

## First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

## Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

### Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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)

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 1ST 2021

## Saturday July 31

8:30 AM For the repose of Ivinia Alexander by Prisca Alexander

8:30 AM In Memory of Lionel Abellard by Nicole Abellard

5:30 PM For the repose of the soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

## Sunday August 1

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

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

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 Rhode-Lencie Bien-Aime by Silus & Anne Marie Bazard

12:30 PM For the repose of the Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

12:30 PM In Memory of Lenio Jean by Silus & Anne Marie Bazard

12:30 PM For the Love, Comfort, and Strength for Jonathan Pierre to carry on his Father Joseph Reynold Pierre's Memory

## Monday August 2

8:30 AM Wedding Anniversary for Simon & Auldeen Marrast by The Marrast Family

8:30 AM For the repose of the Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

## Tuesday August 3

8:30 AM For the repose of the Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

## Wednesday August 4

8:30 AM Messe al'onheur precieux sang de Jesus by Gisele Merisier

8:30 AM For the repose of the Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

## Thursday August 5

8:30 AM For the repose of the Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

## Friday August 6

8:30 AM For the repose of the Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

## Saturday August 7

8:30 AM For the repose of Soul of Florence Forestal by Jean-Robert & Soeurette Fougere

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

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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	90
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	95
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	90
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	125

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$3,500.00

Previous Week \$4,100.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



Monday: August 2

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: August 3

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: August 4

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: August 5

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: August 6

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: August 7

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: August 8

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

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 1ST 2021



## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday August 1st 2021 Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

In John's Gospel, Jesus' self-giving in the foot washing is the climax of the Last Supper narrative. This gospel presents the Eucharist in the long passage we continue to read in today's liturgy. This instruction may well have existed as an independent meditation upon the Eucharist before it was incorporated into the fourth gospel. It will help us to appreciate this meditation if we understand the literary form in which it is written (midrash) - a form common at the time among Jewish scholars. This approach takes an incident or a text in the Scriptures, and uses it to interpret a later event or situation. This meditation on the Eucharist is developed in the form of a dialogue between Jesus and those he is leading to Eucharistic faith. The framework adopted is the story recalled in the first reading - God's people being led by Moses through the desert. They are rebellious, even though God is providing them with food and drink. Like the old people, those who are interrogating Jesus in this meditation are given to doubting and complaining - they too find it difficult to accept what God is offering them.

What Jesus has to give is immeasurably greater than the earthly nourishment of the old story. It is only through faith that the hearers of Jesus can possess what he is offering them. In today's passage, therefore, Jesus is encouraging his hearers to find the faith they will need if they are to recognize 'the bread from heaven' that his Father is offering them. We too should take his teaching to heart, as his disciples,

Jesus urges his hearers - impressed by his feeding of the crowd - to look beyond earthly things: 'You had all the bread you wanted ... do not work for food that can not last'. They have failed, he tells them, to recognise that the feeding of the crowd was a 'sign', pointing to another nourishment that 'the Son of Man is offering'. The tragedy of the old people's history was that they did not find the deep faith and trust God's caring for them should have brought; those listening to Jesus are in the same situation - Jesus urges them to recognise that his 'Father' is now giving (note the present tense) them 'bread from heaven ... the true bread' that 'gives life to the world'. His listeners echo the desires and yearnings of humanity down through the ages, for the fullness of life: 'Give us that bread always'. 'I AM the bread of life', Jesus declares. If they 'believe', he tells them - if they have the faith that is able to recognise what God is offering them - he will be their nourishment for eternal life.

There is still no direct reference to the Eucharist. When it is made in next week's reading, the Eucharist will be seen as the ultimate expression of all that the Savior has become for us in his Paschal Mystery.

Disciples of the Lord, if they have genuine faith, must learn from the example of Jesus. The reading from Ephesians tells us that our faith needs a healthy focus. The teaching of St Paul contrasts the emptiness of the 'aimless kind of life' that is 'corrupted by illusory desires' with 'the way learnt from Christ ... the new self created in God's way'.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday August 2**

*Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21(407)*

**Tuesday August 3**

*Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36(408)*

**Wednesday August 4**

*Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35 Mt 15:21-28(409)*

**Thursday August 5**

*Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23(410)*

**Friday August 6**

*Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10(614)*

**Saturday August 7**

*Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20(412)*

## 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**

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 1ST 2021

## Office Of Faith Formation News

The Faith Formation Office will be closed in August. You can still register for September classes if you have not done so by completing early registration slips found in the back of the church, and leaving in the box provided. We will contact you in September.

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

<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

ongoing formation but must register for Confirmation preparation when they reach that level.

Payment Schedule for the upcoming 2021-2022 Registration Year

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)

## Resumes in September

## **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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