

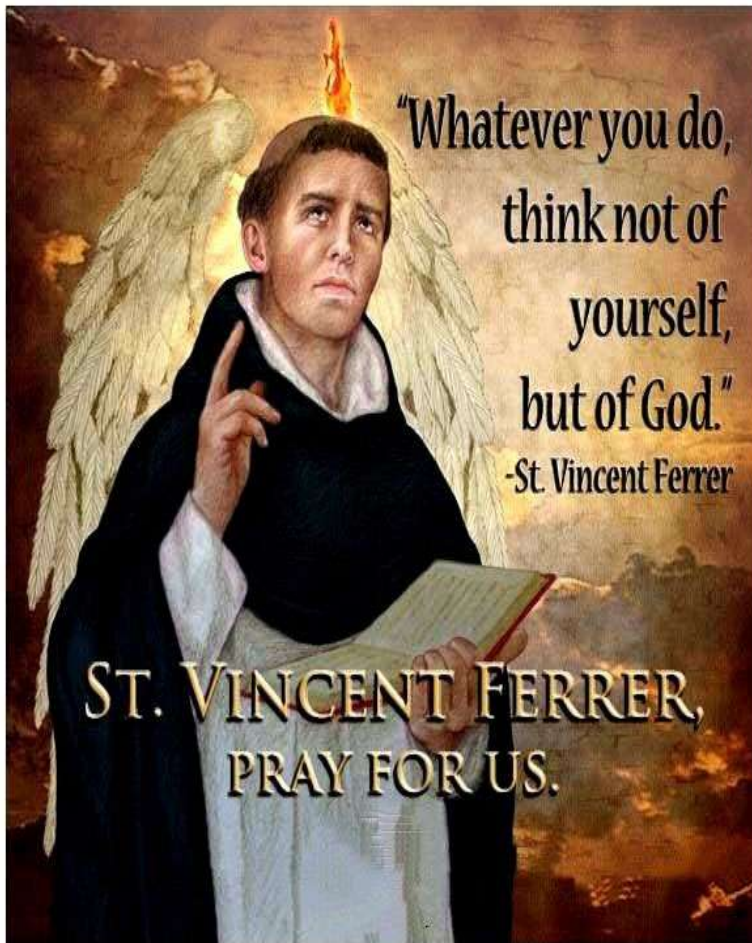
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Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1 st 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.
Mary's Apostolate 3 rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	In His Light Charismatic Prayer Group Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m.	Group la Paix Charismatic Mass 4 th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	Jeanne Mance Guild Rectory basement after 9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Vincent de Paul 1 st 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 16TH 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 15th 5:00 p.m.

Magalie Philogene - Blessing and healing

Sunday, July 16th 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Fr. Antonius Gopaul - Blessing and thanksgiving

Requested by Jean Guy and Claudia Hooper

11:00 a.m.

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Yana Young - In thanksgiving

Requested by Jocelyne David

Barbara Gillespie - Healing and blessing

Requested on behalf of the Parish

Terrance Durity - Birthday blessing

Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Irmin Payne - In thanksgiving

Requested by Pearly Gopaul

Gwen Wilson - In memoriam

Requested on behalf of *In His Light* Charismatic Prayer Group

Dr. Marina Brown - In thanksgiving

Monday, July 17th 9:00 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joubert Claude - In memoriam

Requested by Jocelyne David

Tuesday, July 18th 9:00 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Brittany and Sloane Sobel - In thanksgiving

Wednesday, July 19th 9:00 a.m.

Guerline Gillies - In Honor of Saint Anthony

Thursday, July 20th 9:00 a.m.

Memorial Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

Kimberly Touya - In thanksgiving

Friday, July 21st 9:00 a.m.

Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Fabiola Pernier - Birthday blessing

Requested by Armelle Jean-Baptiste

Saturday, July 22nd 9:00 a.m.

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Georgette Nau - Birthday blessing, 96th

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:

Magalie and Fritz Philogene - Blessing

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Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:

Margaret Bambara - Blessing

Saint Joseph's 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.

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.

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Readings of the Week

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11, Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9.

“The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest” (Ps, 3). May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out (1) through the presence of the Spirit (2).

Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1.
The Israelites in Egypt encounter oppression (Ps) and genocide (1). Disciples may encounter alienation, even rejection, by loved ones and friends (2).

Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69 3:14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24.
Rescued by God (Ps) Moses is called to deliver his own people (1). Jesus voices various maledictions on those who refuse to repent (2).

Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27.
God calls Moses to lead his people out of Egypt (Ps, 1). It is to the lowly and humble that God is revealed (2).

Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30.
God reveals to Moses his special mission (1, Ps). Jesus, humble of heart, is our refreshment and rest (2).

Friday:

Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8.
The Paschal meal, the Passover of the Lord (1), prefigures our sacrifice of thanksgiving (Ps) done in the memory of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath (2).

Saturday:

Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9;
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18.
I will seek him (Ps) whom my heart loves (1a) and who died for us all (1b). Having encountered the risen Lord, Mary Magdalene announces his resurrection to the disciples (2).

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Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church School of Religious Education Grades 1-8

Registration for September has begun

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 in our celebrations.

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God's love for us

and our love for God aren't seasonal.

We teach our children the importance of consistency in things that are important (e.g. brushing one's teeth).

Praying in church is a necessary action for us, Catholics.

The **Mass** is the greatest prayer.

Bring your children to Mass on Sundays.

We need to thank God.

We need blessings, forgiveness, inspiration and God's peace, even when school is out.



Pope Francis' July Intention

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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**The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
the God of our fathers, has glorified His
servant Jesus, the one whom you
delivered and disowned in the
presence of Pilate, when he
had decided to release Him**

Acts 3:13

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

The Hearing Required

Jesus' parables are to instruct, but not necessarily to clarify; to teach, but not to indoctrinate. They challenged their original hearers to think differently about the familiar. The Hebrew word behind the English "parable" connotes "enigma" or "riddle." The Greek parable is compounded from para, meaning "beside," and bole, "a throw." Jesus' parables throw unusual things together. The odd juxtapositions challenge us to see things differently. Parables engage us by their vitality and quirkiness, thus leading us to more active, creative thought. Jesus was a great storyteller. His stories had a purpose, but not necessarily a moral.

Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23, offers a parable (vv. 1-9), an interruption (v. 10), and a two-part interpretation of the parable: the "why" of parables in general (vv. 11-17), then an explanation of this parable (vv. 18-23). The text is often preached by focusing on the soil or the seed. But the lexical field suggests the story is about listening. The what? A lexical field is the "family" of words a writer or storyteller uses. For example, if a passage in Paul repeats several forms of the word "righteous," that's probably the subject of his text. By my count, in these 23 verses, there are 15 references to hearing or listening.

The initial parable is framed by Jesus' command to listen. Then he explains to the interruptive disciples—unlike apostles, a group including women—that listening is how they will learn the secrets of the kingdom of heaven. (Imagine knowing heaven's secrets!) Quoting Isaiah (v. 14; Isa 6:9-10), Jesus makes "hearing" and "listening" the focal point of his explanation of parables. Finally, in Jesus' exegesis of this parable, the seed sown is the "word of the kingdom"; the soil is the hearer.

What does this kind of hearing require? First, it requires silence, which is not only external but silencing our minds as well as our mouths, turning off our multiple electronic distractions in order really to listen. Second, it requires focus, one-mindedness, not allowing life's routines and troubles to distract, not being lured away by other concerns. Third, it requires persistence and patience. Gardeners wait for roots to "take"; then the plant grows and flourishes. Finally, today when there is so much shouting, it is most important to know to whom to listen.

Later in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John observe Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus at his Transfiguration (17:1-8). Then they hear a heavenly voice: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased . . ." Matthew's Gospel adds the command: ". . . listen to him."

Listen to Jesus. In Sunday's parable, the "seed" is "the word of the kingdom." God planted that Word in human flesh among human beings. For us to grow with and in it, the commanded "fertilizer" is listening, stilling ourselves to attend to God's creative words. They come into the world in many ways, but for Christians, I think, most powerfully in Scripture and in Jesus Christ, to whom it points. Let anyone with ears to hear listen to him.

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Moses and the burning bush. Moses is called by God to lead his People



Moses with the 10 Commandments



Moses parts the Red Sea

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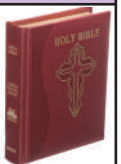
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