

First Reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The just one is put to the test.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 54:3-4,5,6 & 8

A prayer for God’s protection.

Second Reading

James 3:16—4:3

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today’s Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 19TH 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 20

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 21

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 22

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 23

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: September 24

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: September 25

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: September 26

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 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

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Gulna Raymond

Sunday September 19

8:30 AM In Memory of Vincente Sr & Jr & Rosario Cordenillo by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Jacintha De Freitas by Agnes De Freitas

8:30 AM 20th Anniversary in heaven for Angelina Budd by her sister Elizabeth Corion

10:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

12:30 PM Messe de deliverance for Jason Joseph by his mother Benila Senat

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Marie Elsie Manuel by Marie Elsie Manuel

12:30 PM In Memory of Marie Estimable by Marie Jo

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Yolande Carole Picard by Yolande Carole Picard

Monday September 20

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

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Tessa Dorival for her accomplishments in school by Ethelbert Dorival

Tuesday September 21

8:30 AM 8th Anniversary in heaven for Delani Jacobs by his Mom & Family

Wednesday September 22

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Alvin Baptiste by his Mom & Dad

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Aanav St Jean by his grandmother Jeannine St Jean

Thursday September 23

8:30 AM Anniversary in heaven for Jacqueline Esposito by Nina Riti

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Christina St Jean by her Mom Jeannine St Jean

8:30 AM In Memory of Adolphus & Patricia Marshall by Family

Friday September 24

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Dudley Jacobs & Family by his Mom

Saturday September 25

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

5:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory by Ann Jacobs & Family

September 18th-25th

In Memory of Aunt Mary DiGangi by Dominick & Jill Russo



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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 19TH 2021



Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 19th 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today's Sunday readings provide us an opportunity to reflect on the nature of **AUTHORITY AS A SPIRIT OF SERVICE**.

In the 1st reading, the Book of Wisdom describes the sufferings of the just man who is chastised and persecuted for his upright behavior because: *"he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us ... Let us test him with insult and torture, that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected (Wis 2:12, 17-20)."*

The just and righteous man is represented fore mostly by Our Lord Jesus Christ who was condemned to an ignominious death on the Cross, the Messiah, Son of God who exercised His Divine Authority by giving up His Life on the Cross, serving man to free him from the bonds of sin and the devil.

At the same time, the righteous man represents all the children of God who give a great service to God, to His Church and to their fellow Christians by giving witness to their steadfast faith on God amidst the persecution from others. In the Gospel (Mk 9:30-37), we see again how Jesus predicted his Passion, Death and Resurrection, cautioning his disciples to prepare themselves for these sublime and imminent events which essential for the salvation of humanity:

"The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." However, the disciples *"did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him."*

Instead, what was surprising and a bit amusing -to show us how the disciples Our Lord chose are men with their own defects-, was that after hearing the solemn prediction of Our Lord regarding the Paschal Mystery, the disciples began *"discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."* Jesus took advantage of this childish bickering among the apostles to teach them an important lesson:

"Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, 'IF ANYONE WISHES TO BE FIRST, HE SHALL BE THE LAST OF ALL AND THE SERVANT OF ALL.' Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"

Dear friends, with these words, Our Lord wants to remind us that **AUTHORITY IS SERVICE. TO LEAD IS TO SERVE.**

ALL OF US, IN ONEWAY OR ANOTHER EXERCISE AN AUTHORITY OVER OTHER PEOPLE: PRIESTS, PARENTS, ELDER SIBLINGS, TEACHERS, LEADERS OF NATIONS, GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, POLITICIANS, COMMUNITY LEADERS... IN THE EXERCISE OF OUR AUTHORITY, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT OUR TASK IS TO SERVE AND NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR POSITION FOR PERSONAL GAIN, NOR FOR VANITY'S SAKE NOR FOR THE DESIRE TO SUBJUGATE the people around us. It is very important to remind ourselves of this important idea every now and then for the good of those people whom God has entrusted to us. If not, grave immoral consequences will necessarily arise in all levels of the society: family and marriage problems, cruelty, corruption, poverty, totalitarianism...to name a few.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has *"come to serve and not be served (Mk 10:45)"* and this is the model all Christians are called to imitate: **SERVE OTHERS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IN MOST NEED.** This is the reason why Jesus, later in the Gospel, took and embraced a little child, who in turn represents all those who are in need: poor, sick, elderly, abandoned children, prisoners



Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 20

Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18(449)

Tuesday September 21

Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Mt 9:9-13(643)

Wednesday September 22

Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6(451)

Thursday September 23

Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9(452)

Friday September 24

Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22(453)

Saturday September 25

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45(454)

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 Religious Education Classes {CCD} began last week.

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.

<u>For</u>	<u>Regular</u> Sep 13th –Oct	<u>Late</u> Nov-Dec
1 Child	\$80	\$105
2 Children	\$140	\$165
3 or more	\$180	\$205

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)

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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PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTER-
ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS
QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE
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