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

"You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven." Matt 16:19

OUR STAFF

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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27TH 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 26th **5:00 p.m.**
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing and Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper and Jean Guy

Sunday August 27th **8:00 a.m.**
Charlie O'Donnell - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Mr. and Mrs. Howard - 76th Matrimonial Anniversary
Judy Lubin and Family - In thanksgiving
Hyacinth Charles - In memoriam
Requested by Camille Dickey
Marie Therese Martin - In memoriam
Requested by Mr. Wilner
Louise Museay - In memoriam
Requested by Mr. Wilner
Herbert Barbot - In memoriam
Requested by Mr. Wilner
All the Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Mr. Wilner

Monday, August 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Roxanne Pidoux - In memoriam
Requested by Claudette Lamarque

Tuesday, August 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Lauren M. Petit - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Wednesday, August 30th **9:00 a.m.**
Jacqueline Gopaul Barker - Birthday Blessing
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Thursday, August 31st **9:00 a.m.**
Barbara Millien - Birthday blessing
Allison Pascal - Birthday blessing
Requested by Charmaine Knight

First Friday, September 1st **9:00 a.m.**
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

First Saturday, September 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Ministry of Mercy - In thanksgiving

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.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Men and Women Religious

Altar Flowers:
Priests who ministered in the Diocese of Brooklyn
Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:
Jacqueline Gopaul - In thanksgiving

Altar Candle:
Ian O'Brien - In memoriam
Altar Candle:
Charmaine and Brian Knight - Matrimonial Anniversary
Requested on behalf of the Ministry of the Word

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Sandra Stafford - Healing
Saint Joseph's Candle:
Sandra Stafford - Healing

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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the **National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University** is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by exceptional, faith –rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of the faithful.
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Visit: *collection.catholic.edu* to learn more.

Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Readings of the Week

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20
As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace (1), so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and to loose (3). To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time (Ps), be glory for ever and ever (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:
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22
Paul takes delight (Ps) in the Thessalonians for their faith, hope, and love (1). Jesus reproaches the hypocrisy of his adversaries (2).

Tuesday:
1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 634: Mk 6:17-29 see 634: Jer 1:17-19 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab, 17
Paul presents an apologia for his life's vocation (Ps) and apostolic ministry (1). Like John the Baptist, may we always hold to the truth (2).

Wednesday:
1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32
During all of his efforts in preaching the gospel (1), Paul experienced the guidance of the Lord (Ps). The hypocrisy of some Pharisees condemns their pious demeanor (2).

Thursday:
1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51
Paul is filled with joy (Ps) and consoled by the faith of the Thessalonians (1). May our faith keep us attentive to the Lord's coming (2).

Friday:
1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13
Let us rejoice (Ps) in our call to holiness (1) as we await the coming of the Bridegroom (2).

Saturday:
1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30
Love more completely (1), live with justice and equity for all (Ps). The believer is accountable to the Lord for responsible stewardship over all the interests (riches) of the kingdom (2).

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Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church School of Religious Education

Grades 1-8

Registration for 2023/2024 has begun

Classes begin September 24, 2023

The registration forms are online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718-859-9009 and we will mail the form to you. The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

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

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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
Preparation for Consecration began August 6, 2023

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Feast of the
Most Holy Name of Mary
September 12, 2023
Preparation for Consecration began August 10, 2023

