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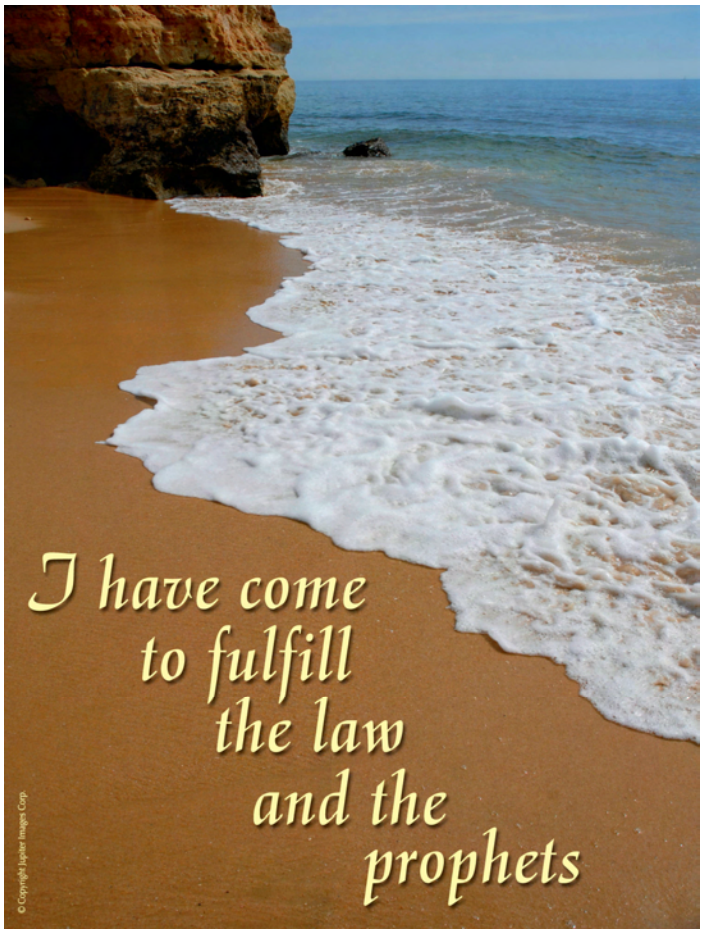

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OFFICE HOURS

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12TH 2023

In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom (2), a new law, a new way of living (3). Happy are they who choose to a keep his commandments (1) and follow his ways (Ps).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 11th **5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, February 12th **8:00 a. m.**
World Marriage Day

11:00 a.m.
World Marriage Day
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Rawle Barker - Birthday blessing

Class of '79, St. Vincent Ferrer School - In thanksgiving
Arnott Aird - In memoriam
Requested by the Aird Family

Monday, February 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Edwin Charlot - Birthday blessing

Tuesday, February 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Saint Valentine's Day
Michael Duffy - In memoriam
Requested by Michael Fay

Wednesday, February 15th **9:00 a.m.**
Francis Barthelemy and family - In thanksgiving

Thursday, February 16th **9:00 a.m.**

Friday, February 17th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Saturday, February 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Catherine Wood and Ella Brough
Requested by James and Margaret Bambara

Sunday, February 12

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Alison Mathew - Birthday blessing

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

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Mary's Chapel Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph Candle:
Terry Ann Samuel - In thanksgiving

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.

To live stream Masses go to
saintvincentferrer.org

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

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY
Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.
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TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).
Psalm — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).
Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).
Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Most Reverend
Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, C.S.
Bishop of Charleston

Second Collections.

Black and Indian Missions
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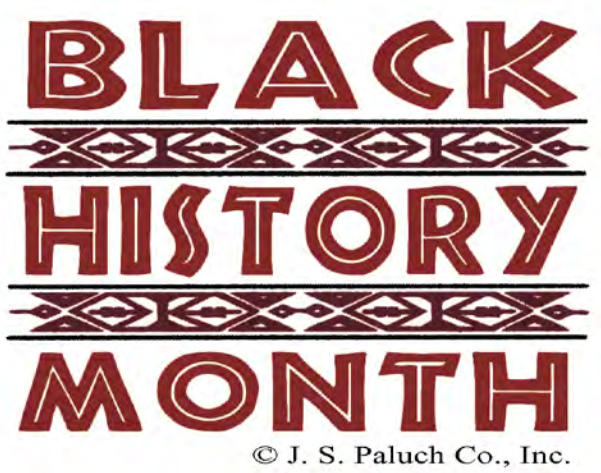

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left or diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more ...

N	O	L	I
E	E	T	V
I	H	E	M
S	F	R	O

I _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _."

