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"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matt 22:21

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22ND 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 21st **5:00 p.m.**
World Mission Sunday
Bambara and Feron Families - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, October 22nd **8:00 a.m.**
World Mission Sunday
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Birthday blessing
Requested by Claudia Hooper

11:00 a.m.
World Mission Sunday
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing on our 100th anniversary
Maria Francia Auguste - In memoriam
Requested by Magda Touya
Gerald DeMaio - Healing
George Corbin - Healing
Ossie Nagim - In memoriam

Monday, October 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John Capistrano, Priest
Camille Dickey - In thanksgiving, birthday blessing

Tuesday, October 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Lamarque - In memoriam
Requested by Jocelyn David

Wednesday, October 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Nicolle Lamarque - Birthday blessing
Requested by Jocelyn David

Thursday, October 26th **9:00 a.m.**

Friday, October 27th **9:00 a.m.**
St. Vincent Ferrer Novena
Joseph Guy - In memoriam
Requested by the Guy Family

Saturday, October 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

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

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Birthday blessing
Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

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Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:

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.

"We the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants."

Pope Francis on his visit to the United States

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Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Readings of the Week

Sunday:
Is 45:1, 4 - 6; Ps 96:1, 3 - 5, 7 - 10; 1 Thes 1:1 - 5b; Mt 22:15 - 21. The Lord is king (Ps) and there is no other (1). We are to render to God, therefore, fitting praise and service, as is God's due (3). God's word to us, in turn, is a matter of power and strength, to be lived with conviction of heart (2).

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:
Rom 4:20 - 25; (Ps) Lk 1:69 - 75; Lk 12:13 - 21.
Abraham relied on God (1) and his covenant (Ps). What foolishness it is to rely on worldly possessions (2).

Tuesday:
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17 - 19, 20b - 21; Ps 40:7 - 10, 17; Lk 12:35 - 38.
Through the obedience (Ps) of Jesus, all have been justified (1). Let us always be watchful for his return (2).

Wednesday:
Rom 6:12 - 18; Ps 124:1 - 8; Lk 12:39 - 48.
Through Jesus' death, we have been rescued (Ps) from sin to become servants of justice (1). At his future coming, an account of our stewardship will be exacted (2).

Thursday:
Rom 6:19 - 23 Ps 1:1 - 4, 6 Lk 12:49 - 53.
Baptism frees us from sin and calls us to the ways of justice (1, Ps). Consequently, we may experience conflict on account of our faith (2).

Friday:
7:18 - 25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76 - 77, 93 - 94 Lk 12:54 - 59
Orientation toward sin and death is overcome by Christ (1) and his law of love (Ps). Be reconciled in his love as you await his return (2).

Saturday:
Eph 2:19 - 22; Ps 19:2 - 5; Lk 6:12 - 16.
The Twelve are chosen (2) to preach (Ps) the good news. They form the foundation of a temple with Jesus himself as the cornerstone (1).

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

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

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588 6th Street, Brooklyn NY 11215

2023 Open Houses

Thursday, October 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 22, 12 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Call 718-768-4406

La Salle Academy

215 East 6th Street, New York, NY 10003
212-475-8940
info@lasalleacademy.org

2023 Open Houses
Saturday, October 14, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 25, 6 - 8 p.m.

I was moved by Pope Francis' "The New Wine of Mercy" published in the October 8th parish bulletin. This article honed in on 'The Awesome God' we serve. A God, who does not seek vengeance, but loves us in spite of our 'wicked behavior'. It is hard to imagine such a love. If humankind can manifest such patience with one another, what a different world we would be living in. 'God waits for us, to forgive us, to embrace us'. He is God! At times, I wonder how much more would God take from us? How long would He wait? Pride and arrogance which are viewed as the hallmark of success in our society are among the deadly sins that are causing the big chasm between God and humankind. Even with the new wine from His vineyard our hearts remain hardened. However, our God, whose love is fulfilled in Jesus Christ is an Awesome God, a God with infinite patience and mercy who remains faithful, and who asks us to be His fruitful vineyard, bringing 'hope to everyone'.

God's Kingdom is an "everlasting Kingdom" with room for everyone. Would there be a time when God says 'enter into my Kingdom' turns to 'sorry, there is no more room, all invited guests he entered for the wedding feast.

Parishioner

Pope Francis' October Intention

For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

The challenge for each of us is to expand our vision and our hearts to embrace the whole family of God. Can we look beyond our blood relatives and beyond our national boundaries to include all God's children in our love and concern? Only then can we be true brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.

Fr. Lawrence E. Mick – © Give Us This Day

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

A Delicate Balance

Power corrupts. Honesty and integrity are hard to maintain in positions of power, as highlighted by Jesus' interaction with the Pharisees and Herodians in today's Gospel. Those who ask him an impossible question ("Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?") are unconcerned with the truth; they seek only to entrap him. There is nothing Jesus can say that will be "correct" in that setting: he will be pegged either as a Jewish revolutionary or as a Roman sympathizer.

