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HISTORY

MONTH

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Rosary Society</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	<b>Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena</b> after 9:00 a.m. Mass	<b>Charismatic Group la Paix</b> <i>Rectory basement at</i> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena</b> after 9:00 a.m. Mass	<b>Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Legion of Mary</b> <i>Rectory basement</i> at 10:00 a.m.	<b>St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making</b> <i>Rectory basement</i> at 9:00 a.m.
<b>Mary's Apostolate</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	<b><i>In His Light</i> Charismatic Prayer Group</b> <i>Rectory basement at</i> 7:00 p.m.	<b><i>Group la Paix</i> Charismatic Mass</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jeanne Mance Guild</b> <i>Rectory basement</i> after 9:00 a.m. Mass	<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday <i>Rectory</i> at 7:30 p.m.	<b>Girl Scouts</b> <i>Lower Church</i> 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> after 9:00 a.m. Mass

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> **5:00 p.m.**

Joshua A. Wong - 39th Memorial anniversary

Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> **8:00 a.m.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Souls of deceased family and friends - In memoriam

Requested by Ronald Almanor

**11:00 a.m.**

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

National Day of Prayer for the African-American Family

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Blessing

Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Shirley Mercury - Blessing and Prosperity

Judy Pierre - In memoriam

Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> **9:00 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Martyr

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Racquel Laborde - Birthday blessing

Requested by Yvette Lubin

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> **9:00 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Patricia Brennan - In memoriam

Requested on behalf of the Parish

Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> **9:00 a.m.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Rosemary Frascilla - In memoriam

Requested on behalf of the Parish

Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> **9:00 a.m.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena

Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani

Memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, Religious

World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human

Trafficking

Yolanda Jules and Melissa Murray - Birthday blessing

Requested by Alison Matthew

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> **9:00 a.m.**

Right to Life Novena

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> **9:00 a.m.**

Memorial of Saint Scholastica



### **Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

“Stand fast in the faith, and love one another. Do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you.”

### GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

#### Bread and Wine:

Roland Almanor and Family - In thanksgiving

#### Altar Flowers:

#### Sanctuary Candle:

#### Altar Candle:

Alison Matthew - In thanksgiving

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**Thursday, February 1, 1976:** Black History Month inaugurated in honor of USA's bicentennial.

1st stamp in US black History Series 1978 - Harriet Tubman

2/4: Rosa Parks - Civil Rights Activist, b. 1913

2/8: Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in Sudan

“If abortion isn't wrong,  
...then nothing is.”  
Mother Theresa

**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](http://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.**

## 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:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.

Job's cry of hopelessness (1) stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds" (Ps). Such are the blessings of the good news (2).

### Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56.  
Solomon consecrates the temple (1), the resting place of the ark (Ps). All are invited to share in Messianic blessing (2).

### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30, Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13.  
Solomon offers praise (1) in the house of God (Ps). How often our traditions obscure the spirit of God's commandments.

### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23.  
The queen of Sheba acknowledges Solomon's great wisdom (1, Ps). Jesus speaks of evil in the heart (2).

### Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30.  
The Lord grew angry (Ps) with Solomon whose marriages with foreigners led to idolatry (1. Jesus heals the daughter of a foreigner, a Syrophenician woman.

### Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37.  
Jeroboam, an architect of the temple, learns of the kingdom's approaching schism (1) for its failure to hear God's voice (Ps). Jesus heals the sick and the mute (2).

### Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106: 6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10.  
Jeroboam, King of Israel, constructs two temples in which golden calves are worshipped (1, Ps). Jesus foreshows the gift of the Eucharist (2).

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### Scripture Reflection

**Read Sunday's Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39.

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

*Then the fever left her and she waited on them.* What keeps me from serving my brothers and sisters more generously? Where is the Lord calling me to serve?

*He drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.* When has my speech not served to build up the Body of Christ? How can I be kinder and more truthful when speaking in person and on social media?

*He left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.* Where do I go to pray? What distractions impede my prayer?

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

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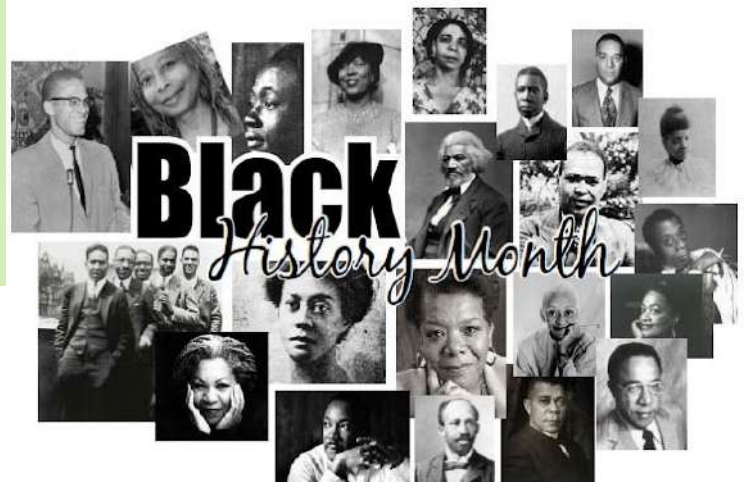
## Second Collection

### Heat/Light Collection

Thank you for your generous support of last week's collection, the **Heat/Light** collection. Funds from this collection will be used to help defray expenses incurred for heating and lighting of our church during the winter season.

