The Holy Family

SAINT VINCENT FERRER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 31ST 2023

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 30th **5:00 p.m.**
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Christmas Mass Remembrance
June Ann Wong - In memoriam, 23rd Anniversary

Sunday, December 31st **8:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

11:00 a.m.
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Sunday, December31st **5:00 p.m.**
Family Mass
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Holy Hour **10:00 p.m.**

New Year's Eve Mass **11:00 p.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Bonne Année.
¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
Buon Anno!

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

Monday, January 1st **11:00 a.m.**
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
For all Priests - In thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Tuesday, January 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
Louis Dominique - In memoriam
Requested by Valentine

Wednesday, January 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus
Joyce Nasir - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Thursday, January 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Religious

Friday, January 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday, January 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

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?

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21;
Luke 2:22-40.
Family life (1, Ps) is rooted in the unconditional love of God (2) as witnessed by the Holy Family (3).

Monday: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.
We seek God's blessings (1,Ps), as did Mary. Because of her son (3) we can confidently call God, "Abba" (2).

Tuesday:
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28.
John testifies about the one who is to come (2), one whose gift is nothing less than life eternal (1, Ps).

Wednesday:
1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1-3, 6; Jn 1:29-34.
Jesus is "God's chosen One" (2). We joyfully sing (Ps): in him we have become children of God (1).

Thursday:
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9. Jn 1:35-42.
The Lord has come (Ps) to destroy the power of evil (1) in the person of Jesus, the Lamb of God, the Messiah (2).

Friday:
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51.
If we claim to follow Jesus (2), our love must not be merely a matter of words, but show itself in action (1). Thus, do we truly serve the Lord (Ps).

Saturday:
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11.
God has proclaimed his Word (Ps), testifying on his own son's behalf (1): "You are my beloved. On you my favor rests" (2a). This is Jesus Christ, the Son of Adam, the Son of God (2b).

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GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Marie Rosa Charlotin - Blessing

Altar Flowers:
Kerley Monséque - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Christine Daniels - Birthday blessing

Altar Candle:
Karol Ciechanowski - In memoriam
Requested by Linda and Shawn Aldridge

Altar Candle:
Bridget Bien Aimé - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Michelle Bernadine - Birthday blessing

Annunciation Chapel Candle:
Sam and Elvira Corbie - Blessing

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Sandra Stafford - Blessing and healing
Requested by Adrian Stafford

Saint Joseph's Candle:
Kymirah Francis - Birthday 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.

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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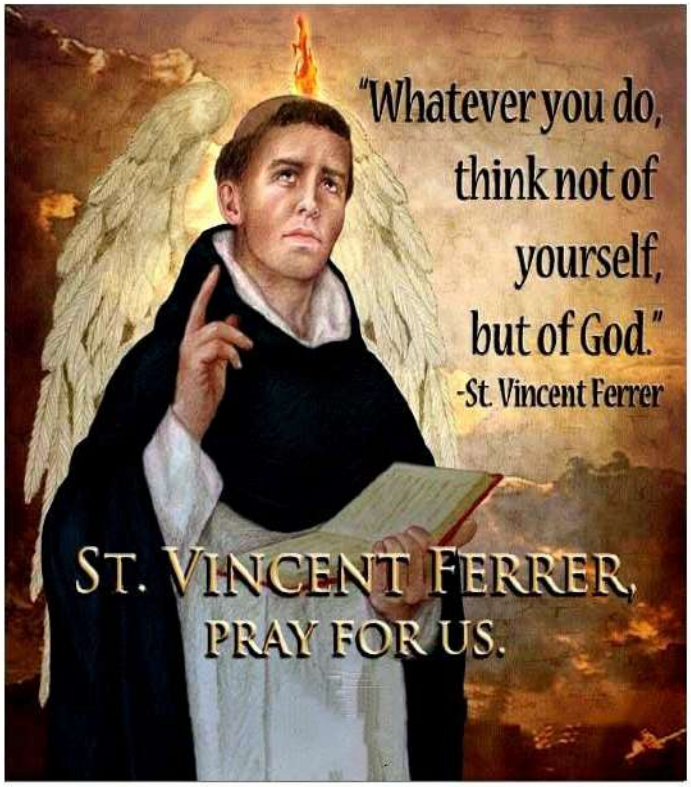

OFFICE HOURS

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.

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The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

A Primal, Wild Kind of Love

Luscious images of overflowing abundance greet us in the Scriptures on this feast of the Holy Family. In Sirach and the psalm: riches and long life, fruitful vines and olive plants, families gathered around the table. And from Colossians, a good roadmap for a happy domestic life together: "Put on . . . heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. . . . And over all these put on love."

And yet the scene of the Presentation in the Gospel appears to turn much of this imagery on its head. Mary and Joseph's offering of two turtle doves is the sacrifice of those too poor to afford a lamb. In this, and in the mysterious, unsettling words of Simeon, we learn that this Holy Family will defy expectations. Instead of domestic bliss and familial abundance, we find images of humble poverty, of a mother's heart pierced by suffering, of a sign of contradiction that will be violently opposed. What parent would ever want to hear these words about their beloved child?

And yet family life, even in the best of times, is both an abundance of love and an abundance of vulnerability born from that love. What parents haven't had their hearts pierced with love or concern for their children? Who hasn't felt the utter poverty of being unable to protect children from all that fills a frightening world? To love is to be vulnerable to suffering, and parenting elicits a primal, wild kind of love.

That little infant held by Simeon, that tiny sign of contradiction, will grow up and teach his disciples to call God abba, or papa, and show us that God loves prodigally, boundlessly, and even carelessly. And our Blessed Mother Mary, her heart pierced, reveals this too, embodying a fierce, tender love that scoops us up into her arms and holds us tight.

The Gospel reveals that the heart of God is a humble heart, a broken heart—a heart pierced by an abundant love beyond our wildest expectations.

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Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Scripture Reflection

Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

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

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. Where have I found God in my life? How can I help others to find him as well?

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. How does Mary's life inspire me to conform my life to God's will? How can I balance action and contemplation in my faith life?

He was named Jesus. How do I show respect for the name of the Lord? How do I honor God in my speech?

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

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

Prayer before a Crèche
Lord Jesus, together with the shepherds
we draw near to your Crib.
We contemplate you, wrapped in swaddling cloths
and lying in the manger.
O Babe of Bethlehem,
we adore you in silence with Mary,
your ever-Virgin Mother.
To you be glory and praise for ever,
Divine Savior of the World! Amen.
—St. John Paul II

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If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Pope Francis' January Intentions

For educators
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

SAINT VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL and FINANCE COUNCIL

THREE KINGS DAY RAFFLE

Drawing to be held on
JANUARY 7th, 2024
after 11A.M. MASS

FIRST PRIZE:	$300.00
SECOND PRIZE:	$200.00
THIRD PRIZE:	$100.00

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.

We celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas beginning December 25th!