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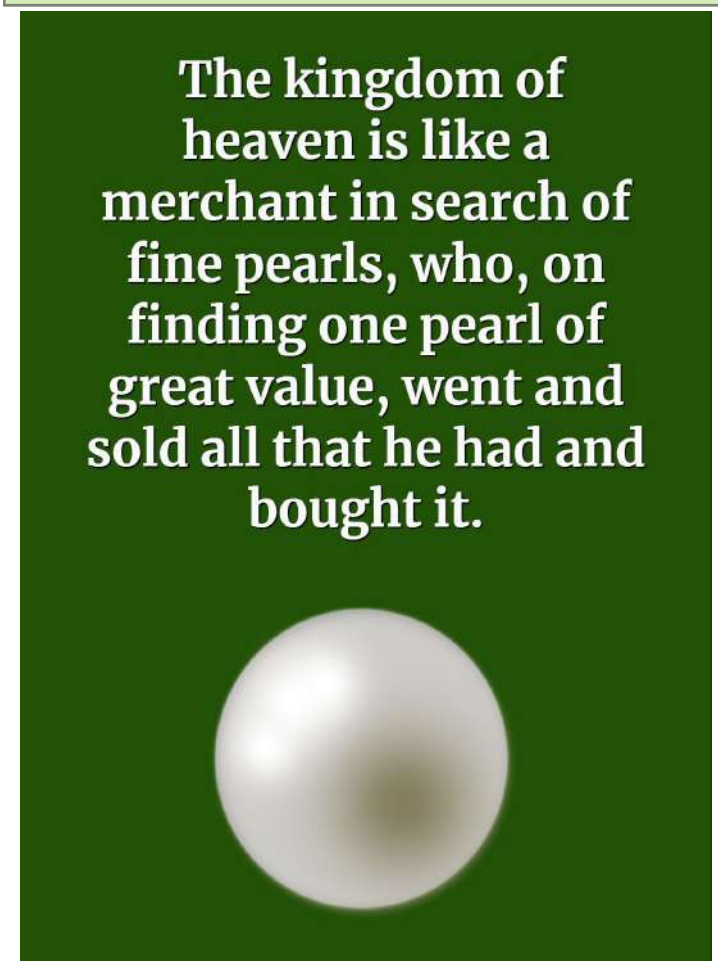
1923-2023: Celebrating a hundred years of Ministry and Service



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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.
Mary's Apostolate 3rd 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** 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY 30TH 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 29th **5:00 p.m.**
Cecilia L. Wong - In memoriam, 19th anniversary
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, July 30th **8:00 a. m.**
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper and Jean Guy

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Blessing
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Karice Redhead - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested by Sandra Stafford
Sandra Stafford - Healing
Adrian Stafford-Brown - In thanksgiving
Requested by Sandra Stafford
Mary Patrice - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle and Karen
Serge Numa - In memoriam
Requested by Dianne Martin-Numa
Ida Ferrero - In memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin

Monday, July 31st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Raymond Ancion - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Bernier

Tuesday, August 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Alphonsus Liguori
Agnes Mark - In memoriam
Requested by Carol Mark

Wednesday, August 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
Centennial Mass memorials and intentions
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Thursday, August 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Mary Ellen Aliberte - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

First Friday, August 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John Vianney - Priest
Muzaf Nasir - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

First Saturday, August 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Joan Brookes - Birthday blessing
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

To livestream Masses visit
saintvincentferrer.org

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Ethel Axume - Birthday blessing on your 100th

Altar Flowers:
Georgette Nau - Birthday Blessing, 97th

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Robert Furey - In memoriam
Requested by Acme Pallet

Altar Candle:
Karice Redhead - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Sandra Stafford - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Michelle Williams - Birthday blessing
Requested by Joan T. Williams and Family

Annunciation Chapel Candle:
Karice Redhead

Mary's Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph's Candle:
Sandra Stafford - 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.
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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Kgs 3:5, 7-12, Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28 -30; Mt 13:44-46.
The person of true wisdom, like Solomon (1), will seek the reign of God and treasure it above all else (3). It is more precious than gold and silver (Ps). Thus one becomes conformed to the image of Christ, the Son (2).

Read today's Gospel, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Monday:
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35.
The Israelites commit sin by fashioning for themselves a molten image (1, Ps). The kingdom of God will spread through the world (2).

Tuesday:
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13Mt 13:36-43.
The Lord is rich in kindness (1, Ps). At the end of the world, the Lord will reveal the fate of the just and the wicked (2).

Wednesday:
Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46.
As mediator, Moses reveals God's commandments to the people (1, Ps). All appears worthless when compared to the kingdom of heaven (2).

Thursday:
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 8:3-6a, 8a, 11: Mt 13:47-53.
The tent of the meeting is consecrated, thus assuring God's presence (1, Ps). When the kingdom comes in its fullness, angels will separate the elect from the wicked (2).