"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



2/15/1804 - New Jersey becomes the first northern state to abolish slavery



**OUR STAFF**

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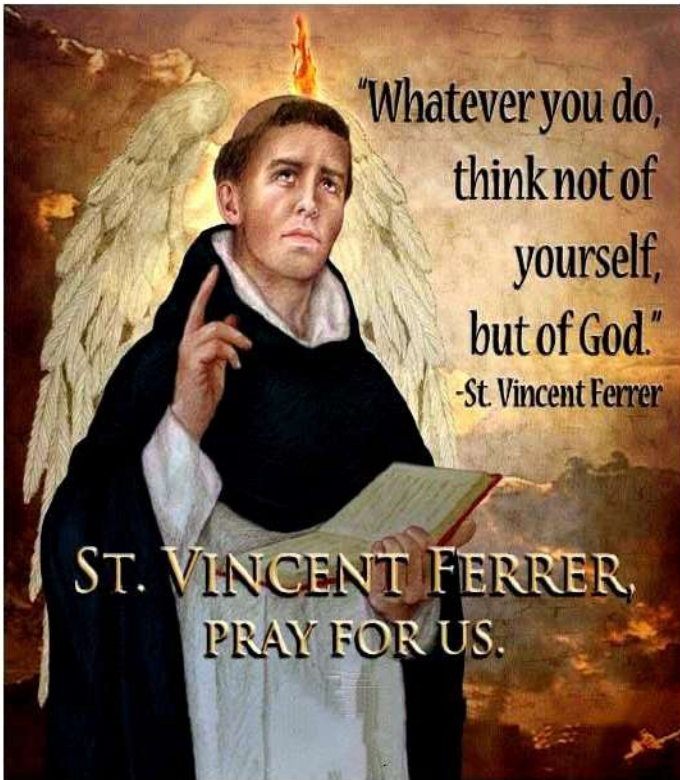
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**Monday to Friday:** 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm  
**Evenings & Weekends:** By appointment

**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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*Luke 10:2*

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# Game Time!

## FEBRUARY 11th

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

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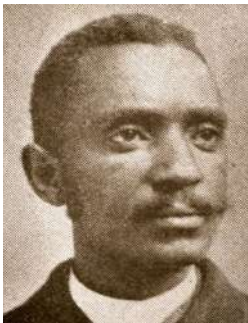
## Pope Francis' February Intentions

### For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**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



**Daniel Arthur Rudd 1854-1933**  
“The great church of our Lord and Savior is quietly pursuing her divine mission, ‘teach all nations’, placing the seal of her approval at all times upon Justice and Equity and condemning in all seasons the injustice heaped upon the poor and despised Negro.



Wilton D. Gregory  
Archbishop of Washington,  
D.C.

## Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church

### School of Religious Education

Grades 1-8

#### 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**

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# The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

**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

**Total Consecration to Jesus through the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
on the

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**



**Monday, April 8, 2024**

Preparation for consecration begins  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**If not now, when?**

**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 Presentation of the Lord**



**Tuesday, February 2, 2024**

Preparation began Monday, January 1, 2024

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed Mother**



**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

Preparation begins February 15, 2024

## God Knows

Things don't always go my way. As a student, for example, I sometimes felt I received a lower grade than I deserved. Some of my employers have underpaid me. And there are more intimate offenses that cut so much deeper. I have felt alone, unable to defend myself, desperate for someone to help me confront an invincible enemy. I have felt crushed by injustice and witnessed others suffer far worse. But no one seemed to come. In those moments, I could have whispered with Job, "I shall not see happiness again."

In such darkness, can I bring myself to praise God? If God has the power to stop any injustice, where is God when I am treated unfairly? If God has the power to heal any illness, where is God when I have a health crisis? It is easy to praise God when I feel the power of divine intervention. It is hard to praise God when he seems altogether absent.

I know I must not withhold my love from God simply because I feel my prayers are not answered. If my children only loved me when they got their way, I wouldn't call it love. It is not for me to question God for the blessings I have not received. I must instead praise and thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon me.

Whatever injustices I may suffer, Jesus knows them. He suffered ridicule, betrayal, and death. Jesus is with me in my anguish, and I can share my suffering with him. When I keep it to myself, I make it worse. May God grant me the grace to praise the Lord, who is always with me, and allow him to heal my broken heart.

J. D. Long-García  
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1910-1981**

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She insisted that African  
American expression of jazz  
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