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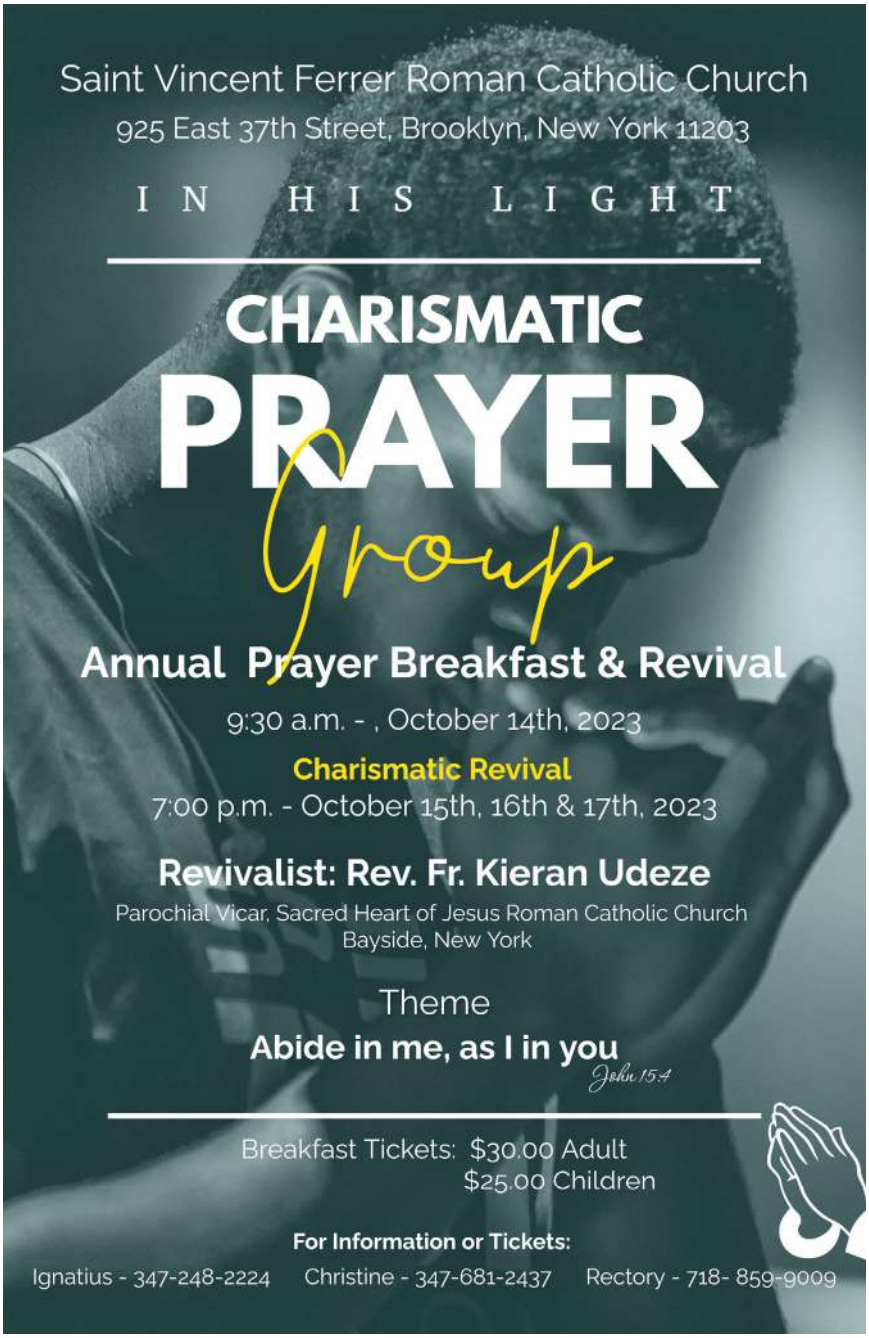
Feast of the
Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15, 2023

Preparation for Consecration began August 13, 2023



Defensive Driving Class

10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 9, 2023

Saint Bernard Catholic Academy

$50:00 per person

For information and registration call:
Andrea - 718-365-7375 x1601

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

"Build My Church"

Peter was no Virgin Mary. When the angel Gabriel paid Mary a visit and announced that God chose her to be the mother of Jesus, she hesitated but said yes. When Jesus first met Peter and filled his nets with fish, Peter's response was something short of the Blessed Mother's fiat: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). I certainly get why Peter may have considered himself unworthy. The Gospels recount several times when Peter fell short, including when he denied Jesus three times before the cock crowed.

I have also thought myself unworthy when I have felt Jesus calling. It could be as simple as leading a small group at the Newman Center in college or as complicated as being a husband and father. All too often, the magnitude of the responsibility overcomes me. I feel unqualified. "Lord, are you sure you want me for this?" I have to remind myself that God accomplishes wondrous things through his lowly servants.

It was God who revealed Jesus' identity to Peter. I sometimes wonder if Peter fully understood his own words, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter may have stumbled, but he clearly loved the Lord. Jesus did not build his Church on sand—but on rock. It is Jesus who built it, and Peter who cooperated.

That Church still stands. It reaches souls in every nation on earth and will remain until the Lord comes again. In the meantime, Jesus calls his followers, like you and me, to do our part to spread the Gospel. In us, Jesus continues the work he began in Peter. We have only to repent of our shortcomings and receive the grace God offers. The Lord will never depart from us.

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Scripture Reflection

Read Sunday's Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

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

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.
How do I encounter the living God in my daily life? How can I live so as to share eternal life in heaven?

The gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.
Where do I see evil present in the world? How can I resist the lure of evil?

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
What sinful behaviors should I work to avoid? What virtues should I seek to foster?

After a period of silent reflection, recite the Lord's Prayer.

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100th Anniversary Mass & Festivity Finale

Sunday, September 17, 2023

11:00 a.m. Mass ✧ 2:00 p.m. Celebration

— 925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210 —

Donation: $100.00

Live Entertainment ✧ Food & Drinks

SAINT VINCENT FERRER PARISH

Celebrating 100 YEARS

Youth Mass - 11:00 AM

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Youth ONLY Reception immediately following the Mass

(ages 6 - 19 years old)

Members of the Pastoral / Finance Council will be chaperoning the event

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

925 East 37th Street
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Lower Church

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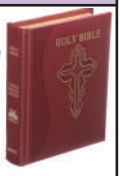

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