Friday:
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11; Mt 13:54-58.
The Jewish calendar with its feasts (1) is outlined. Thus is God blessed and praised (Ps). The Nazoreans place little faith in Jesus' messianism.

Saturday:
Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;Mt 14:1-12.
A solemn feast (Ps), the jubilee year, is proclaimed (1). Herod fears Jesus to be the Baptizer come back to life (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.

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

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' August Intention

For World Youth Day
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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

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Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast of the
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 8, 2023

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Feast of the
Most Holy Name of Mary
September 12, 2023

Preparation for Consecration begins August 10, 2023

Feast of the
Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15, 2023

Preparation for Consecration begins August 13, 2023

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When you update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to

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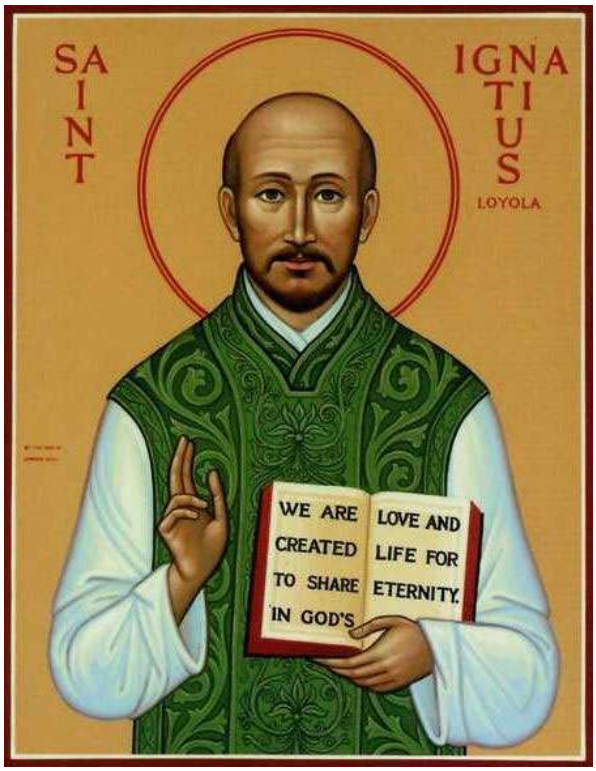
God will always challenge us—through the voices of those we disagree with, through the words of the Gospel, through life-changing circumstances—to see God as more than we imagined.

Renée Darline Roden



Saint Ignatius Loyola
Founder of the Society of Jesus 1491 - 1556

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Scripture Reflection

Read Sunday's Gospel

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. What am I searching for? How do I decide what is truly of value?

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. How do I treat those who are different from me? How can I learn to see Jesus in everyone I meet?

Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old. How do I show respect for tradition and the things of the past? How do I remain open to what the Holy Spirit is doing in the Church and in the world?

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Unspeakable Joy

Jesus possesses unheard-of freedom. He is not a model of one who is tormented, grim, dissatisfied, or who has fallen short of his goal. He is no fanatic, utterly convinced that he must force others to adopt his own position. . . . He remains to the end a free person, despite the radicality with which he goes his way. He remains to the end a man full of generosity and humanity.

The double parable of the treasure and the pearl gives the hearer or reader the key to that inner freedom and unbrokenness that Jesus had: indeed, Jesus gave up everything and goes on giving everything to the end; in the end he has to die. But he does it all like the day-laborer [finding a treasure] and the wholesaler [searching for pearls], who did not waste a second on regret over the loss of their former property but acted, both of them, in unspeakable joy and fascination. Everything else pales before the splendor of the "find."

Evidently what Jesus speaks of in the parable of the treasure and the pearl is something he himself had experienced: he was seized and overcome by the joy of the reign of God—and not a reign of God that will come sometime but the one already beginning, the one that can be attained now, the one that anybody can barter and exchange today.

The reign of God is already happening here, in this world—today. It is reality wherever people believe the Gospel, accept the reign of God, let their lives be changed by its fascination—when they turn from their own life projects to the new one that God wants to create.

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Gerhard Lohfink, The Forty Parables of Jesus

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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.

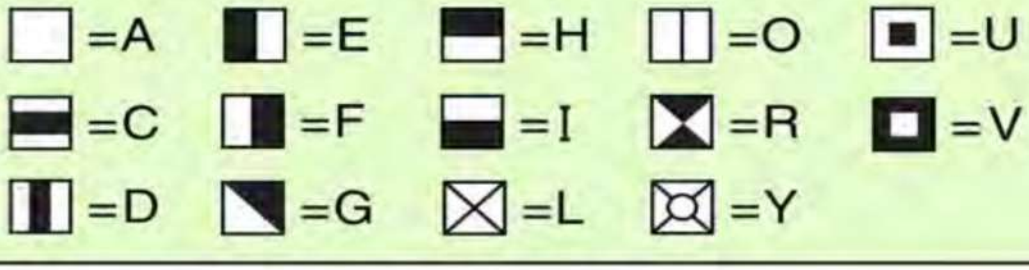
We Are The Church Together!

