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## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



Be watchful! You do not know when the lord of the house is coming.

Mark 13:35

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Rosary Society</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	<b>Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena</b> after 9:00 a.m. Mass	<b>Charismatic Group la Paix</b> <i>Rectory basement at</i> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena</b> after 9:00 a.m. Mass	<b>Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Legion of Mary</b> <i>Rectory basement</i> at 10:00 a.m.	<b>St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making</b> <i>Rectory basement</i> at 9:00 a.m.
<b>Mary's Apostolate</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	<b><i>In His Light</i> Charismatic Prayer Group</b> <i>Rectory basement at</i> 7:00 p.m.	<b><i>Group la Paix</i> Charismatic Mass</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jeanne Mance Guild</b> <i>Rectory basement</i> after 9:00 a.m. Mass	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday <i>Rectory</i> at 7:30 p.m.	<b>Girl Scouts</b> <i>Lower Church</i> 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> <i>Chapel</i> after 9:00 a.m. Mass

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 2023

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** **5:00 p.m.**

Richard Redhead - In memoriam  
Requested by the Redhead family

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** **8:00 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception Novena  
Michael Sicignano - In memoriam  
Requested by the Family

**11:00 a.m.**

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing on our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Blessing  
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Barbara Dhanieram - Blessing and Healing  
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Clarence Cunningham - In memoriam  
Requested by Charmaine Knight

Lena Vincent - In memoriam

**Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception Novena  
Memorial of Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Anthony Harris - In thanksgiving  
Requested by Antoinette Harris

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception Novena  
Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop  
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Gullap - In memoriam  
Requested by the Gullap Family

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception Novena  
Centennial Mass Intentions  
Centennial Mass Memorials

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Immaculate Conception Novena  
Jocelyn David - In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Sacred Heart of Jesus/Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Josiah Payne - Birthday blessing  
Requested by Irmin Payne

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** **9:00 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
Gilbert Samuels - Birthday memorial, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
Requested by the Samuels Family

### GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

#### Bread and Wine:

Michael Sicignano - In memoriam  
Requested by the Family

#### Altar Flowers:

Michael Sicignano - In memoriam  
Requested by the Family

#### Sanctuary Candle:

Sandra Stafford - Blessing and healing

#### Altar Candle:

Michael Sicignano - In memoriam  
Requested by the Family

#### Altar Candle:

#### Annunciation Chapel Candle:

#### Mary's Chapel Candle:

Lydia Martin - Birthday Memorial  
Requested by her children

#### Saint Joseph's Candle:

Leyland Kenneth Hooper - Birthday blessing  
Requested by Claudia Hooper

**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](http://www.pre-cana.org).

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

**Sick Calls:** In case of an emergency - any time.

### 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

*Maranatha!*  
*"Come Lord Jesus!"*

To livestream Masses visit  
[saintvincentferrer.org](http://saintvincentferrer.org)

# Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service 1923 - 2023

## Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Lord rend the heavens and come down (1). Come and save us (Ps) from our sins. Let us turn again to you (Ps) and so be found blameless (2) when you return in glory (3).

**Read the 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:

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11.

Let us give thanks (Ps) for the great feast prepared for us (2) in which God's glory (1) is revealed.

## Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 1; Lk10:21-24.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Jesus (2), the shoot of Jesse (1). He will bring justice and peace (Ps).

## Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37.

We are invited to celebrate the Lord's victory banquet (1, Ps) his triumph over sickness and evil (2).

## Thursday:

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27.

The Lord is our rock and fortress (1), our Savior (Ps). May our lives be built upon God's holy word (2).

## Friday:

Gn 39-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-28.

Chosen by God (2), Mary reverses the sin of Eve (1). Because of her obedience (3), God's salvation is made known to all the nations (Ps).

## Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8.

The Lord sends the Twelve to proclaim the kingdom (2); peace and healing of the sick testify to its advent (1, Ps).



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

The registration forms are online at [saintvincentferrer.org](http://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.**