If Jesus were a contemporary politician, he would perhaps pivot or try to appease the people in the room by stretching the truth. Yet Jesus seeks truth, not victory. His message is grounded not in the power of this world but, as Paul says, "in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction" (1 Thess 1:5). His answer invites the audience not to political wrangling but to introspection and discernment.

As Christians, we are called to active political and social engagement, yet the danger is becoming overly caught up in the systems of this world. Jesus instructs us to give politics the attention it deserves and to give God the attention God deserves. In other words, do not mistake one for the other. We are invited to reflect on this delicate balance and the notion that, ultimately, for people of faith, there is no such thing as divided attention: the focus we give to the things of this world should always be grounded in and fully attentive to God.

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, adapted from Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study
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Scripture Reflection

Read Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. Is my speech (in person and on social media) true and kind? How can I moderate my speech to bring people closer to Christ?

You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. How have I learned about my faith? How am I continuing to learn?

Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. What role does my faith play in my life as a citizen? How can I be a better steward of all that God has given me?

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

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Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish Ministry Day

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Recollection and Prayer

Saturday, November 18, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.— Mass
10:00 a.m.— Discussion, reflection and prayer
12:30 p.m.— Break
2:00 p.m.— Holy Hour and Adoration
3:00 p.m.— End of Day

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Second Collection

World Mission Sunday
Today is **World Mission Sunday**. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests , religious and lay leaders who offers the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Special Collection

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Please return the **All Souls Day Offering** envelope with the name or names of loved ones to be remembered at all Masses on All Souls Day.

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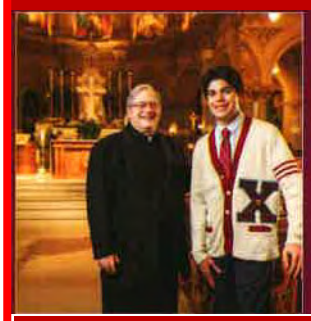

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What is Death? | A Report from the Front Lines: An Academic Lecture
Thursday, Oct. 26th @ 7pm at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers will be hosting an evening lecture entitled "What is Death? | A Report from the Front Lines" with Dr. Charles Camosy, a nationally recognized Catholic moral theologian and the Seminary's Msgr. Michael J Curran Fellow in Moral Theology.
Date and Time: Thursday, October 26th at 7:00 pm.
Location: St. Joseph's Seminary Prayer Hall and online via Zoom.
Tickets: $25
More Information and registration:
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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

With the Twelve, we too must leave behind every speck of resentment. Unforgiveness is too much to carry when our mission is to proclaim God's reign. Take nothing for the journey.

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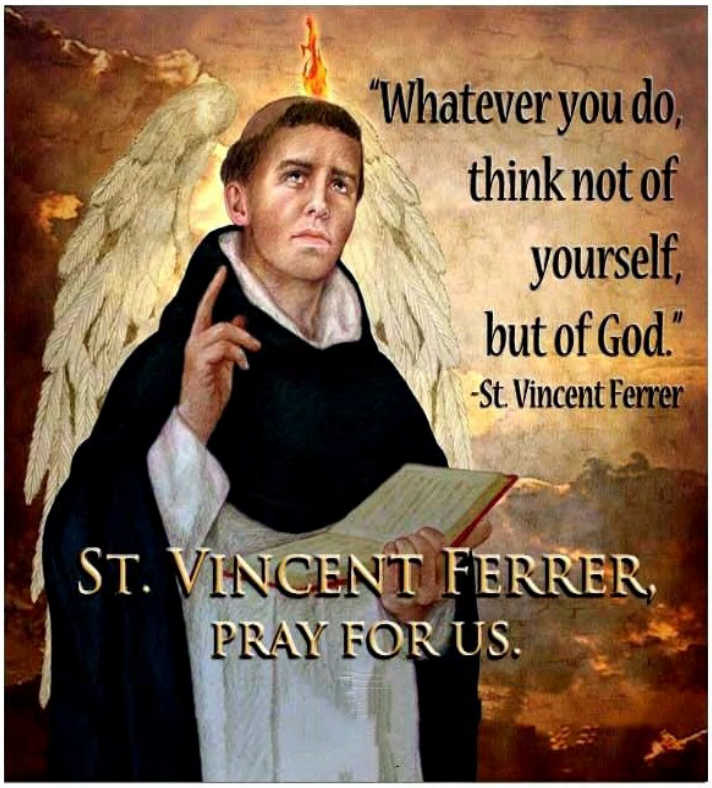
GOD IS WITH US
It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, 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.



We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the
Feast of the Presentation of Mary

Tuesday, November 21st, 2023

Preparation begins October 19

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Consecration to Saint Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, the Patron of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons

Solemnity of All Saints

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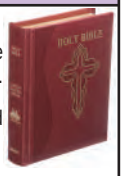

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