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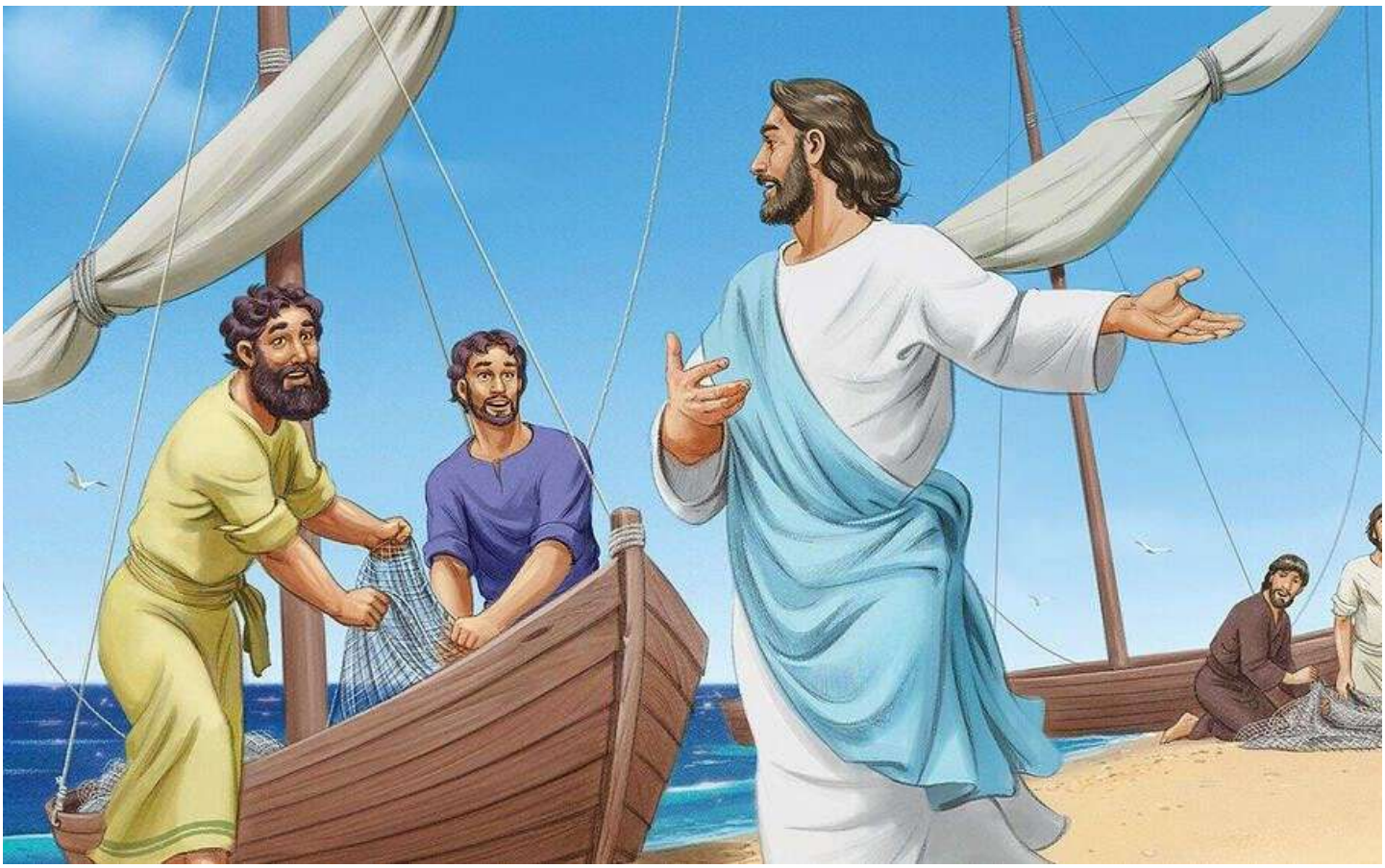

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17

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 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 21ST 2024
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 20th **5:00 p.m.**
Guy Arnold Pierre-Louis - In memoriam
Requested by the Philogene Family

Nevèn Notredam Altagrace 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 21st **8:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Altagracia Novena
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Marie Edouard - In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagrace and birthday blessing

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Lydell Hooper - Birthday blessing
Sandra Stafford - In thanksgiving, blessing
Requested by Adrian Stafford

Celebration Eucharistic Commemoration de la Notre Dame D'Altagrace **7:00 p.m.**

Monday, January 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday, January 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope, Religious

Wednesday, January 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Thursday, January 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
Angelina Francisco Auguste - In thanksgiving

Friday, January 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Novena for Vocations

Saturday, January 27th **9:00 p.m.**
Feast of Saint Angela Merici, Religious

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

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:
Joy Guy - Birthday blessing
Requested by Jean Guy

Altar Candle:
Gayle Walker - Birthday blessing
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Altar Candle:
Angelina Francisco Auguste - In thanksgiving

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

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.

Mass Intentions

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.
Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date. Place your request together with **your name** and **phone number** in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.
Please make a donation with each request.

