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

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 3RD 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 2nd **5:00 p.m.**
Jacqueline Gopaul-Barker - Birthday blessing
Requested by Irmin Payne

Sunday September 3rd **8:00 a.m.**
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing
Requested by Jean Guy and Claudia Hooper

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Blessing
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Juan Castro - In thanksgiving
Requested by the Barthelemy Family
The Barthelemy Family - In thanksgiving
The Mac Kenzie Family - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Monday, September 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Labor Day
Philippe Numa - Birthday blessing
Requested by Ketty Numa

Tuesday, September 5th **9:00 a.m.**
The Exultation of the Holy Cross Novena
Memorian of Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
Hugh Guy - Birthday memorial
Requested by Jean Guy

Wednesday, September 6th **9:00 a.m.**
The Exultation of the Holy Cross Novena
Centennial Mass Memorials
Centennial Mass Intentions

Thursday, September 7th **9:00 a.m.**
The Exultation of the Holy Cross Novena
Anthony Harris - In thanksgiving
Requested by Antoinette Harris

Friday, September 8th **9:00 a.m.**
The Exultation of the Holy Cross Novena
Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Keither Mack - In memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne

Saturday, September 9th **9:00 a.m.**
The Exultation of the Holy Cross Novena
Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

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:
Marlene Juman - Belated birthday wishes

Altar Candle:
Sam Corbie

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:
Adrian Stafford Brown - In thanksgiving

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

This 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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Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Readings of the Week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27
Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross (3): offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world (2). Following him will entail derision and scorn (1), yet the Lord is our help (Ps).

Read Gospel of the day. 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 4:13-18 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13 Lk 4:16-30
The dead will share in the reign of the Lord when he comes (1, Ps). A liturgical homily of Jesus reveals the Father's plan (2).

Tuesday:
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37
Live in the light (Ps) and the Day will not surprise you (1). Jesus has mercy and frees the man with an unclean spirit (2).

Wednesday:
Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44
Paul gives thanks for what the Lord has done (Ps) at Colossae (1). Jesus witnesses gospel joy by healing the sick and diseased (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:
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Let us rejoice (Ps) in Mary's birth, the mother of Jesus (2). She was predestined (1b) to give birth "by the strength of the Lord" (1a).

Saturday:
Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Lk 6:1-5
God has taken the initiative of saving us (Ps) in the death of Christ (1). Jesus is revealed as "lord" (1a).

