

## First Reading

*Wisdom 7:7-11*

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17*

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

The Word of God exposes the heart.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)*

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 10TH 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 Ann Bethany, Jason Quigley

*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: October 11**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: October 12**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: October 13**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: October 14**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: October 15**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: October 16**

8:30 AM Mass

**Sunday: October 17**

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 October 9

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

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Castana Andre Etienne by Gladys Jean

### Sunday October 10

8:30 AM God's Blessings for Ruth Mallare by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Remerciment A Dieu Pour Chartania Cantave Lavie by Family

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

12:30 PM In Memory of Hortence, Lafontant, Carole, & Gerald Lantimo by Family

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Marc Arthur Chevalier by Ingrid Douby

12:30 PM In Memory of Winshell Delia by Family

12:30 PM Remerciement a Dieu par Marguerite Augustin by Family

### Monday October 11

8:30 AM In Memory of Liberta & Maria Bajada by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Florence Sandaire by Rotchill Medor

### Tuesday October 12

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

### Wednesday October 13

8:30 AM In Memory of Rose Irma Alexis by Soeurette & Mirelle

### Thursday October 14

8:30 AM In Memory of Marguerite Pierre by Soeurette

### Friday October 15

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings in Heaven for Alicia Barrientos by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM Thanksgiving & God's Blessings for Mary Peters & Family by Mary Peters

### Saturday October 16

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Yanick Celestin by Yanick Celestin

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

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

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## Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday October 10th 2021 Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

We all love a good meal with our friends and family. Whenever we share a meal with those we love, there is a sense of joy, community and belonging which is experienced by those around the table. Stories are told and new memories are created.

The same was true at the time of Jesus. We know from the gospels, that Jesus sat and ate with many people. To share a meal with another person then was sign of equality. All those around the table were seen as equals as they often ate from the same plate or bowl. However, if you were sick in any way you were not allowed to sit at the table with others, even members of your own family. To be sick was to be seen as sinner who was being punished by God. The Pharisees, Scribes and the Jewish elders decided who could come into Temple, the synagogue and sit at the table to share a meal. If a person didn't reach the standard that they laid down, then they were ignored, dismissed and unable to eat with others.

Jesus is very well aware of this. He himself often ate with those who were ignored, hated and dismissed. We read in the gospel of Mark that the religious leaders pointed to Jesus and complained that he *even eats with sinners*. Nobody was excluded or dismissed by Jesus; all were invited, welcomed and included.

In the first reading and gospel this Sunday the image and symbol of the meal and banquet are used to let us know how generous God is. The first reading tells us that the Lord will prepare a meal of rich wine and food. The Lord will remove the veil of sadness and all people will be invited to this celebration. In the gospel, Jesus continues this message. The table is set and the food is ready. However, those invited gave various excuses why they could not go to the feast. In response, the king invited and welcomed strangers, good and bad alike. They were the ones who enjoyed the food and wine.

Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist Jesus is the host and we are his guests. We come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us and no one is to be excluded.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday October 11**

Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32(467)

**Tuesday October 12**

Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41(468)

**Wednesday October 13**

Rom 2:1-11 Lk 11:42-46(469)

**Thursday October 14**

Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54(470)

**Friday October 15**

Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7(471)

**Saturday October 16**

Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12(472)

## 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 on September 12th 2021

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. You can still register your child.

<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](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)

## **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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