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:
Jn 3:1-, 10; Ps 25:4-9; Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.
The Ninevites heard the preaching of Jonah and repented of their evil ways (1), thus experiencing the Lord's compassion (Ps). Do we repent when we hear the preaching of Jesus (3)? Do we invest our lives in the world rather than in God's kingdom (2)?

Monday:
2 Sm 5:1 - 7,10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30.
All the elders of Israel anoint David as King (1, Ps), so that the kingdom is no longer divided, but united (2).

Tuesday:
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10, Mk 3:31-35.
For the family of Israel, Jerusalem now assumes religious significance (1,Ps). The family of Jesus is constituted by faith expressed in love (2).

Wednesday:
2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 247-30; Mk 4:1-20.
David is assured concerning the future of his dynasty and his people (1, Ps). Jesus describes the obstacles to hearing his message (2).

Thursday:
Acts 22: 3-16; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18.
Paul is converted (1) and becomes the apostle sent to proclaim to all the nations (Ps) the saving Gospel (2).

Friday:
2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34.
Timothy is reminded of the spirit given him and Titus of the mission entrusted to him to proclaim the Good News (Ps). The kingdom, like a seed grows slowly to maturity (2).

Saturday:
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41.
May our hearts be purified (Ps) and our faith strengthened (2) by seeking the Lord's forgiveness (1).
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Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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

This is the time of fulfillment. How has God fulfilled his promises to me? How can I strengthen the virtue of hope in my life?

The kingdom of God is at hand. What do I think God's kingdom will be like? How do I see God acting in the world today?

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Where is the Lord calling me to go? What prevents me from following the Lord wholeheartedly?

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

Diocesan Mission Collection
Thank you for your support of last weekend's ***Diocesan Mission Collection.*** The revenue from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various missions for support from the Diocese of Brooklyn and when mission appeals are requested from the Society of the Immaculate Conception.

Churches in Need
Next weekend's second collection is the **Churches in Need** Collection. This collection supports pastoral programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

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

CCC 1324

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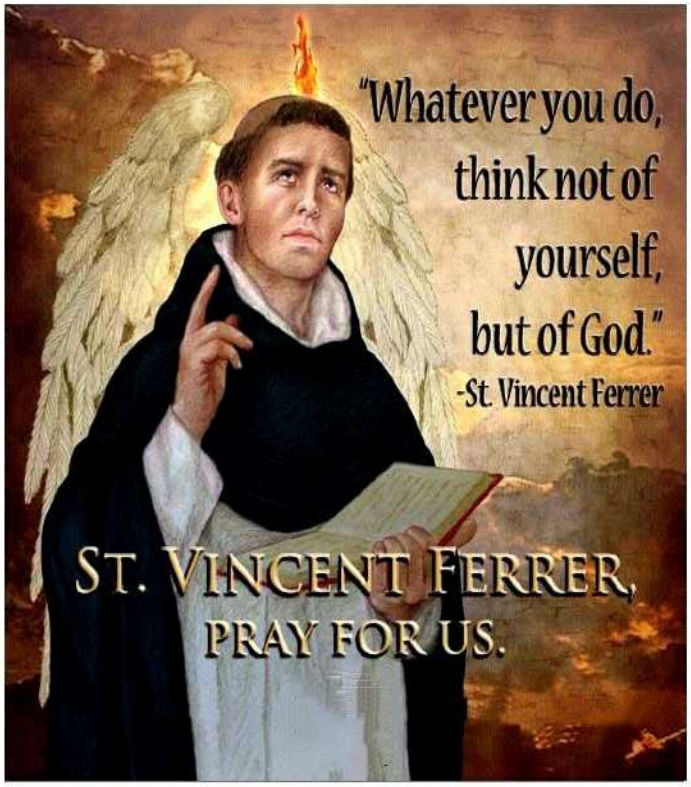

OFFICE HOURS

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 harvest is abundant;
but the laborers are few.**

