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1923-2023: Celebrating a hundred years of Ministry and Service

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	**Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Charismatic Group la Paix** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation** 8:00 a.m.	**Legion of Mary** *Rectory basement* at 10:00 a.m.	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m.
	In His Light **Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement at* 7:00 p.m.	***Group la Paix*** **Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Girl Scouts** *Lower Church* 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	**Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26TH 2023

Like Adam and Eve (1), Jesus was tempted, but did not sin (3). Our sinfulness (Ps) is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified. (2).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 25th **5:00 p.m.**
The Raphael Family - In thanksgiving

Sunday, February 26th **8:00 a. m.**
Egbert Gullap - In memoriam
Requested by the Gullap Family

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Sean, Jeremiah, and Jeremy Jenkins - Blessing
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Vilbon - In memoriam
Eduardo Nurse - In memoriam
Kathleen Nurse - In memoriam
Requested by Cristina Gillies
Joseph Eustace - In memoriam
Requested by Sandra Eustace

Monday, February 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
Michel Fattore - In memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Tuesday, February 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Francis Barthelemy and Family - In thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Centennial Memorials
Centennial Intentions
Requested on behalf of the Donors

Thursday, March 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Alix Lamarque - Birthday blessing

First Friday, March 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
World Day of Prayer
Memorial of Saint Katherine Drexel, Religious
The Coutard brothers and sisters - Birthday memorial

Stations of the Cross **7:00 p.m.**

First Saturday, March 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Casimir
Ministry of Mercy - In thanksgiving

To livestream Masses go to
saintvincentferrer.org

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Leonard Matthew - In memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Kyla Norris - In thanksgiving
Requested by Sandra Stafford

Altar Candle:
Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Vilbon - In memoriam

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph Candle:

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.
Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit www.pre-cana.org.
Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.
Sick Calls: In case of an emergency - any time.

Homebound Ministry

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound or know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist.
#718-859-9009

1923-2023: Celebrating a hundred years of Ministry and Service

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

. OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the "filter" through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Amanda Gorman
Poet Laureate
←

Sister Patricia Chappell, →
Sister of Notre Dame de Namur
Executive Director, Pax Christi, USA

Sister Antona Ebo, 1924-2017
Civil Rights Activist; Walked with Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma Alabama

Second Collection

Easter Mass Remembrance
This weekend, kindly return the **Easter Mass Remembrance** envelopes to the church with the name(s) of the person(s) who is/are to be remembered in the Masses.

Easter Flower Offering
Next weekend's second collection is the **Easter Flower Offering.** Kindly return the Easter Flower Offering envelopes with the name of the person or persons to be honored or remembered.

Thank You from the Technology Ministry

Thank you all your generous support of, and participation in, our 2023 Football Tailgate Event. All proceeds will be donated to our Centennial Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Dr. Shannen Dee Williams
Associate Professor of History at the University of Dayton.
Author of *Subversive Habits.*

Linda Brown
1943-2018

Celebrated for her role in **Linda Brown v Board of Education** case that desegregated schools in the United States.

Sr. Jamie Phelps, OP
Theologian

Ann Marie Becraft, OSP, 1805-1833
Established a school for black girls in Washington D.C. She was a member of the Oblate Sisters of Providence which was founded by **Sr. Mary Elizabeth Lange** for African American women.

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

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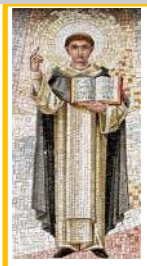

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church School of Religious Education

Grades 1-8
Sunday classes begin at 9:20 a.m.

First Communion
The preparation is a 2-year program usually starting in the First Grade

Faith Formation
Religious Education continues in the 3rd grade through the 6th grade.

Confirmation
The preparation is a 2-year program, typically in the 7th and 8th grades.
The 2 years of preparation are MANDATORY.

Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us during our celebrations.

For additional information please contact the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009 or info@saintvincentferrer.org

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Centennial Memorials
Prayer Intentions
Living and Deceased

Every first Wednesday of the month, we will honor Centennial Memorial requests.
You can enroll a loved one in the Saint Vincent Ferrer's Memorial Book (for the deceased), or in Mary's Prayer Intention Book (for the living).
A donation of $20.00 will be accepted with each request.

In thanksgiving,
The Wong Family, Angelina Chan, The Yilmaz Family, Marie R. Charlotin and Family, Mary Marchen, Sybil Kean, Nicholas Miller, Carleen Philip, Charmain Philip, the Baron Family, the Gonzales Family, Roy Redhead, Marguerite Pierre-Louis, Marie Casey, Guy Pierre-Louis, Cassandra Pierre, Enoch Jemmott, David Emmanuel Lee Pack, Thomas Lillis, the Morancie Family, Keela Walker, Imani Felissma, Elsa & Stanley Dickson, Agnes Melissa Mark, Caro Mark-Walker, Joseph Wilkerson, Imani Felisssma, Yvonne Mitchell, Ketty Numa, Brian Knight and Family, Ceciley Baptiste, Roumer –Bastien Family, Ryan Grotto.

In memoriam
Joshua A. Wong, Sr. & Cecilia L. Wong, June Ann Wong, Venetia Williams, Sorancia Midy, Marie Bertrand, Olga Arthur, Jean P. Charlotin, the Jordan Family, the Montanez Family, Irma Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. Jeanty Vernet, the Gaudard Family, Lilian Philogene, Guynemere Philogene, Sheldon Selman, Vaughn Philip, Jacqueline Wong, Jocelyn Wiltshire, Richard Redhead, Lorna Peters, Emmanuel Lee Pack, Joseph McCourt, Lillian Mark, Jon David Lewis-Royer, Judy Stewart, Susan Wilkinson, Edith Flavigny, Aldwin Mark, Jean White, Sullivan Walker, Andre Mitchel, Elizabeth Dickson, Lorraine Richardson, Emile Roumer, Elsa C. Nelson, Joseph A. McCabe, Catherine Joseph,

GIVE US THIS DAY

The **March** issue of
Give Us This Day
is available in the back of the Church

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Saturday, April 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.

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All payments, cash or check, **MUST** be paid in advance.
Registration and payments must be made by:
April 10, 2023

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Spring Fling Card Party
March 31st., 2023
6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

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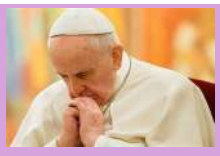
The Ministry of Mercy
invites you to
consecrate yourself to Jesus
through
The Blessed Virgin Mary
on the
Feast of
The Annunciation

March 25, 2023
Preparation began February 20, 2023

All are welcome!

God will always challenge us—through the voices of those we disagree with, through the words of the Gospel, through life-changing circumstances—to see God as more than we imagined.

Renée Darline Roden



Pope Francis' March Intention

For victims of abuse
We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering..

The Ministry of Mercy
invites you to
consecrate yourself to Jesus
on the
Solemnity of
Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

March 20, 2023
Preparation began February 16, 2023

All are welcome!

Mass Intentions
We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.
Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date. Place your request together with **your name** and **phone number** in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.
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