

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah prophesies about God’s vindication.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10

A song of praise to God

Second Reading

James 2:1-5

James teaches that there is to be no partiality within the Christian community.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus restores a man’s hearing and speech.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today’s reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus’ healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are sacramental people who believe that God’s grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark’s Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman’s great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus’ own mission affirms the early Church’s mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark’s Gospel and is sometimes called the “messianic secret.”

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)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5TH 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
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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: September 6

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 7

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 8

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 9

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 10

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 11

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: September 12

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 September 4

8:30 AM For an increase to the priesthood by OLM

5:30 PM Thanksgiving for Patrick & Marie Viltus Louis by Marie Viltus Louis

Sunday September 5

8:30 AM Happy Birthday to Joseph Kenscoff by his wife Tonia Kenscoff

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

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

10:30 AM In Memory of Celestino Mallare Jr & Belen Mallare by Letecia Casipe

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to St Michael for Christopher Joshua Aubry by his Mom Marie Maignant

Monday September 6

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

Tuesday September 7

8:30 AM In Memory of Renaud Delva by Family

Wednesday September 8

8:30 AM 2 Year Anniversary in Heaven for Marie Therese Jerome by Salta Auguste

8:30 AM In Memory of Jeanette D'lejer by Salta Auguste

8:30 AM In Memory of Antonio Langdon by Letecia Casipe

Thursday September 9

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

Friday September 10

8:30 AM For the safety and protection of all people by OLM

Saturday September 11

8:30 AM Three Year Anniversary in heaven for Mrs. Dermophane Jeudy by her Niece Marie Lourde Jeudy

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Gladys Jean by Gladys Jean

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings in heaven for Georgette Elien by her daughter Josette



September 4th-11th

In Memory of Aunt Mary DiGangi by her niece Josephine

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 5th 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

What do you think they were looking for, those people of ancient times who hoped for a savior? We tend to think of the Jews of Jesus' day as people waiting for the Messiah. Hundreds of books, movies, poems and plays, not to mention theological and biblical studies, have given their take on this idea. Then there's the question that naturally follows: Why did some people find their expectations met in Jesus while others, the majority, did not?

Isaiah wrote the best book of clues for detecting the presence of the Messiah — at least that's what the early Christians thought. In what we hear from him today, the prophet tells people to cast away all fear because God was coming to them with "divine recompense." Apparently, that meant that God would right what was out of kilter: The blind would see, the deaf would learn to hear and speak, and the dry land representing every other type of need would be sprinkled with springs.

Scholars remind us that the Gospels are faith reflections, not biographies or history. That means that they were written to be read in the light of Jesus' resurrection, the mind-blowing event that transformed believers' understanding of everything else. From the experience of knowing the risen Christ, they could look back and decipher all the signs the disciples failed to grasp during their sojourn with Jesus.

Mark recounts today's healing story with Isaiah in mind, then adds his own touches to bring it home to his audience, including us. Mark specifies that Jesus encountered the deaf person in the district of the Decapolis, a culturally Greek area. This emphasized the point that Jesus' fame and power were not limited by national or ethnic boundaries. There, in a land where Aramaic was at most a second language and probably not highly esteemed, people ask Jesus the Jew to lay his hand on a man whose hearing and speech were impaired. We know very little about this person. Rather than give us a name or nationality, Mark keeps the person anonymous, thus able to represent everyone. As will happen more than once in Mark's Gospel, Jesus goes apart with the person who needs help. Then, in a reenactment of [Psalm 40:6](#), Jesus put his finger in the man's ears and, with the intimacy of a kiss or communion, put his own saliva on the person's tongue. While such gestures were not unusual healing practices, here they portray an intimacy of encounter. This reminds us of Jeremiah who said, "The Lord extended a hand and touched my mouth, saying, 'See, I place my words in your mouth."

Curiously, after Jesus healed the person, he told the onlookers not to tell anyone what they had witnessed. Why? As we saw in John's account of the miraculous sharing of bread, people often misinterpreted Jesus' mission. Too often, rather than be drawn to the depth of his message, they sought him as a wonder-worker, someone to relieve them of their burdens, perhaps even freeing them from Roman rule. To correct this, the Gospels portray discipleship as a long apprenticeship that comes to fruition as Jesus' followers begin to comprehend their vocation in the light of his death and resurrection. Until disciples understand their vocation through Christ, they are more likely to preach their own ideas than the good news of Jesus.

Mark preserved this story, not to impress us with Jesus' miracle, but to help us appreciate its meaning because that is more wondrous for us than any particular healing. This story tells us that concerned friends brought the needy person to Jesus, seeking what Isaiah called divine recompense. They turned to Jesus, believing and hoping that he could help the man live to his fullest capacity. Secondly, Jesus healed him through an intimate encounter. Finally, knowing that the outward signs were so much more obvious than any internal transformation, Jesus told them not to speak about what they did not yet fully understand.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 6

Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11(437)

Tuesday September 7

Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19(438)

Wednesday September 8 The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday September 9

Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38(440)

Friday September 10

1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Lk 6:39-42(441)

Saturday September 11

1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49(442)

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 5TH 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

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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