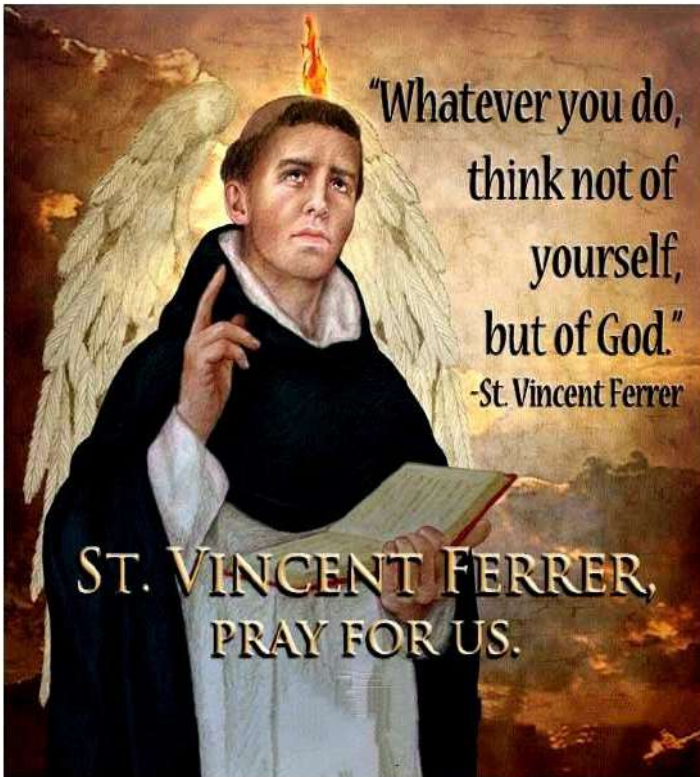
Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us in our celebrations.

**For additional information please contact  
the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009**

**or  
[info@saintvincentferrer.org](mailto:info@saintvincentferrer.org)**

*A shoot will come up  
from the stump of Jesse;  
from its roots  
a branch will bear fruit.*

**Thank you for getting to Church  
on time.  
God is waiting for you!  
Praise the Lord!**



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

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# The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

## **Be Watchful and Hold On**

In the lives of those who believe and pray, there are bleak winters of the spirit. We seem to go along well for a while in prayer and relationships and life generally, but from time to time we disintegrate. It is very painful. You may suspect that this will prove to be a creative disintegration, that God is re-creating you, putting you together in the likeness of his Son at a new and deeper level. Certainly this does happen: growth is not easy; there is a probably distressing period for the caterpillar on the way to butterfly-hood. We are all participants in this experience from time to time and a chrysalis needs sympathetic understanding, so we should be gentle and patient with ourselves as with others. Nevertheless, they are hard to live through, these winters of the spirit. When you know yourself to be sterile, helpless, unable to deal creatively with your situation or change your own heart, you know your need for a Savior, and you know what Advent is. God brings us to these winters, these dreary times of deadness and emptiness of spirit, as truly as he brings winter after autumn, as a necessary step towards next spring. But while we are in them they feel like a real absence of God, or our absence from him. . . .

Looking back, you know that these times brought you closer to the Lord of the winter, that it was necessary for you to go through them. In the winters of your prayer, when there seems to be nothing but darkness and a situation of general frozenness, hold on, wait for God. He will come.

Sr. Maria Boulding, The Coming of God

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## **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.

## ***Scripture Reflection***

**Read Sunday's Gospel:** Mk 13:33-37

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

***Each with his own work.*** To what work is God calling me? How can I be of greater service to my brothers and sisters?

***Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.*** How can I become more attentive to God's presence in my life? How can I prepare my heart to receive Christ at Christmas?

***What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"*** How can I help others encounter Christ? What are some ways that I share my faith?

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

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## Special Collection

### *Christmas Flower Offering*

Kindly return the *Christmas Flower Offering* envelope with the name of the person or persons to be honored or remembered.

### *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Offering*

### *Christmas Mass Remembrance*

Kindly return the *Christmas Mass Remembrance* envelope with the name of the person or persons to be honored or remembered.

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*



## Pope Francis' December Intentions

### **For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## Legacy of Faith

Remember our parish in your will. When you update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to

### **Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church.**

1603 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210

For more information, please call

**Fr. Gopaul at 718-859-9009**

## Season of Advent

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, **Advent is a period of expectant delight.**”

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## THREE KINGS DAY RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on

**JANUARY 7th, 2024**

after 11 A.M. MASS

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**Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary**

on the



**Solemnity of  
The Immaculate Conception  
of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Friday December 8, 2023**

Preparation for consecration began  
Sunday, November 5, 2023

or the

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**



**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

Preparation for Consecration began  
Thursday, November 9, 2023

or on the

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**



**Sunday January 1, 2024**

Preparation began Wednesday, November 29, 2023

**Saint Vincent Ferrer  
Roman Catholic Church**

925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn N.Y. 11210

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

on the

**Feast of our Lady of Loreto  
Sunday, December 10, 2023**



Preparation for Consecration began  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

or on the

**Feast of the Holy Family**



**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

Preparation began Tuesday, November 28, 2023

**If not now, when?**

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