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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 |

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
# NOVEMBER 12TH 2023

**MASS INTENTIONS**:

**Saturday, November 11th** **5:00 p.m.**
Frank and Rosa Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

**Sunday, November 12th** **8:00 a.m.**
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - In thanksgiving, blessing
Requested by Jean Guy and Claudia Hooper

**11:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing on our 100th anniversary
Stephen James - Birthday blessing
Linda Aldridge - For health and blessing
Fabiola Bell - Blessing and Healing
Requested by the Noriega and Bell Families
Mr. & Mrs. Hamerton & Altagrace Mathieu and Family - In thanksgiving
Deceased members of the Aldridge Family- In memoriam
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

**Monday, November 13th** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Religious
Suze and Edvard Mathador - In thanksgiving

**Tuesday, November 14th** **9:00 a.m.**
Francis Barthelemy - In thanksgiving

**Wednesday, November 15th** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Gesner Elysée - Birthday Memorial
Requested by the Elysée Family

**Thursday, November 16th** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Margaret of Scotland
Memorial of Saint Gertrude, Religious
Jean Claude Lamarque - Birthday blessing
Requested by Jocelyn David

**Friday, November 17th** **9:00 a.m.**
Christ the King Novena
Novena for Vocations
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Yana Young - In thanksgiving
Requested by Jocelyn David

**Saturday, November 18th** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles
Memorial of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Religious
Christ the King Novena
Claudia Hooper - In thanksgiving to Saint Elizabeth and Saint Philomena

**GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:**

**Bread and Wine:**
Joyce Ali-Bocas - Healing

**Altar Flowers:**
Joan Atherton - Blessing

**Sanctuary Candle:**
Jean and Kenneth Chase - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**
Bernadette Bell - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**
Sandra Stafford - Healing and thanksgiving

**Altar Candle:**
Mr. & Mrs. Hamerton & Altagrace Mathieu and Family - In thanksgiving

**Altar Candle:**
Lena Bartholomew and Winston Lewis - Blessing

**Annunciation Chapel Candle:**
Rosie Mejias - Blessing

**Mary's Chapel Candle:**
Claudia Hooper - Birthday blessing

**Saint Joseph's Candle:**
Mehling Royer - 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.

## 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**

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*1923 - 2023*

**Readings of the Week**

**Sunday:**
Wis 6:12 - 16; Ps 63:2 - 8; 1 Thes 4:13 - 18; Mt 25:1-13.
We seek many things in this life, but we should seek first the Lord (Ps) and his wisdom (1). By so living, we will keep vigil for the Lord (3) as we await his return in glory (2).

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:**
Wis 1:1 - 7; Ps 139:1 - 10; Lk 17:1 - 6.
The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world (1), guiding believers (Ps) in the ways of forgiveness and charity (2).

**Tuesday:**
Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2 - 3, 16 - 19; Lk 17:7 - 10.
Death is not an end but a passage to God (1) who rescues those who call upon him (Ps). The demands of gospel love far exceed the claims of the Law (2).

**Wednesday:**
Wis 6:1 - 11; Ps 82:3 - 4, 6 - 7; Lk 17:11 - 19.
All authority is rooted in the wisdom of God (1) who defends the lowly and afflicted (Ps). The gratuitous love of Jesus is met with gratitude and praise by the leper (2).

**Thursday:**
Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89 - 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20 - 25.
Wisdom is praised as a reflection of eternal light (1), standing firm forever (Ps). Jesus, our wisdom, must suffer and be rejected (2).

**Friday:**
Wis 13:1 - 9; Ps 19:2 - 5; Lk 17:26 - 37.
The beauty of creation (1) proclaims the glory of God (Ps). No one shall escape the Day of the Lord (2).

**Saturday:**
Wis 18:14 - 16; 19:6 - 9; Ps 105:2 - 3, 36 - 37, 42 - 43; Lk 18:1 - 8.
In the Exodus is seen the calling forth of a new creation (1, Ps). The Lord hears the cry of those in need (2).

