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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 17th **5:00 p.m.**

Nova Gopaul - Birthday blessing
Requested by Jackie Gopaul and Family

Sunday, February 18th **8:00 a.m.**
Re. Fr. Coman V. Brady - Birthday memorial
Judith Gullap - Birthday blessing
Requested by the Gullap Family

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - In thanksgiving, blessing
Requested by Gerald De Maio
Dayna Diallo - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested by Kim and Quentin Mc Keney
Claudine Thomas - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested by Kim and Quentin Mc Keney
Adrian Stafford - Birthday Blessing
Requested by Sandra Stafford
Carla Warner - Help and blessing
Requested Nicol Cherrie
George Corbin - In memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin Mc Keney
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald De Maio

Monday, February 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Alwyn Decoteau - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Veronica Paul

Tuesday, February 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Filbert Joseph - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Edouard

Wednesday, February 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Edwige Edouard - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard

Thursday, February 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Chair of St. Peter theApostle
Edwin Charlot - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Edouard

Friday, February 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent Ferrer Novena
Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr
Eugenia Jean Baptiste - In memoriam
Requested by Armelle Jean-Baptiste

Stations of the Cross **7:00 p.m.**

Saturday , February 24th **9:00 a.m.**

We Are The Church Together!

Without our faithful parishioners, we could not fulfill the mission of our diocese.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:
Alison Matthew - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Rev. Fr. Coman F. Brady - Birthday memoriam

Altar Candle:
Adrian Stafford - Birthday blessing
Requested by Sandra Stafford

Altar Candle:
Everard Addison - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Nova Gopaul - Blessing
Requested by Jackie Gopaul and family

Annunciation Chapel Candle:
Jacqueline Phillips - Blessing

Mary's Chapel Candle:

Saint Joseph's Candle:
Osbert Stanislaus - Blessing

"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.

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:
Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.
Mindful of his covenant (Ps), the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by floodwaters (1). The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ (2). After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry (3).

Monday:
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; MT 25:31+46.
The command of the Lord (Ps) is clear: love one another (1), for "whatever you do to these least ones, you do it to me"(2).

Tuesday:
Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15.
May God's Spirit always inspire us to pray (2) and be open to the Word (Ps). (1) that the father may be glorified.

Wednesday:
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32.
Nineveh heard the preaching of Jonah (1) and repented (Ps). The Word calls us to repentance as well (2).

Thursday:
1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19.
Like Jesus, the Good shepherd (Ps) , Peter exhorts his elders to shepherd the flock (1). Like Peter, we are called to confess the Lordship of Jesus (2).

Friday:
Ez 18:21-28; Ps 1301-8; Mt 5:20-26.
The Lord forgives us (Ps) in the conversion of our hearts (1), and rejoices in the reconciliation of one to another (2).

Saturday:
Dt 26: 16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48.
We are called to love even our enemies (2),and thus walk in God's ways (1), following the law of the Lord (Ps).

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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

He was among wild beasts. When have I felt that my faith is under attack? What things threaten my faith and make it difficult for me to live a holy life?

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. Where is God calling me to share his Good News? With whom do I need to share the Gospel this week?

Repent, and believe in the gospel. What parts of my life are in need of conversion? How can I make my faith in the Gospel stronger?

