he became “unclean.” According to the law he would not be allowed in the temple until he was purified.

But Jesus wasn't angry. Obviously, he was amazed, and he reached out in love. He wanted to be sure that this woman did not think this was something magic. And that was the danger. She touched his clothing, and she might have thought, “Well, it's magic, I'm cured now.” No, it was the love of God reaching out to her through Jesus who was reaching out to her as a friend.

Another point about this that I think is so important is that Jesus wanted to make sure that there was a connection. Jesus never worked miracles from a distance. He never tried to cure people without being right in their presence. Jesus wanted to connect with people, interact, know them and let them know him. That's what happens when you become a friend. You open your heart to another person and that person opens his or her heart to you. You can't do it unless there is some kind of connection and so Jesus wanted to be sure that this woman knew that he loved her, that there was this connection, that she was his friend, that she had opened herself to him and he was ready to pour forth his love upon her. So Jesus shows himself. Jesus, who we remember is God, shows himself in this very human, real way as a friend, as one who reaches out in love, in kindness, compassion, generosity.

Notice how Jesus doesn't hesitate. He might have had other plans when he came and landed on that shore but as soon as people came up to him, wanted his help, he dropped everything and was ready to go and do whatever was necessary

And I think you get a final sense of how human Jesus is, how real he is, when at the end of the incident today, other people were all, I suppose, chattering away, talking in amazement about what had happened and Jesus is very practical -- “This little girl is hungry. Give her something to eat.” He cared about this little girl. And so Jesus shows us today in the Scriptures how he is a friend to us.

It's difficult to put these two truths together. Jesus is Son of God in power but he is also a brother, a friend to every one of us. Once we begin to really enter into this mystery, to know Jesus as Son of God, to know Jesus as the one who made the heavens and the earth, but also as our closest friend. Once we really enter into this mystery, it can change our lives. Because we'll begin to realize, first of all, that at any moment, whenever we're in need, when we're in pain of some sort be it physical or emotional or whatever, we can turn to Jesus who will be right there, to respond to us out of the abundance of his generosity and love.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday July 5

Gn 28:10-22a Mt 9:18-26(383)

Tuesday July 6

Gn 32:23-33 Mt 9:32-38(384)

Wednesday July 7

Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a Mt 10:1-7(385)

Thursday July 8

Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5 Mt 10:7-15(386)

Friday July 9

Gn 46:1-7,28-30 Mt 10:16-23(387)

Saturday July 10

Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a Mt 10:24-33(388)

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 4TH 2021

Office Of Faith Formation News

Any Child who received Baptism and started 1st Grade in Public School or Catholic School must start First Communion Preparation. After Communion Public School Children must continue ongoing formation until they begin Confirmation preparation to be fully initiated Catholics. Catholic School children do not need ongoing formation but must register for Confirmation preparation when they reach that level.

Payment Schedule for the upcoming 2021-2022
Registration Year

<u>For</u>	<u>Early</u> June to Aug 31st	<u>Regular</u> Sep 3rd-10th	<u>Late</u> Sep 12th– Oct 31st
1 Child	\$60	\$80	\$105
2 Children	\$100	\$140	\$165
3 or more	\$160	\$180	\$205

Our Lady of Miracles rejoices as we congratulate 10 new confirmed children on May 15th 2021 and 22 new First Communion Children on May 8th 2021

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.

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