SAINT VINCENT FERRER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

INCORPORATED MAY 17TH 1923

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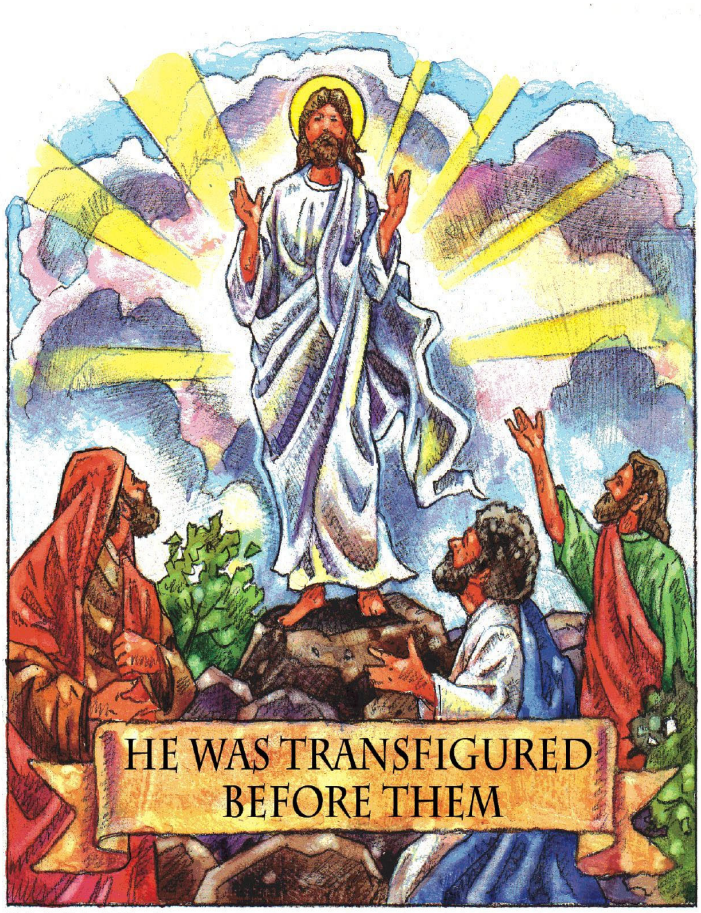
1923-2023: Celebrating a hundred years of Ministry and Service



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Midwood Catholic Academy (Pre-K3 - Gr. 8)
1501 Hendrickson Street
Brooklyn, NY 11234
718-377-1800
www.midwoodcatholicacademy.org

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5TH 2023

Abraham places trust in God's promise (Ps) of making his name and descendants great on the earth (1). In Jesus' transfigured glory (3) is revealed that life and immorality will rob death of its power (2).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, Mach 4th **5:00 p.m.**
Cecilia L. Wong - In memoriam
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, March 5th **8:00 a. m.**
Lucien Tidd - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the St. Vincent DePaul Ministries

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Sean, Jerimiah and Jeremy - Blessing
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Yva David - In memoriam
Requested by Jocelyn David
Cathy Pasternak - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish
Pasquale (Pat) Saverse - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish
Ruben P. Nurse - In memoriam
Requested by Cristina Gillies
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Blessing
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Monday, March 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Francisca Neptune - In thanksgiving, Birthday blessing

Tuesday, March 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Hazel Jordan - Birthday blessing

Wednesday, March 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious
Francis Barthelemy and Family - In thanksgiving

Thursday, March 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Andrée Raphael - In memoriam

First Friday, March 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Marina Thomas - Healing and thanksgiving

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

First Saturday, March 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Rev. Fr. Coman Brady - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

To livestream Masses go to
saintvincentferrer.org

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Kyra Norris - Birthday blessing
Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

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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

