

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9a

The suffering servant of Yahweh is assured of God’s help.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

A prayer of praise to God for his salvation

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

James teaches that faith must be demonstrated in one’s works.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s reading is the turning point in Mark’s Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus’ disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today’s reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ’s disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus’ words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 12TH 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: September 13

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 14

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 15

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 16

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 17

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 18

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: September 19

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 11

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

8:30 AM In Memory of Marie Estimable by Her Mom

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

Sunday September 12

8:30 AM In Memory of Celestino Sr & Esperanza Mallare by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Lydia Bermoy, Anthony Ray Bermoy, & Hercules Bermoy Caharian by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Birthday In Heaven for Concetta Petrizzo by Michael, Mary Anne, & Steve

12:30 PM In Memory of Claudie Duchacellier by Florence Meo

12:30 PM Action De Grace for my Birthday by Girardine Mondesir

12:30 PM Remerciement pour Rose Andreline St Vil, Pierreleine Sena & Siaka Sena

12:30 PM Remerciement pour James St Jean et Family by his Mom

Monday September 13

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

Tuesday September 14

8:30 AM In Memory of Alicia Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Lydia Bermoy, Anthony Ray Bermoy & Hercules Bermoy Caharian

Wednesday September 15

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

Thursday September 16

8:30 AM In Memory of Father Mike Almosa by Letecia Casipe

Friday September 17

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Camyl Banatte by Mireille Boliscar

Saturday September 18

8:30 AM In Memory of Mr & Mrs Joseph Louis by Their Children

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel by Barbara Joseph

September 11th-18th

In Memory of Aunt Mary DiGangi by Joseph, Jeannie, & Liz Russo

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 12th 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, we see how a journey with Jesus could become an intense experience of spiritual formation. Taking advantage of the leisure of a journey, Jesus asked his disciples about how folks were perceiving him. Disregarding the opinions of his adversaries, they recounted the rumors they'd heard from people who were both impressed and confused. Some suspected he might be John the Baptist. That was a rather odd thought; anyone who knew about John would have known that Herod had beheaded him not too long before this conversation took place.

They added that others thought that perhaps he was another of the prophets. Those ideas sprang from their sense of how they knew God had interacted with Israel throughout their history. When Jesus fixed his gaze on those who had chosen to journey with him, the answer changed. Peter responded, "You are the Christ." Peter testified that they saw Jesus not as a prophet of old, but as the anointed one sent by God to save Israel. That's the good news. Then came the hitch: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer ... be killed, and rise after three days." That was so shocking that Mark adds the incredulous phrase, "He said this openly!"

Of course, Peter was as ready to help Jesus revise his thinking as he had been to proclaim his faith in him. He pulled Jesus aside to talk some sense into him. Peter realized that Jesus had just veered wildly off the script for a messiah. Jesus' disciples might have been free from the expectation that the Messiah would be a warrior or king, but weakness, rejection and being killed, no. That scenario didn't correspond at all to their image of the one God would send to redeem Israel.

Although Peter rebuked him in private, Jesus' reply made witnesses of everyone present. He addressed Peter as "Satan," calling him a tempter, the kind of enemy that would sow weeds in the garden of God's reign. "Get out of my sight" is one way to translate the next text. What Jesus said to Peter at this moment is exactly what we heard in [Mark 1:20](#), which says that Peter *followed* Jesus. Thus, Jesus came back at Peter with the message: "*You are to follow me*, not the other way around!" Peter's reaction to what Jesus had said was as natural and as narrow as his experience and expectations. He had grown up on salvation stories that portrayed a God of power and might. It's unlikely that either he or the other disciples had ever interpreted Isaiah's suffering servant as an image of God or the Messiah. People suffering under Roman domination were hardly longing for a savior who would suffer. People who waited for God to punish the wicked and reward the good didn't couldn't fathom the idea that God's chosen one could be put to death. They knew that isn't how God works!

Finally, Jesus' talk about rising on the third day offered small comfort. In their religious imagination, the third day had nothing to do with clocks or calendars; it was the day of salvation, which could come in an instant or an eon. The question Jesus put to the disciples remains relevant for us today. Who do we say he is? What do we expect in our interactions with God? Much as we resist it, the God we meet in Jesus, the Christ who is our savior, is thoroughly unlike the materialistic, political or militaristic gods the world urges us to worship. The God we meet in Jesus does not squash evil, but takes it in. In Christ, God suffers evil to transform it. Jesus did not escape the cross, but revealed evil's ultimate powerlessness to overcome with life and love.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 13

1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10(443)

Tuesday September 14

Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17(638)

Wednesday September 15

1 Tm 3:14-16(445) Jn 19:25-27

Thursday September 16

1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50(446)

Friday September 17

1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3(447)

Saturday September 18

1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15(448)

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

Office Of Faith Formation News

The Faith Formation Office is now open 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!

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