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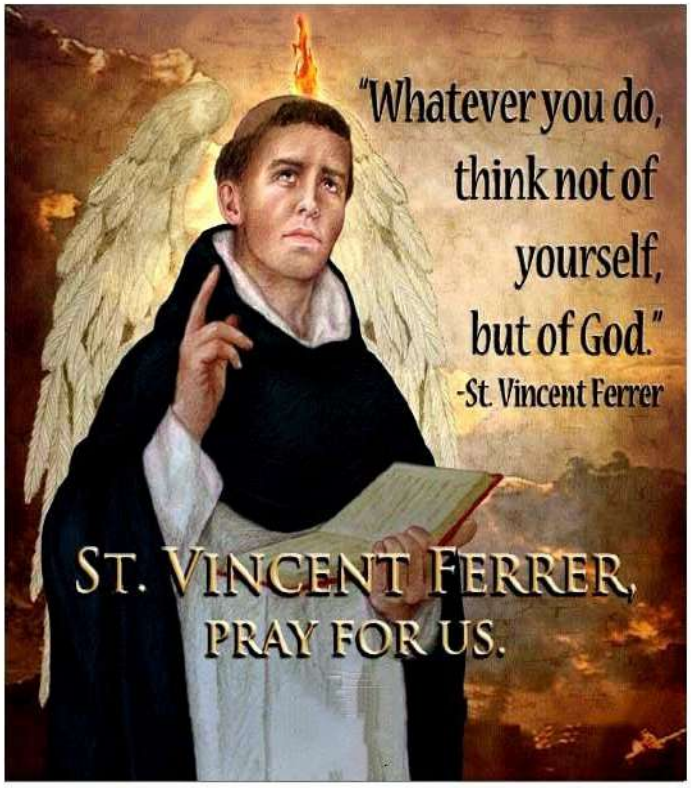

OFFICE HOURS

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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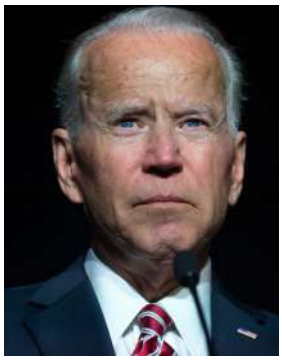

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

US Catholic Presidents

Happy Presidents Day!

Saint Sister Josephine Bakhita
from slave to saint
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Servant of God, Sister Theo Bowman: Negro-American Catholic religious sister, teacher, musician, liturgist and scholar who made major contributions to the ministry of the Catholic Church toward African-Americans.

Wilton Cardinal Gregory Standing (extreme left) and Black Catholic Bishops

Tuskegee Airmen: All black military airmen and support groups who fought during World War II.

Buffalo Soldiers: All black regiments formed after the Civil War

Ralph J. Bunche: 1st Black Nobel Laureate won the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize; Former United Nations Under-Secretary for Political Affairs.

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

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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For more information, please call
Fr. Gopaul at 718-859-9009

If not now, when?

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.

Second Collection

Black and Indian Mission Collection
This 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.

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

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, February 24, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

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

Become a member of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish!
Fill out this form and drop it in the Rectory's mail slot, or collection basket or send an email to:
info@saintvincentferrer.org

Name: _____ Home/Cell # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

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 began February 15, 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?

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Ministry of Mercy

SOUP TO GO

March 16th and 17th

Large $10.00

Extra Large $15.00

Signs of the Covenant

Imagine reading a newsletter from your Honolulu church dated December 14, 1941. Just a week before, your city experienced destruction on an unimaginable scale. You're now living under martial law and news is severely restricted. It's easy to fear that another attack will come.

Imagine reading the lament of your priest, Rev. Edward Brown: "The bombs dropped as we were celebrating Mass last Sunday, the Lord's own service." He adds, "At that very moment the bodies of His children were broken and their blood poured out."

You take comfort in Brown's assertion that while much is uncertain, "some things we do know." We know the value of light, and nightly blackouts teach that "there must be no blackout of the Cross." We know sympathy for all who've suffered from the attack. And we know the value of faith. "God still has charge of this world," Brown writes, and God "will ultimately triumph. Sin seems today to have the upper hand . . . but in spite of all appearances God cannot be defeated and you and your loved ones are in his keeping."

Brown's words reflect the rainbow sign set before Noah, affirmation and promise of God's covenant with his people. Times of great destruction will come, natural disasters and those made by human beings. Even Jesus experienced times of desolation and temptation, and surely he knew that both he and John the Baptist were facing imminent death. But God's covenant cannot be broken. Our world is a place of many rainbows.

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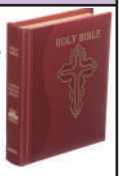

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