

## First Reading

*Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b*

Joshua and the people declare that they will serve the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21*

The Lord hears the cries of the just.

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 5:21-32 (or shorter form Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32)*

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loves the Church.

## Gospel Reading

*John 6:60-69*

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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)

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22ND 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		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 \$3,060.00

Previous Week \$4,100.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

## Coming Up This Week



### Monday: August 23

8:30 AM Mass

### Tuesday: August 24

8:30 AM Mass

### Wednesday: August 25

8:30 AM Mass

### Thursday: August 26

8:30 AM Mass

### Friday: August 27

8:30 AM Mass

### Saturday: August 28

8:30 AM Mass

### Sunday: August 29

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 August 21

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Annelove Bernard & Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Roberte Jules by Jean Lorine

8:30 AM In Memory of Raynaud & Ester Hiverla Derose by The Derose Family

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

### Sunday August 22

8:30 AM Happy 21st Wedding Anniversary to Joseph & Tonia Kenscoff by Their Children

8:30 AM In Memory of Maureen Francis by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Thanksgiving for my 29 years in the United States by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM In celebration of 50 years of religious life for Brother Pierre Destin Leandre by Marie Lourde Jeudy

10:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Thanksgiving for The Egbunam Family by The Egbunam Family

12:30 PM Messe d' Action de grace a Dieu pour Magareth Etienne by Family

12:30 PM Thanksgiving & Mass Deliverance for Guerda & Nadgeda Jn Baptiste by Guerda & Nadgeda Jn Baptiste

12:30 PM Thanksgiving & Mass Deliverance for Melinda Marcelis & Chloe Gracia by Melinda Marcelis & Chloe Gracia

12:30 PM Liberation Guerison for Eveld Patrice Manuel, Elysha Carmela Manuel, & Marie Elsie Manuel by Marie Elsie Manuel

### Monday August 23

8:30 AM In Memory of Kathy Ulysse by her Sister

### Tuesday August 24

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Kathy Ulysse by her Sister

### Wednesday August 25

8:30 AM In Memory of Aleks Pun by Marie Datura Menos & Family

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Christine Bastien, Prophenson & Phedric Meristil

8:30 AM In Memory of Kathy Ulysse by her Sister

### Thursday August 26

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

### Friday August 27

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings to Marie Massenat by Marie Massenat

8:30 AM Sweet Sixteen Blessings for Jimmanie Josph by Family

### Saturday August 28

8:30 AM In Memory of Lorius Jean by daughter Rose Mannie Jean & Family

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

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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday August 15th 2021 The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:67-69)."

No one who accepts Christ for what he is, the Son of God in human form, has any difficulty in believing that he left us himself in the Eucharist as a sacrifice and a sacrament. This does not mean that we understand this gift of Christ in all its details—it was an act of divine power and as such beyond full human comprehension. However, we can understand enough about the actuality of the Eucharist because we accept the words of Christ, who "has the words of eternal life," even though its innermost nature escapes us. We are doing no violence to our intelligence when we accept as fact from a trustworthy witness what we cannot prove or confirm for ourselves. No more trustworthy witness than Christ ever existed. In Galilee he promised to give his body and blood in the Eucharist—to be our spiritual nourishment — communion — and our means of offering an absolutely pleasing sacrifice to God every time his body and blood are made present by the words of his ordained minister. He fulfilled that promise at the Last Supper. He gave to his Apostles and their successors the power to repeat this act of divine love when he said: "Do this in memory of me."

When Simon Peter answered Christ's challenge—"will you too go away?"—he spoke not only for his fellow-Apostles that day with: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." but for all Christians who really believe that Christ was the incarnate Son of God. Peter, be it noted, made his act of faith before he was fully convinced of the divinity of Christ, but he was already convinced that Christ was close to God and spoke nothing but the truth.

We have the proofs of Christ's divinity which Peter and the Apostles later got. We have also the faith of two thousand years of the Christians whose belief in the Blessed Eucharist as a sacrifice and sacrament was at the very center of their Christian lives. We have also the noble example of many martyrs who gladly gave their lives in defense of this truth. Our faith may never be put to such an extreme test, but should it be, God grant that we will not be found wanting.

Many of us may need to examine ourselves as regards the full and effective use we make of that gift. Every time we attend at Mass do we realize that Christ is offering himself to his Father for our sanctification and the sanctification of the world? Do we realize that we, through his minister at the altar, are offering infinite thanksgiving, infinite atonement, infinite adoration, infinitely effective petition, to our Father in heaven through the sacrifice of his divine Son in the Mass? Are we always worthy to act this part, are our consciences fit to allow us to partake of this sacrifice in Holy Communion? A true Christian who realizes and appreciates what the Son of God has done and is still doing for him will try always to make himself less unworthy, for not even the greatest saint was worthy to partake of this act of divine love.



## Scriptures For The Week

*Monday August 23*

*1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22(425)*

*Tuesday August 24*

*Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51(629)*

*Wednesday August 25*

*1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32(427)*

*Thursday August 26*

*1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51(428)*

*Friday August 27*

*1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13(429)*

*Saturday August 28*

*1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30(430)*

## 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

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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