Answer: *is from the evil one*

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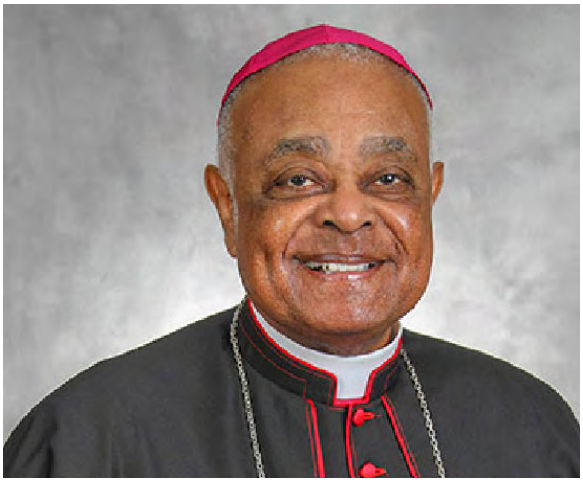
The Eucharist "is the source and summit of the Christian life."

CCC 1324

Vicariate of Black Catholic Concerns
Diocese of Brooklyn
and
Office of Multicultural Diversity
Diocese of Rockville Center

Monday, February 13
Young Adults (18 - 36) Virtual Day of Reflection/Listening Session in preparation for the NBCC Conference.
Registration required at:
www.kopc.org/reflect



His Eminence **Wilton Cardinal Gregory**
Archbishop of Washington D.C.

Most Reverend
Roy E. Campbell, Jr.
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Washington, D.C.

Most Reverend
Fernand J. Cheri, OFM
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Midwood Catholic Academy prides itself on the education opportunities provided to our students. In addition to a rigorous academic program, students are provided with rich and varied activities that seek to educate the whole child. At **Midwood Catholic Academy** we understand that music and physical activity are vital components of a child's development. Students participate in unique activities such as American Sign Language. We also believe that the social emotional support of students' families is important, especially during these challenging times, students have access to counseling services through our collaboration with PDHP. **Midwood Catholic Academy** supports the potential of all learners. Our teachers and staff are trained to serve students with disabilities as well as English Language Learners. Professional development consistently focuses on strategies for improving academic instruction for at-risk students to ensure their success.

Please call us at **718-377-1800** for more information to register for the upcoming school year. Seats are available in Pre-K3 to Grade 8.

We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Brooklyn Jesuit Prep

Located right above St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep is accepting applications for next year's 5th and 6th grade classes! At BJP our students benefit from small class sizes, as we have **one teacher per every seven students** in our building. We offer an extended school day from Monday-Thursday, opening our doors at 7:30am, and providing small study spaces and extracurricular opportunities for students after school until dismissal at 4:30pm. **99% of our BJP alums graduate from high school, and 93% of them enroll in college.** Apply to BJP using this link: https://bit.ly/bjp2023.

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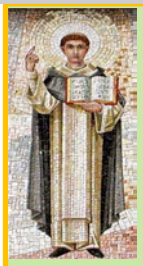

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church
School of Religious Education

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, 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, Guy Pierre-Louis, Cassandra Pierre, David Emmanuel Lee Pack, Enoch Jemmott, Thomas Lillis, the Morancie Family, Keela Walker Elsa & Stanley Dickson, Agnes Melissa Mark, Caro Mark-Walker, Joseph Wilkerson, Imani Felisssma, Marie Casey, Yvonne Mitchell, Ketty Numa, Brian Knight and Family, Ceciley Baptiste, Roumer –Bastien Family, Ryan Grotto.

In memoriam
Joshua A. Wong, Sr. & Cecilia L. Wong, Venetia Williams, Sorancia Midy, Marie Bertrand, Olga Arthur, Jean P. Charlotin, the Jordan Family, the Montanez Family, Mr. & Mrs. Jeanty Vernet, the Gaudard Family, Lilian Philogene, Guynemere Philogene, Sheldon Selman, Vaughn Philip, Jacqueline Wong, Irma Lucas, Jocelyn Wiltshire, Richard Redhead, Emmanuel Lee Pack, Lorna Peters, Joseph McCourt, Jon David Lewis-Royer, Judy Stewart, Susan Wilkinson, Edith Flavigny, Aldwin Mark, Jean White, Lillian Mark, 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

In the James Bond movies, 007 has a license to kill. He can shoot all the bad guys he wants without worrying about being charged with murder. God, however, does not issue a license to sin. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that any time we choose between life and death, good and evil, it is our free choice and our responsibility. God may allow us to make bad choices, but God never commands anyone to sin.
Jesus goes even deeper than Sirach. The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples.
The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar.
The next warnings are about adultery and divorce, breaches that also begin with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same.
His final example concerns taking oaths. Jesus gets to the point and says that we wouldn't need oaths if we always told the truth and kept our promises. Our faith is based on the knowledge that God keeps promises. Shouldn't we do the same?
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Spring Fling Card Party
March 31st., 2023
6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: $25:00
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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 begins February 20, 2023

All are welcome!

Most Reverend
Shelton J. Fabre
Archbishop of Louisville

Pope Francis' February Intention

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.

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

March 20, 2023
Preparation begins February 16, 2023

All are welcome!

VIRTUS Workshop
Lower Church
February 25, 1:00 p.m.

All Ministers and Volunteers who completed their VIRTUS training before December 31, 2016 are required to attend to attend a new workshop, authorize a new Background Screening, and complete a new Code of Conduct review form.

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