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

John replied, "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'* as Isaiah the prophet said." John 1:23

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

THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 17TH 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 16th **5:00 p.m.**
Joseph and Clara Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, December 17th **8:00 a.m.**
Lydia K. Martin - In memoriam
Requested by her children and grand-children

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing on our 100th Anniversary
Eddie Soto - Blessing and healing
Jocelyn Myrthil - Birthday blessing
Gloria James - Birthday blessing
Keither Mack - Birthday memorial
Requested by Irmin Payne
May and Ossie Patrice - In memoriam
Daphne Flexotto - In memoriam
Requested by Veronica Mc Intyre
Monique Reme - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard
Annie Soto - In memoriam

Monday, December 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper and Jean Guy

Tuesday, December 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Shirley Bailey and Family - In thanksgiving

Reconciliation Monday **3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Gloria James - Birthday blessing
Requested by Veronica McIntyre

Thursday, December 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Wilfredo Toppin - In memoriam
Keon Toppin - Birthday blessing
Quinn Ivy Green - Birthday blessing
Requested by Elaine Toppin

Friday, December 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Holy Family Novena
Anthony Harris and Family - In thanksgiving
Requested by Antoinette Harris

Saturday, December 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Holy Family Novena
Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest,
Maria Francia Auguste - Birthday memorial
Requested by Magda Touya

Maranatha!
"Come Lord Jesus!"

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Sandra Stafford - Blessing and healing

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:
Raymond Wagner - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Altar Candle:
Eddie Soto
Requested by Marie Montalvo

Altar Candle:
Gerald DeMaio - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Jocelyne Myrthil

Saint Joseph's Candle:
Joseph Melius and Family - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested on behalf of the Family

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Second Collection

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

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens
Next weekend's second collection is for *Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens.* Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens provides food, housing, mental health, and other programs for 500,000 clients in Brooklyn and Queens.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Sunday:
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; I Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28.
John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he (3), one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance (1) from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory (2) , let join with Mary in singing the praises of God (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:
Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25.
A descendant of David (1), born to Mary and Joseph (2), will govern with Justice and pity the lowly and the poor (Ps).

Tuesday:
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17,; Lk 1:5-25. What mighty deeds (Ps)! An angel of the Lord announces the birth of Samson (1). So, too, Gabriel heralds the birth of John (2).

Wednesday:
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38. The Emmanuel is a blessing (Ps) and a sign for David's house (1); his role is accomplished perfectly in Jesus (2).

Thursday:
Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3,11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45.
Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting and is glad and exults (1b, Ps); with the advent of a Savior, born of Mary (2), the winter is passed and new life is upon us (1a).

Friday:
1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56.
Anna's thanksgiving for her son (1, Ps) is echoed in the great hymn of Mary, the Magnificat (2).

Saturday:
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10,14; Lk 1:57-66.
As God sent Elijah (1) so, too, is John, raised up to herald the lord's coming.

O come, thou wisdom from on high.

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

To livestream Masses visit **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

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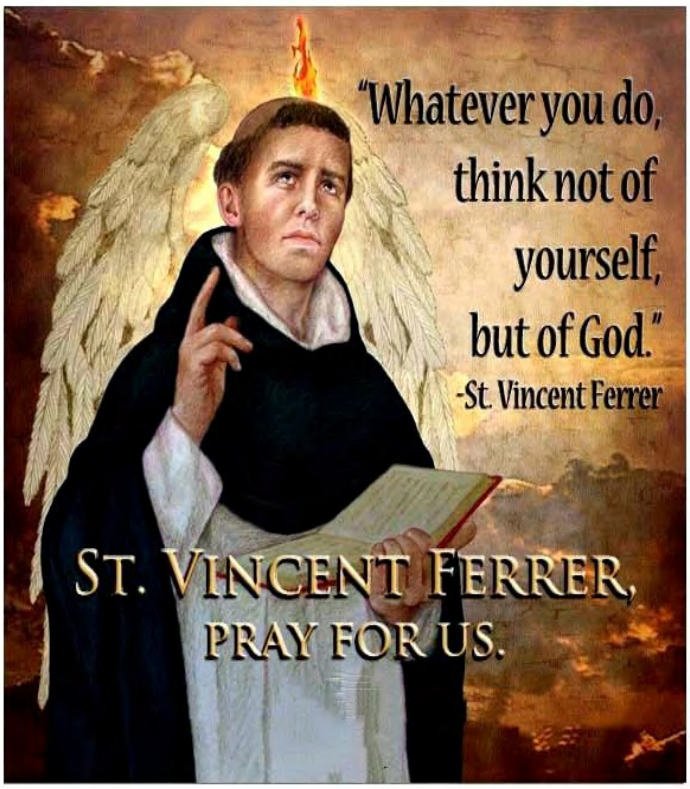

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Evenings & Weekends: By appointment

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.

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O come, thou holy lord of might.

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

More Than Enough Joy

I recently returned from running errands to find a neighbor wheeling his elderly mother to the elevator of our condo. She's frail and bedridden and now leaves their apartment only for medical appointments. When I said, "Alice, it's so good to see you," she smiled and reached for me. Taking my hand, she kissed it. A moment of blessing, and of joy.

Joy permeates today's readings: St. Paul's "rejoice, the Lord is near" in the entrance antiphon; Isaiah, the anointed one of God, proclaims "my God is the joy of my soul"; in the responsorial psalm, Mary echoes Isaiah and sings, "My spirit rejoices in God my savior." These are expressions of divine joy, bringing healing and good news to those who need it most, bringing a welcome change into the world.

Somehow, though, Paul's exhortations in 1 Thessalonians are hard to take: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks." Really? In all circumstances? That's a tough order. But in spending time with my loved ones during hard times of illness and approaching death, I've learned to spot the blessings that show up, even then. A rainbow, a memory shared, a hug, even a silly joke—they may be small, but they generate joy.

My friend's mother endures a daunting cascade of medical problems, but she can smile when someone greets her by name. Her son has made his way through the wilderness of drug addiction and prison, and is glad to be able to care for his mother in her last years. That's a lot of joy.

Kathleen Norris © Give Us This Day

O come, thou rod of Jessie's stem.

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.

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.
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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.

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

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

A man named John was sent from God. What is God sending me to do? How do I respond to this mission?

He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. How can I give witness to the good things God has done for me? How can I better reflect God's light?

"Make straight the way of the Lord." What stumbling blocks keep me from following the Lord's way? What steps can I take to remove those stumbling blocks?

After a period of silent reflection, recite the Lord's Prayer.
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O come, thou Key of David, come,
open wide our heavenly home.

The Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith. CCC 1327

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind

God's love for us

and our love for God aren't seasonal.
We teach our children the importance of consistency in things that are important (e.g. brushing one's teeth).
Praying in church is a necessary action for us, Catholics.
The **Mass** is the greatest prayer.
Bring your children to Mass on Sundays.
We need to thank God.
We need blessings, forgiveness, inspiration and God's peace, even when school is out.

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

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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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O come, thou dayspring, come and
cheer our spirits by thine advent here;

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

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after 11A.M. MASS

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Donation: $10.00

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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