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"… if you wish you can make me clean" … " I do will it. Be made clean."

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 10th **5:00 p.m.**
World Day of the Sick
World Marriage Day
Catherine Wood and Ella Brough - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, February 11th **8:00 a.m.**
World Day of the Sick
World Marriage Day
Carmen Montalvo - In memoriam
Requested by Michael and Anna Mayo

11:00 a.m.
World Marriage Day
World Day of the Sick
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Shirley Mercury - Prosperity and blessing
Marcilyn Mahabir - Birthday memorial
Requested by Richard Mahabir
Kathleen Nurse - Anniversary remembrance
Cristina Roderiguez

Monday, February 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Rawle Barker - Birthday blessing
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Tuesday, February 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Joyce Nasir - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Ash Wednesday, February 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Day of Fast and Abstinence
Liturgy of the Word **3:00 p.m.**
Mass **7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, February 15th **9:00 a.m.**

Friday, February 16th **9:00 a.m.**
Stations of the Cross **7:00 p.m.**

Saturday , February 17th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Second Collection

Black and Indian Mission Collection
Next weekend's second collection is the **Black and Indian Mission Collection.** These funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs among black and Indian peoples.
Please be generous.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Rev. Fr. Coman F. Brady - In memoriam

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph's Candle:

"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

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.

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:
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46: Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45.
Jesus manifests the powerful, healing love of God by curing the leper(3) who was forced to live under severe restrictions by Jewish legislation (1). He turned to Jesus in his need and was filled with joy (Ps). We are call to imitate the healing and compassionate Jesus (2).

Monday:
Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk8:11-13.
James encourages Jewish Christians undergoing trials: the poor shall be exalted and the rich humbled (1, Ps). Jesus is the sign of the Father (2).

Tuesday:
Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21.
Those who withstand temptation shall experience the Lord's comfort (Ps) receive the crown of life (1). The disciples do not yet recognize as the bread of life (2).

Ash Wednesday:
Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mk 6:1-6, 16-18.
Be reconciled (Ps, 2) and return to the Lord (1) by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service (3).

Thursday:
Dt 30:15-20; Ps1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25.
Choose not death, but life (1, Ps) by denying yourself and following in the footsteps of the Lord (2).

Friday:
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15.
Fasting without love (1) and repentance (Ps) is meaningless as we await the return of the bride-groom (2).

Saturday:
Is 58:9b-14;Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32. We are called to a change of heart (2),to be renewed in the Lord by following his, not our, ways (1, Ps).

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Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 .

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

"If you wish, you can make me clean." How can I rely more fully on God's healing and mercy? What areas of my life need healing?

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, [and] touched him. When have I felt the hand of God comforting me and guiding me? How can I model God's compassion in my own life?

"I do will it." How can I better discern God's will for me? How do I more fully conform my life to God's will?

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

Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechists

2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage

February 14 - March 27

Visit 39 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Journey to a different parish each day during Lent (except Sundays) and journey with hundreds of Catholics as we prepare for Easter.

For a complete details and a list of designated station churches visit: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/lent.

Keep the conversation on social media and share your pilgrimage journey using #ChristisHere, #Realpresence, #ChristinNYC, Lent2024