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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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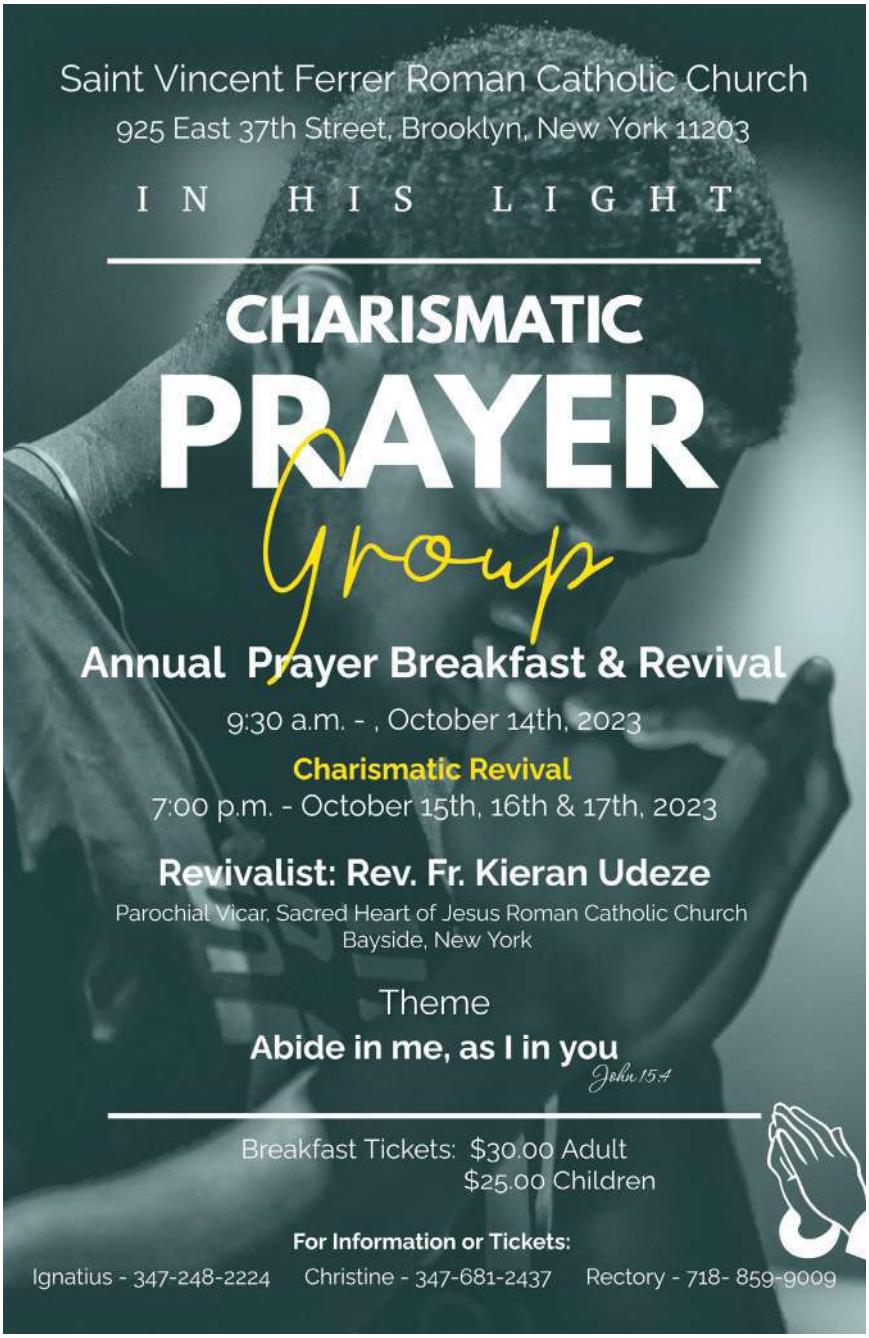
Feast of the
Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15, 2023

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

God's Love Refracted

There's an aphorism repeated often in the writings of the medieval church: *per crucem ad lucem*, through the cross to the light.

God loves us passionately and wants to bring us joy and flourishing, but this doesn't preclude a cross. God's love is refracted through the cross, which often makes it hard to see or recognize. But if we are to learn to trust—to place the weight of our lives on the love of God—we can only learn this through the cross.

We come to know and trust God's love more deeply through our own crosses, the things that make us feel we cannot go on, the things that make us tired—the job loss, the break up, the sickness, the loneliness, the long struggle with sin, the estrangement from a friend, the disappointment, the deaths of those we love, our own death.

I wish there were some easier way, some way to learn to trust God that was paved with luxury and endless ease, but *per crucem ad lucem*: the way to the light runs smack dab through darkness—or more accurately, we discover the light speeding toward us in these very dark places.

And certainly the reality of the changeless love of God doesn't mean we always feel God's love or God's nearness. Often in seasons of suffering it feels like God is nowhere to be found.

God's love does not extinguish sorrow. Not yet, anyway. His love is steadfast but incalculable, gentle but untamable. It is not bound by our opinions. It shakes us yet sets us free. It slays us and also teaches us how to live. It is as troubling as it is comforting. It takes us as we are but insists on making us whole and vibrantly alive—and that process is long and painful. . . .

In the end, *per crucem ad lucem*, this pilgrimage to the light, does not run only through our own crosses, but through the cross of Jesus.

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

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 an obstacle to me. What people, places, or things are obstacles to my growth in faith? How have I been an obstacle to others' faith?

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do. When have I judged my circumstances with the world's values? When have I judged my circumstances in accord with God's will?

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. What cross do I need to bear? How can I give of myself to help others bear their crosses?

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

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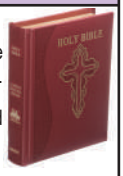

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