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

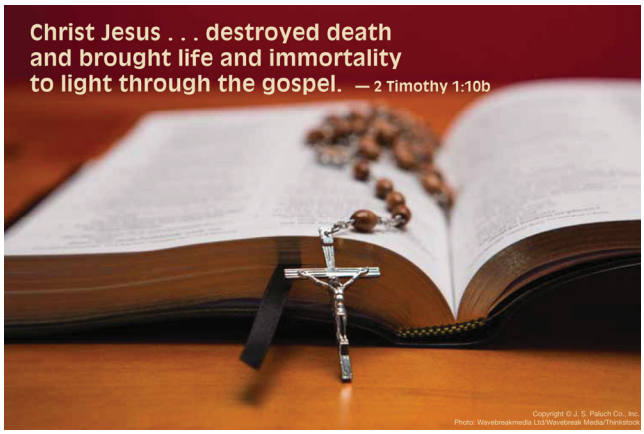
Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.



Legacy of Faith

Remember our parish in your will. When you update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church.
925 East 37st Street, Brooklyn NY 11210

For more information, please call
Fr. Gopaul at 718-859-9009

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

CCC 1324

Second Collection

Black and Indian Mission Collection

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

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.

A Greater Risk

"When the New Testament is read to you, Jesus himself speaks to you. Now. Here is the risen Christ, incomparably alive, opening up to you the meaning of what you are hearing, as he did to the desolate disciples on the road to Emmaus. And as you listen you too can exclaim as they exclaimed: Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us… while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Lk 24:32). But for that, your hearts have to be open. You have to say, with Samuel of old, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth" (1 Sam 3:9, 10).

But again, there is something distinctive here. Listening to Jesus is not the same as listening to others. The same intensity, yes, the same openness; but a greater risk. When the Father told Peter, James, and John "Listen to him," he was saying "Obey him; do what he tells you; follow him." To listen to Jesus is to be his disciple, to listen the way Abraham listened to the Lord and left his country and kindred and his father's house' (Gen 12:1-4). Is this how you let the Scripture? Are you saying "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth" or do you really mean, "Speak, Lord, and thy servant will think it over "?

If you really listen to Jesus in the proclaimed word, you have a fair chance of hearing him in your everyday life. Not a vision, I assure you, but Jesus speaking in your heart as truly as anyone you love profoundly speaks to your heart.

Give Us This Day: page 58, 59

Midwood Catholic Academy

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718-377-1800

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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.

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

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Brooklyn Jesuit Prep

925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn NY 11210
718-638-5884 ~ brooklynjesuit.org

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.

Accepting Applications for 2023-2024

Contact us to schedule a personal tour and ask any questions!

Small Class Sizes
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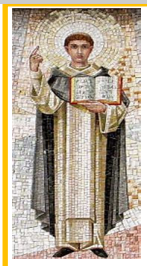

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church School of Religious Education

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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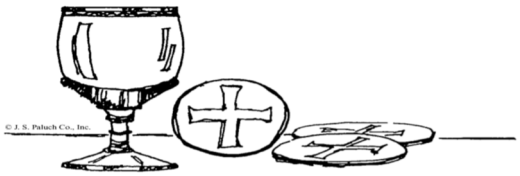
Centennial Memorials
Prayer Intentions
Living and Deceased

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., Veronica Bethel Nelson, Francis McCourt

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, Kelemn Nelson, Helen McCabe, Brian McCourt.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING TRAINING COURSE

Automobile Insurance Reduction Points Removal

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

Saint Vincent Ferrer Church
(Lower Church)
925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210

$50.00 per person
Proceeds benefit Saint Vincent Ferrer Church

Please call the Rectory Office for more info and to register.
All payments, cash or check, **MUST** be paid in advance.
Registration and payments must be made by:
April 10, 2023

Please make all checks payable to
Saint Vincent Ferrer Church

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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
$30:00 at the Door

100's of raffles and prizes

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!

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.

Please make a donation with each request.

Become a member of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish!

Fill out this form and drop it in the Rectory's mail slot, or collection basket or send an email to: info@saintvincentferrer.org

Name: _____ Home/Cell # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____