

First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14

The Law of the Lord brings joy.

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 26TH 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 27

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: September 28

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: September 29

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: September 30

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: October 1

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: October 2

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: October 3

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 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

Sunday September 26

8:30 AM In Memory of Maria Liberata by Letecia Casipe

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

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Roseline St Vil by Roseline St Vil

12:30 PM Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for Rose M Constant by Rose M Constant

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to St Michael on Marie Maignant Birthday by All of my children

12:30 PM Action De Grace for Marie Therese Toussaint by Irma Toussaint Charles

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Jean Baptiste Charles by Irma Toussaint Charles

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Mrs Anelle Etienne by Gladys Etienne

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Raymonde Vilmar Francois by Raymonde Vilmar Francois

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Smith Francois by Raymonde Vilmar Francois

12:30 PM Thanksgiving for Joseph Martino by Raymonde Vilmar Francois

Monday September 27

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

Tuesday September 28

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

Wednesday September 29

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to OLM for Mirdell Boliscar by her parents

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Marie Therese McSween by Ann Jacobs

Thursday September 30

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Guyto Dimanche by his wife

8:30 AM In Memory of Aline Casimir by Soeurette

Friday October 1

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

Saturday October 2

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

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Jocelyne Prudhomme

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 26TH 2021



Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday September 26th 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, Luke's Gospel presents to us the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus (Lk 16: 19-31). The rich man personifies the wicked use of riches by those who spend them on uncontrolled and selfish luxuries, thinking solely of satisfying themselves without caring at all for the beggar at their door.

The poor man, on the contrary, represents the person whom God alone cares for: unlike the rich man he has a name: "Lazarus", an abbreviation of "Eleazarus", which means, precisely, "God helps him".

God does not forget those who are forgotten by all; those who are worthless in human eyes are precious in the Lord's. The story shows how earthly wickedness is overturned by divine justice: after his death, Lazarus was received "in the bosom of Abraham", that is, into eternal bliss; whereas the rich man ended up "in Hades, in torment". This is a new and definitive state of affairs against which no appeal can be made, which is why one must mend one's ways during one's life; to do so after serves no purpose.

This parable can also be interpreted in a social perspective. Pope Paul VI's interpretation of it 40 years ago in his Encyclical *Populorum Progressio* remains unforgettable. Speaking of the campaign against hunger he wrote: "It is a question... of building a world where every man... can live a fully human life... where the poor man Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man" (no. 47).

The cause of the numerous situations of destitution, the Encyclical recalls, is on the one hand "servitude imposed... by other men", and on the other, "natural forces over which [the person] has not sufficient control" (*ibid.*).

Unfortunately, some populations suffer from both these factors. How can we fail to think at this time especially of the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, affected by serious floods in the past few days? Nor can we forget the many other humanitarian emergencies in various regions of the planet, in which conflicts for political and economic power contribute to exacerbating existing, oppressive environmental situations.

The appeal voiced by Paul VI at that time, "Today the peoples in hunger are making a dramatic appeal to the peoples blessed with abundance" (*ibid.*, no. 3), is still equally pressing today.

We cannot say that we do not know which way to take: we have the Law and the Prophets, Jesus tells us in the Gospel. Those who do not wish to listen to them would not change even if one of the dead were to return to admonish them.

May the Virgin Mary help us to make the most of the present time to listen to and put into practice these words of God. May she obtain for us that we become more attentive to our brethren in need, to share with them the much or the little that we have and to contribute, starting with ourselves, to spreading the logic and style of authentic solidarity.



Scriptures For The Week

Monday September 27
Zec 8:1-8 Lk 9:46-50(455)

Tuesday September 28
Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56(456)

Wednesday September 29
Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Jn 1:47-51(647)

Thursday September 30
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12(458)

Friday October 1
Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16(459)

Saturday October 2
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29(460) Mt 18:1-5,10(650)

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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ING THE CHURCH. THIS IS
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