Without our faithful parishioners, we could not fulfill the mission of our diocese.

Jesus was sending His disciples out to do special work among the people.

Jesus prepared the 12 disciples to go out to the people of Israel. He gave them some specific instructions to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy and drive out demons. Then He said,

Use this code and write what Jesus said on the lines below.



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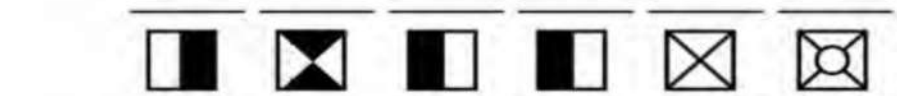

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Pastors of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer
Sisters of Saint Dominick (Kentucky) who taught at Saint Vincent Ferrer School, Charlie O'Donnell,
Wilmer Metivier, Raymond Roumer. Alma Cudjoe
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Flovent, Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Lamarque
Calistra Bradley, Mable B. Nesbitt-Thomas, Lissabien Cenatus
Deceased Members of the Roberts Family, Ella Brough,
Deceased Members the Bancharan Family, Brian Moore,
Captain Morgan Rock, Michael Fattore, M.J. Brunie Augustin,
The Bambara Family, Salvatore E. and Margaret F. Bambara,
Former Faculty and Staff of Saint Vincent Ferrer School,
Former Staff of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish, The Votta Family,
The Dolcemaschio Family, The Feron Family,
Catherine B. Wood, The Wood Family, The Galatola Family,
The Christensen Family, The Levesque Family, Mary Schaffer,
June Ann Wong, Joshua A. Wong, Sr. & Cecilia L. 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,
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Jan Iverson Royer, Ciro DeMaio, Antonia DeMaio, Brian McCourt, Helen McCabe, Mr. & Mrs. Ann & George Pazmino,
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Selvon F. Gopaul, Louis B. Cardiello, Marcilyn Mahabir,
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The Marcelle Family, Jean White, Sylvia Mitchell,
Sullivan Walker, Anthony Thomas, Madelyn Holder,
Ethel Best, Dainley Best, Edith Evans, Mahy Richards Sr.,
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Emma and Sylvio St. Pierre and Family, Lys Joseph Bernier,

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Mr. and Mrs. Labidou, Wheeler Alves, Ralph R. Babel
Henrietta R. Babel, Sylbert Babel, Salvatore R. DeMaio,
Antoinette C. DeMaio, Vivian DeMaio
Deceased Brothers of St. Augustine High School,

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Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer
Priests Who Entered Religious Life From Saint Vincent Ferrer
Permanent Deacons Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer
Religious Sisters who Entered Religious Life From Saint Vincent Ferrer
Verne Ferray, The Brown Family, The Caesar Family,
Elizabeth Vincent, Carol D. Gillies, All Our Children,
Natasha Nurse-Clarke, Amari G. Purdie, Juanita Henson Baird
Honesty Baker, Joyce Ali-Bocas and Family, The Paul Family,
The Marcelle Family, Tamara Anaiya Numa, Thomas Lillis,
Phillippe Marc-Khan Numa, Rev. Fr. A.P. Gopaul,
Allison Gullap, Charlene Henderson, Pearly Gopaul,
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Muriel De Silva, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent, The 3 Z's,
The Laviolette Family, Phyllis and Keiron Alleyne,
Myrlene Johanne Bernier, Dr. Marina Brown and Family,
The Bambara Family, The Schaffer Family, Claretha White,
The Hickenbottom Family, Felix T. Padilla, The Harris Family
The Lombardo Family, The Latting Family, The Cioffi Family
Stephen and Taylor Ott, The DePrado Family, Fritz Paul
The Lesyk Family, The Mc Glinchey Family, Mindy Schwartz
The Rowan Family, The Caputo Family, The Wright Family
Ashley Carolyn Jack, Carolyn A. Thomas, Hervè Lamarque,
Marie Ange Lamarque, The Roberts Family,
The Kelley Family, The Bancharan Family, Justin A. Moore,
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Mehlani Ann Saint Victor, Feltin Pierre Stephan James,
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Keela Walker, Imani Felissma, Elsa & Stanley Dickson,
Agnes Melissa Mark, Caro Mark-Walker, Joseph Wilkerson,
Yvonne Mitchell, Ketty Numa, Brian Knight and Family,
Ceciley Baptiste, Roumer –Bastien Family, Ryan Grotto,
Anna Marie Henson, Veronica Bethel Nelson,
Francis McCourt, Lynn Duplessy, Doreen Forbes,
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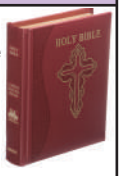

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