## 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.

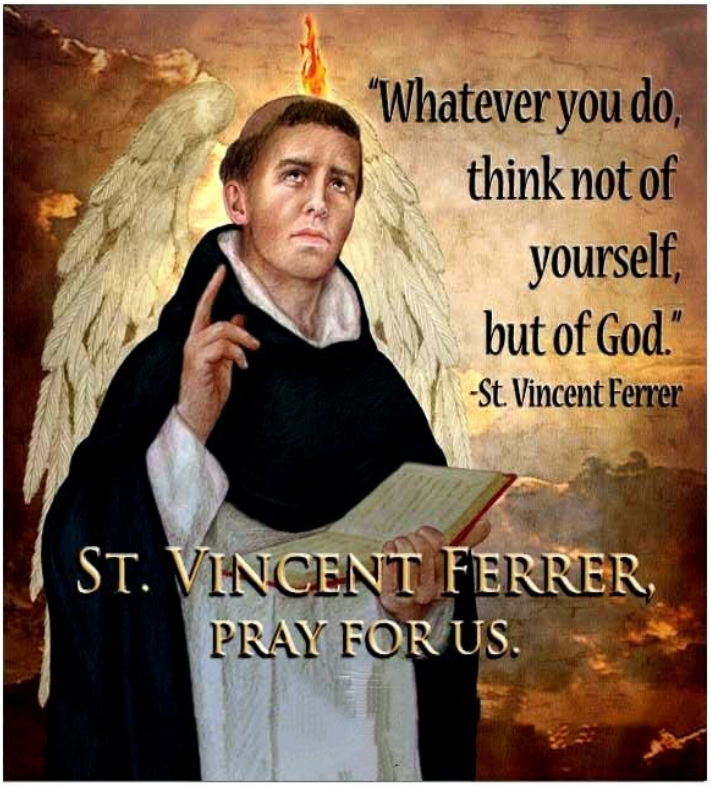
**For additional information please contact the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009 or info@saintvincentferrer.org**

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

**Praise the Lord!**

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

CCC 1324




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

### Pope Francis' November Intention

**For the Pope**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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# The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

## No Scarcity with God

Ironically enough, the "wise" bridesmaids in Jesus's parable distrust the sufficiency, generosity, and love of the bridegroom as much as the "foolish" bridesmaids do. Operating on the basis of scarcity and fear, they refuse to share their oil. Smug in their own preparedness and "wisdom," they forget all about mercy, empathy, kinship, and hospitality. They forget that the point of a wedding celebration is celebration. Gathering. Communing. Joining. Sharing. It doesn't occur to them that their stinginess has consequences. That it sends their five companions stumbling into the midnight darkness. That it diminishes the wedding, depriving the bridal couple and their remaining guests of five lively, caring companions.

I'm not sure what it will take for us Christians to live fully into the abundance of God. But it's clear that our assumptions about scarcity are killing us. We're so afraid of emptiness, we idolize excess. We're so worried about opening our doors too wide, we shut them tight. We're so obsessed with our own rightness before God, we forget that "rightness" divorced from love is always wrong. We live in dread that there won't be enough to spare. Enough grace. Enough freedom. Enough forgiveness. Enough mercy. Somehow, we would rather shove people into the night than give up the illusion of our own brightness.

What would it be like to stop? What would it be like to care more about the emptiness in our neighbor's flask than the brimming fullness of our own?

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***Scripture Reflection***

**Read Sunday's Gospel:** Mt 25:1-13

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

***Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!*** Where have I met the Lord? How can I help others meet Jesus?

***No, for there may not be enough for us and you.*** How do I decide if I have "enough"? How can I grow in generosity?

***Those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.*** How do I prepare to celebrate the Eucharistic banquet? How can I continue to grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist?

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

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## Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish Ministry Day

*of*

*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

## We Are The Church Together!

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

## Special Collection

Thank you for your ***Thanksgiving Offering: A gift to my Parish*** offering.

***Catholic Campaign for Human Development***
Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Catholics across the United States are asked to respond to Pope's Francis' World Day of the Poor by giving to the U.S. Bishops' Catholic Campaign for Human Develop. This special annual collection supports the U.S. Bishop's anti-poverty and social justice programs and assists poor and marginalized populations in communities across the United States. Learn more at *www.usccb.org/cchd*

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.

**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

## 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

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1603 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210

For more information, please call
**Fr. Gopaul at 718-859-9009**

## Novena in Honor of Christ the King of The Universe

**9:00 a.m.**
**November 17—November 25, 2023**
**Eucharistic Celebration**
**11:00 a.m.**
**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

**All are invited**

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

**Tuesday, November 21st, 2023**
Preparation began October 19, 2023

**OR**

**Feast 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

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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**

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

Preparation for Consecration began
Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Thank You!

Beloved Parishioners of Saint Vincent Ferrer,

Thanks immensely for inviting me to your Parish. It was a spiritually uplifting moment for me, and I pray that God will germinate the seeds He planted in you during those days of the retreat. Thanks for your presence, your generosity, and above all, I can't thank your pastor, Fr. Gopaul enough for his acceptance, love, brotherly and priestly fraternity. I fell in love with your parish. It is Christ-like. All of you will always be in my prayers and celebration of Masses.

With Christ's love,
Fr. Kieran Udeze

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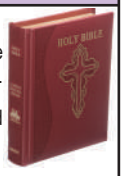

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