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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 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena after 9:00 a.m. Mass	Charismatic Group la Paix Rectorry 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 Rectorry basement at 10:00 a.m.	St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making Rectorry basement at 9:00 a.m.
	<i>In His Light</i> Charismatic Prayer Group Rectorry basement at 7:00 p.m.	<i>Group la Paix</i> Charismatic Mass 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	Jeanne Mance Guild Rectorry basement after 9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Vincent de Paul 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Rectorry 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

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023

Through the power of God (2), we can be a light to the world (Ps, 3) by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed(1).

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 p.m.

The Levesque Family - In memoriam  
Requested by the James and Margaret Bambara

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Catherine Hall - In memoriam

Requested on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

11:00 a.m.

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Lucien Tidd - In memoriam

Requested on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Racquel Laborde - Birthday blessing

Requested by Yvette Lubin

Terry Ann Samuel - In thanksgiving

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Edwige Edouard - In memoriam

Requested by Marie Edouard

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani

Memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Religious

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against  
Human Trafficking

Francis Barthelemy and Family - In thanksgiving

**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Religious

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m.

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

World Day of the Sick - February 11



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“A special time of prayer and sharing, of offering of ones suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising achieved the salvation of humankind.”

### GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

**Bread and Wine:**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Sanctuary Candle:**

Darlene Pellucci - Birthday blessing

**Altar Candle:**

Yolanda Jules - Birthday blessing

Requested by Alison Matthew

**Altar Candle:**

Melissa Matthew - Birthday blessing

Requested by Alison Matthew

**Altar Candle:**

Eric Logan - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**

Winston Lewis - Blessing

**Mary's Chapel Candle:**

Terry Ann Samuel - In thanksgiving

**Annunciation Chapel Candle:**

Kalema Bernadine - Birthday blessing

**Saint Joseph Candle:**

Everard Addison - Birthday blessing

**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](http://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](http://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.  
#718-859-9009

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

### THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalms — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;



**Venerable Pierre Toussaint** (1776 - 1853). Former Slave. Founded one of New York's first orphanages and raised money for the city's first cathedral.

### Second Collections.

#### *Black and Indian Missions*

This weekend's second collection is the **Black and Indian Missions Collection**. The funds from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses through the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs among Black and Indian peoples. Please be generous.

#### *Heat/Light.*

Thank you for your generous support of the **Heat/Light Collection**. Funds from this collection will help defray expenses incurred from heating and lighting our church this winter.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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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 to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, it is no longer ..."

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Answer: *good for anything*

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

**Saturday, February 4 - 3:00 p.m.**

“Going Home Like a Shooting Star:  
Thea Bowman’s Journey to Sainthood”

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
136-20 219th Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413

**Saturday, February 4 or**

**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](http://www.kopc.org/reflect)

**Sunday, February 5 - 2:00 p.m.**

Black History Month Mass and  
National Day of Prayer for the African  
American and African Family.

St. Patrick’s Cathedral, NYC

Livestream: [saintpatrickcathedral.org/live](http://saintpatrickcathedral.org/live)

Office of Black Ministry: 646-794-2681

[obm@archny.org](mailto:obm@archny.org)

**Sunday, February 11 - 12Noon**

**VBCC & OMD of Rockville Center**

Black History Month  
Mass of Thanksgiving.

The Cathedral of Saint Agnes

Rockville Centre NY 11570



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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



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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  
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**Venerable Henriette Delille**  
(1813 - 1862)  
Founded the Congregation  
of the Sisters of the Holy  
Family.

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854 - 1897).  
A former slave who was the first black ordained U.S. Roman Catholic priest. Led the development and Construction of St. Monica's Church as a black "National Parish Church.



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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 Yilmaz Family, Marie R. Charlotin and Family, Mary Marchen, Sybil Kean, Nicholas Miller, Carleene Philip, Charmain Philip, the Baron Family, the Gonzales Family, Marguerite Pierre-Louis, Guy Pierre-Louis, Cassandra Pierre, Roy Redhead, 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 Felissma, Marie Casey, Yvonne Mitchell, Ketty Numa

### ***In memoriam***

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, Jan David Lewis-Royer, Judy Stewart, Susan Wilkinson, Edith Flavigny, Aldwin Mark, Jean White, Lillian Mark, Sullivan Walker, Andre Mitchel, Elizabeth Dickson, Lorraine Richardson, Brian Knight and Family



### **CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY**

Saint Paul, in today's passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God's primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ. Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

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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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February 11, 2023  
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**Thea Bowman** (1937-1990)  
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**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.

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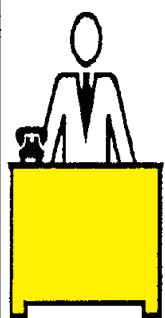
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