

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord declares himself to be the Father of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

A song of praise to God who does great things

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

Christ was made high priest by God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

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)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 24TH 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 25

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: October 26

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: October 27

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: October 28

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: October 29

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: October 30

8:30 AM Mass

Sunday: October 31

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 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

Sunday October 24

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by Letecia Casipe

8:30 AM In Memory of Maureen Francis RIP by Mary Bain

10:30 AM In Memory of Marie Moreau by her children Cynthia Mocombe, & her son Mitchell Moreau

10:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for everything he has done for me by Evrane Saint-Vil

10:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rosary by Cyriane Richard

12:30 PM In Memory of & Birthday In Heaven for Myrtha Clerjeune by Paulette Clerjeune Moise & Family & her sons Donald & Christopher

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God by Marguerite Augustin

Monday October 25

8:30 AM For the improved health of Francis Stephens by Ann Jacobs

Tuesday October 26

8:30 AM For the improved health of Rosemarie Chempolil by Ann Jacobs

8:30 AM Thanksgiving for all of my blessings that has happened in my life by Evrane Saint-Vil

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles for Valerie C Louis Victor by Marie L Viltus Louis

Wednesday October 27

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to God for answering all of my prayers by Evrane Saint-Vil

Thursday October 28

8:30 AM For the healing & wellness of Luiz Felipe Serrano Jr by his Mom Maritza Rosario

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Rachel & Danny Alerte by Their Mom Mireille Montrevil

Friday October 29

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

Saturday October 30

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

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Linn Jacobs by Grandma & Family

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Greer Lumlock by Ann Jacobs & Family

5:30 PM Thanksgiving for All Saints by Norma Fequiere

5:30 PM Thanksgiving to God for Nathan H Timothe by Marie Timothe

October 24th-31st

Thanksgiving for the Jacobs Family by Ann Jacobs

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 24TH 2021



Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday October 24th 2021 Thirtieth 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 25

Rom 8:12-17 Lk 13:10-17(479)

Tuesday October 26

Rom 8:18-25 Lk 13:18-21(480)

Wednesday October 27

Rom 8:26-30 Lk 13:22-30(481)

Thursday October 28

Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-1(666)

Friday October 29

Rom 9:1-5 Lk 14:1-6(483)

Saturday October 30

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12,25-29 Lk 14:1,7-11(484)

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 24TH 2021

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

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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