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

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

Mark 1:2

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10TH 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 9th **5:00 p.m.**
Salvatore Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and Jamie Bambara

Sunday, December 10th **8:00 a.m.**
Doreen Gullap - In memoriam
Requested by the Gullap Family

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing on our 100th Anniversary
Josiah Payne - Birthday Blessing
Requested by Irmin Payne
Francis Barthelemy - In thanksgiving
Brian Knight and Family - In thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Evaristo and Paula Soto - In memoriam
Francisco and Josefa - In memoriam
Maria and Harry Feliciano - In memoriam

Monday, December 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Damascus 1, Pope
Anthony Harris - Birthday blessing
Requested by Antoinette Harris

Tuesday, December 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
Gerard and René Claude - In memoriam

Wednesday, December 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Lucy, Martyr
Louis Harry Turenne - In thanksgiving

Thursday, December 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Joseph Guy - Birthday memorial

Friday, December 15th **9:00 a.m.**
Right to Life Novena
Andre Knight - Blessing, healing and deliverance

Saturday, December 16th **9:00 a.m.**
Yana Young - In thanksgiving
Requested by Jocelyne David

Maranatha!
"Come Lord Jesus!"

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:
Adrian Stafford-Brown - Blessing
Requested by Sandra Stafford

Altar 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.

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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Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Sunday:
Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 85:0-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8.
As we await new heavens and a new earth 2), let us make clear the way of the Lord (1,3) by being servants of justice, truth and peace (Ps).

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 35:1-10; Ps 8:9ab, 10-14,; Lk 5:17-26.
God has come to save us (1) in Christ Jesus. He offers us peace (Ps), forgiveness, and healing (2).

Tuesday:
Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38.
As suggested: a woman clothe with the sun (1b), daughter of the Most High God (Ps), proclaims the Greatness of the Lord (2b), the one who comes to dwell with us (1a). She is the servant of the Lord (2a)

Wednesday:
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;Mt 11:28-30.
Merciful and Kind (Ps), the Lord gives strength to the weary (1) and to all who are overburdened (2).

Thursday:
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15.
The Lord is compassionate (Ps) Israel's redeemer (1), whose coming John the Baptist heralded (2).

Friday:
Is 48:17-19; Ps !:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19.
Isaiah extorts his listeners to follow the Lord (1, Ps).
Jesus exposes the lack of wisdom and obstinacy of his contemporaries (2).

Saturday:
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13.
Elijah, a type of precursor of the Messiah (1), is identified with John, whose death foretells that of Jesus (2), the Son of Man.

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

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.

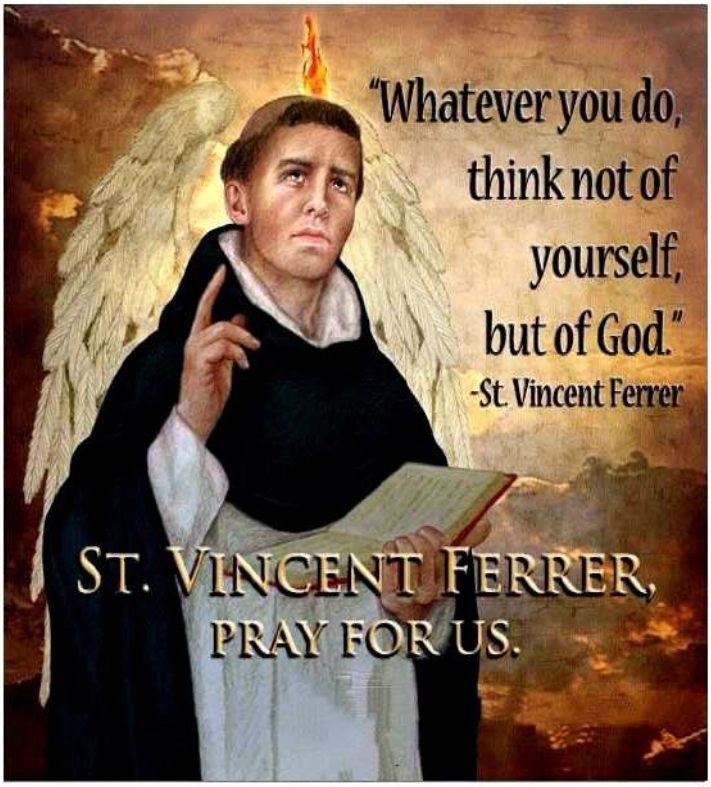
Mass attendance is a very important part of the Faith Formation program especially for those in the Sacramental programs. Please make every effort to join us in our celebrations.

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

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The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Joyful Dreams Fulfilled

There wasn't a stairway on our deck when we moved into our home. This meant there was no way to get to our backyard without exiting through the front door and walking all the way around the property. Because it was nearly winter when we settled in the house—cold, and our backyard was nothing but weeds and tree stumps—there was really no reason to go down deck stairs even if we had them.

Still. We had dreams of a playset, of our girls spending joy-filled hours outside with friends, of lacrosse sticks and soccer balls. Deck stairs weren't a necessity. But they'd sure make it easier for the girls to get out back—and to come in when they inevitably became hungry, thirsty, or injured.

And so, even in those winter months when outdoor play was nothing more than a far-off dream, we set in motion our building plans—"waiting for and hastening" the fulfillment of our outdoor aspirations!

Not quite the same as anticipating the coming of Christ at Christmas. And yet today's readings are all about preparing the way, making a more expedient route between God and God's people. We fill in valleys, make straight paths, smooth out the rugged terrain. We don't want anything to deter our encounter with God.

Advent is a time of both "waiting for and hastening," even as God works in God's own time. It's up to us to take steps to remove any obstacles that stand between us and our embrace of God's love—even in the winter seasons of our souls.

In the early spring after moving into our home, completely serendipitous scheduling meant that the deck stairs were built not two weeks before a backyard playset. We had waited for and hastened that moment: and two joy-filled little girls were the result.

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O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel

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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?

I am sending my messenger ahead of you.
How do I learn about my faith? How do my actions reflect what I believe?

One mightier than I is coming after me.
How have I seen/experienced God's power? How can I help to prepare the way of the Lord?

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
What gifts of the Spirit am I called to share? What gifts of the Spirit do I need to cultivate?

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

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Second Collection

Christmas Gift to my Church
Next weekend's second collection is *My Christmas Gift to My Church* collection. Please be generous. Thank you.

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

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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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Thank you!

On behalf of the Ministry of Mercy I thank everyone for their continued your support, both spiritually and financially.

Marie-Ange Bernier

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2023 Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, December 8th —
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, December 18th
Reconciliation Monday
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Confessions will be heard in the Church

Saturday/Sunday, December 23rd-24th
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24th — Christmas Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass
(Carols begin at 11:00 p.m.)

Monday, December 25th — Christmas Day
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, December 30th-31st
Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 31st — New Year's Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Holy Hour begins at 10:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Mass at 11:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1st — New Year's Day
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, January 6th-7th
Feast of the Epiphany/Three Kings
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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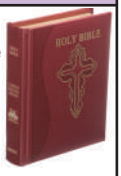

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