

## First Reading

*Isaiah 53:10-11*

Through his suffering, the servant of Yahweh will justify many.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 33:4-5,18-19,20,22*

A prayer of praise for God's mercy

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

Jesus is the high priest who sympathizes with our weakness.

## Gospel Reading

*Mark 10:35-45 (shorter form Mark 10:42-45)*

Jesus teaches that those who wish to be great must be the servant of all.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the [25th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#), Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is counter-cultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be counter-cultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 17TH 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
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 18**

8:30 AM Mass

**Tuesday: October 19**

8:30 AM Mass

**Wednesday: October 20**

8:30 AM Mass

**Thursday: October 21**

8:30 AM Mass

**Friday: October 22**

8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday: October 23**

8:30 AM Mass

**Sunday: October 24**

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 16

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

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

### Sunday October 17

8:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Ruth Mallare by Letecia Casipe

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

12:30 PM In Memory of Dorcelia Etienne Vertus by Marie Lourdes Vertus

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God for Mrs Michaele Sanon for all of her blessings by Marie M Bazile

### Monday October 18

8:30 AM In Memory of Bishop Guy Sansaricq by OLM

8:30 AM In Memory of Deacon Magloire Marcel by OLM

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for Paul Celestin by Family

### Tuesday October 19

8:30 AM In Memory of Kathy Ulysse by Family

8:30 AM In Memory of Ludovic Benjamin by Family

### Wednesday October 20

8:30 AM For an end to Abortion by OLM

### Thursday October 21

8:30 AM For an increase to the Priesthood & Religious Life by OLM

### Friday October 22

8:30 AM In Memory of Daniele Di Marco by his wife & son

8:30 AM In Memory of Renaud Delva by Family

### Saturday October 23

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

5:30 PM For the souls in purgatory by Ann Jacobs & Family

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 17th 2021 Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!*

I think we are living in a very grace-filled moment in history, even if it is also full of uncertainty and chaos. Pope Francis has been the embodiment of the Church that embraces the risk of courageous discipleship. He has challenged us to do what Jesus did: to leave our security, to accompany the most vulnerable, to minister at the luminal and precarious places of extreme human vulnerability, to empower all people to live life more fully. The pope wants us to go to the margins, to stay close to those on the edges of life and to be that Church which is bruised, hurt and soiled because it has been out on the streets and immersed in the coalface realities.

The Word of God this Sunday reminds us of the essence of Christian life and discipleship, which is bound up with vulnerability and powerlessness. To be a true believer is to embrace an alternative mode of existence radically different from the default position of self-interest, the survival-oriented behavior and the worldly pursuit of security, power and glory. Ultimately, it boils down to our capacity to suffer with others, to have a divine pathos and to act in solidarity with the poor, the vulnerable and the powerless.

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks to his long suffering people in a way that runs contrary to popular hopes and expectations. In what is known as the Song of the Suffering Servant, the prophet goes against the grain by describing the vulnerability and powerlessness of the expected Messiah. Instead of acting like a super-hero against the enemies of the people, he would be equipped with the weapon of humility, integrity and justice. He would be “crushed with anguish and by his sufferings would justify many”. He would restore Israel not through domination and violence but through love, compassion and justice.

This was not a kind of Messiah that the oppressed and humiliated people had hoped for. It went against the pride of a chosen race who still relished the memories of greatness in the Davidic monarchy, the unrivalled temple, the priesthood, the festivals etc. Yet Isaiah persisted in speaking a prophecy of love over hatred, gentleness over violence, humility over arrogance and vulnerability over force. Furthermore, he challenged the people to resist the imperial model of power, security and retaliation. In exile, they learned to worship the God who chose the way of compassion, gentleness, vulnerability and powerlessness.

This is also the kind of God Jesus revealed in his own life and ministry. Last Sunday's Gospel, he invited the rich young man to experience an alternative mode of existence –one that is based on trust and shared life rather than accumulation and personal security. In today's episode, he ups the ante. He urges his disciples to enact vulnerability and powerlessness not merely in what they have but in who they are. He instructs them: “If anyone wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.” Talk about turning the world's value system on its head! God's way, in effect is the reversal of the imperial model of self-interest, power and glory. St Paul would speak powerfully and poetically about the self-emptying journey of Christ in his letter to the Philippians. “He emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” To be his follower is to walk the path of vulnerable trust that Jesus walked. It was the downward journey that culminated on Calvary. Paradoxically, it was the way of divine transformation.

God's Word proclaims unequivocally that the Messiah did not follow the script of the empire. He came as a poor and humble servant in order to give his life as a ransom for others. Let us pray that we may embrace his way of compassion, gentleness, vulnerability and powerlessness. May we, as a community of disciples, learn to be humble servants of one another. May we follow the example of Christ by living out a courageous discipleship in silent hope, in vulnerable trust, in humble service and self-emptying love especially during this time of the great cleansing and renewal in our Church.



## Scriptures For The Week

**Monday October 18**

2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9(661)

**Tuesday October 19**

Rom 5:12, 15b,17-19,20b-21 Lk 12:35-38(474)

**Wednesday October 20**

Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48(475)

**Thursday October 21**

Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53(476)

**Friday October 22**

Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59(477)

**Saturday October 23**

Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9(478)

## 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**

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## 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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