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

CCC 1324

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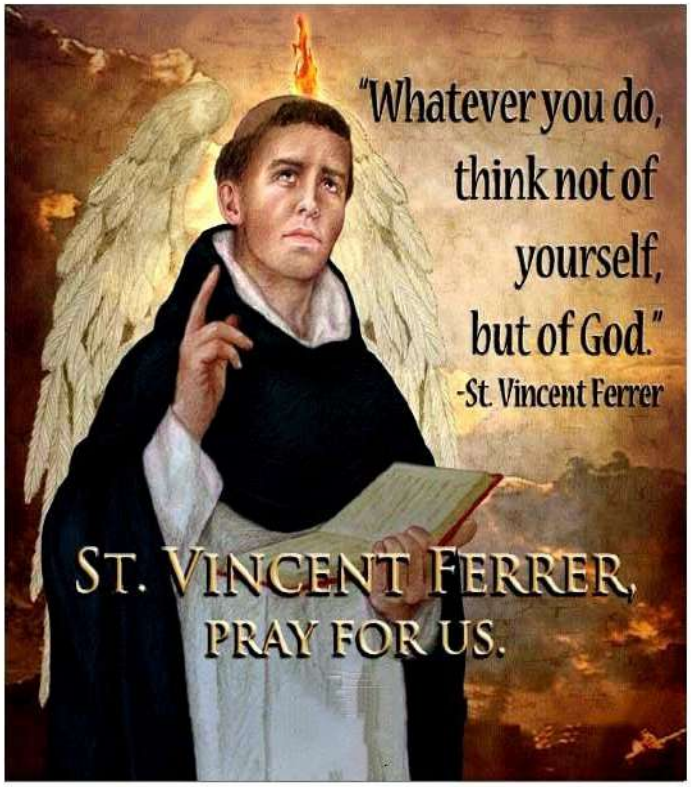

OFFICE HOURS

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

Pope St. Milliadies
Papacy: 311– 314A.D.
One of three popes of African descent

St Augustine of Hippo

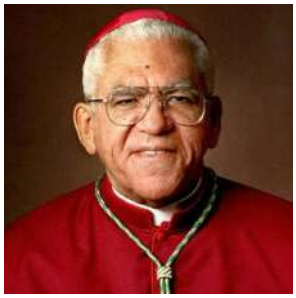
St. Martin de Porres
1579-1639
Son of a freed slave

Thurgood Marshall
1st Black justice of the US Supreme Court.

Carter D, Woodson
"Father of Black History"

Charlotte Ray—First female black lawyer in America - 1872

Fredrick Douglas
The most important leader of the movement for African-American civil rights in the 19th century



Guy A. Sansaricq
He was the first Haitian-born bishop of the Catholic Church in the United States

1st African American to reach the North Pole

Toussaint L'Ouverture - Haitian Liberator

Members of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus

In 1909 African American Matthew Henson trekked with explorer Robert Peary, reaching what they claimed was the North Pole. Who got there

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

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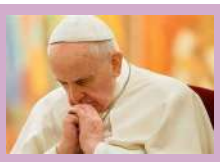

Pope Francis' February Intentions

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

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 or info@saintvincentferrer.org

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ASH WEDNESDAY

It is time to remember and appreciate the one who created us and sacrificed His life for us to have eternal life. Happy Ash Wednesday!

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

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Preparation begins February 15, 2024

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When Hope and Healing Come Knocking

Good grief, what is more antithetic to the notion of glory than a withered and ravaged human body? A withered and ravaged human life. What was left for the leprous man when he discovered the rash on his body, the first faint warnings of future devastation and isolation?

Until one day, hope knocked at the door of his heart. He heard people speak of a prophet, a healer, someone who could make a body whole again. Could he snatch at this hope? Was it for him? This man, Jesus, this prophet, did he care about the castoffs of his world?

He would try. He would make his way through that crowd, ringing the bell, seeing the people shrink away, knowing that they wanted nothing of him but distance, knowing they would feel only relief if he should waste into death from his disease.

"Lord!" His croak of a voice calls from a safe distance. "Lord, if you want to . . ." Meaning: Lord, if you care enough. Do you care? Do I matter enough for you to squander your power on me?

"You can make me clean." That is not the issue. I know you can do it. Whether you want to do it for me is the question. "You can make me clean if you think I am worth your trouble."

Jesus walks to him. The man looks up at the Lord, and what does he see? Dare he hope?

He sees the glory of God in human eyes. He sees deep, deep wells of understanding and compassion. His heart is throbbing. He locks onto the gaze of Jesus. He feels— incredibly—the hand of Jesus on his head. The hand on his leprous head.

"I do want to. Be made clean." Look, I give you back a place, a family, respectability. I give you back the give-and-take of love. I give you back yourself.

Sr. Miriam Pollard

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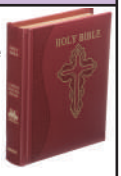

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