Luke 10:2

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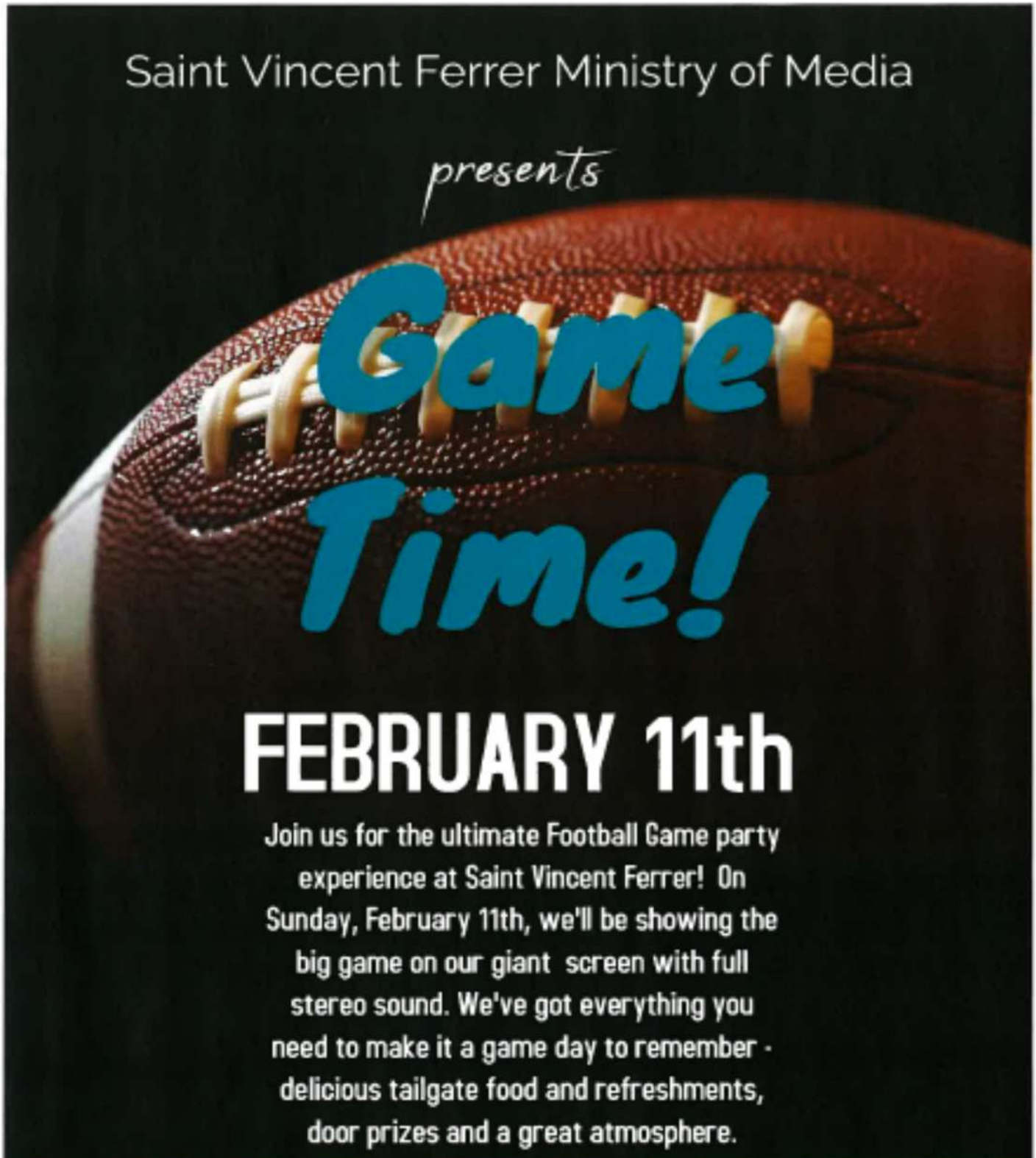

FEBRUARY 11th

Join us for the ultimate Football Game party experience at Saint Vincent Ferrer! On Sunday, February 11th, we'll be showing the big game on our giant screen with full stereo sound. We've got everything you need to make it a game day to remember - delicious tailgate food and refreshments, door prizes and a great atmosphere.

Lower Church

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

Virtus Workshop

In keeping with Diocesan regulations, all new volunteers in the parish and those who completed a VIRTUS workshop before December 31, 2017 are required to participate in a VIRTUS Workshop. The next VIRTUS workshop scheduled by the Parish will be on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

Visit *virtus.org* to preregister or you can register at the session.

Pope Francis' January Intentions

For the gift of diversity in the Church
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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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

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Praise the Lord!

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Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Preparation for consecration began
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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

on the

Feast of the Espousal

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Preparation for consecration began
Friday, December 22, 2023

On the

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, February 2, 2024
Preparation began Monday, January 1, 2024

The Way of Conversion

The very first words uttered by Jesus in his public ministry are a call to conversion. There is a bedrock wisdom here. We are, all of us, unfinished creatures; none of us is yet who we were created to be. In an individualistic, feel-good culture, it is difficult to hear this message; the way of rationalization and self -justification is wide and appealing. Yet, the hard truth of our human story is that, under the conditions of sin and left to our own devices, we humans are inclined to avoid seeing ourselves as the unfinished, imperfect creatures we really are. It is far too easy to avoid the difficult personal transformations that are necessary for our authentic flourishing as God's precious creatures.

The scope of God's saving mercy is without limits for those willing to receive it. This is the bold message communicated in the book of Jonah. The prophet was sent, not to the children of Israel, but to the pagan people of Nineveh. He warns them of their imminent punishment. But the Ninevites humbly recognize their need for conversion and repent—and in doing so, they find themselves drawn under the mantle of God's great mercy. The extravagance of God's mercy shocked Jonah and, presumably, the Israelites who would later hear this story.

The question for us is whether we will recognize, as the Ninevites did, that now is the hour of decision, the time of our conversion. St. Paul grasped this urgency, warning that "the world in its present form is passing away." Can we accept that genuine repentance is the way that leads to new life?

Richard Gaillardetz
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"We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants."

Pope Francis on his visit to the United States

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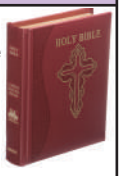

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