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"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 24th **5:00 p.m.**
Blair Brooks - In memoriam
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Sunday, February 25th **8:00 a.m.**
Leonard Matthew - In memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Shirley Mercury - Blessing and prosperity
Nichole Cherry - Blessing
Elizabeth Naomi Denoon - Blessing and guidance
The Mathieu Family - In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagrace

Monday, February 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Rossano Massetti - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Veronica Paul

Tuesday, February 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
Shiela Scope - Birthday blessing

Wednesday, February 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Ason Augustin - Birthday blessing
Requested by Great Grandmother, Georgette Nau

Thursday, February 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Roy Redhead - Healing and blessing
Requested by Yvonne Redhead

First Friday, March 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Sacred Heart of Jesus/Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena
Souvé and Mona Guerrier - In memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin

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

First Saturday, March 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Ministry of Mercy - In thanksgiving
Requested by Marie Ange Bernier

Second Collection

Black and Indian Mission Collection
Thank you for your support of last weekend's **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.

Easter Mass Remembrance
Next weekend, kindly return the **Easter Mass Remembrance** envelopes to the church with the name of the person(s) who is to be remembered in the Masses.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Deceased clergy of the Parish - In memoriam

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Leonard Matthew - In memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Altar Candle:
Philomena Fenelus - In memoriam
Requested by the Fenelus Family

Altar Candle:
Joyce Ali-Bocas - In memoriam

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?

Second Sunday of Lent:
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rm 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10.
Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving (Ps), the gift of his very son (1). The sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus, who died for us all (2). In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship (3).

Monday:
Dn 9:4b-10, Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13: Lk 6:36-38;
Imitate the love of the father (2) who is full of compassion (Ps) and forgiveness (1).

Tuesday:
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc -17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12.
If you wish to be upright (Ps) in the sight of the Lord (2) "learn to do good" and "make justice your aim" (1).

Wednesday:
Jer 18: 18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28.
Jeremiah prays for deliverance (1, Ps). Jesus prays that he might accept the cup from which he must drink (2).

Thursday:
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4 , 6; Lk 16:19-31.
Selfishness and unbelief lead to (2) death while those who delight in God's law (Ps) bear fruit and inherit life (1).

Friday:
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46.
Joseph's brothers plot his death (1, Ps). The enemies of Jesus conspire to have him arrested (2).

Saturday:
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32.
The forgiving Father hopes that his love will be imitated (2). He mirrors God's unfailing mercy, pardon, and grace (1, Ps).

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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

He was transfigured before them. When have I experienced awe in the presence of God's majesty? How can I configure my life to the pattern set by Christ?

They were so terrified. When have I been afraid to follow God's will? When has fear kept me from sharing what I believe?

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." When have I felt most loved by God? How can I listen more attentively to God's voice?

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 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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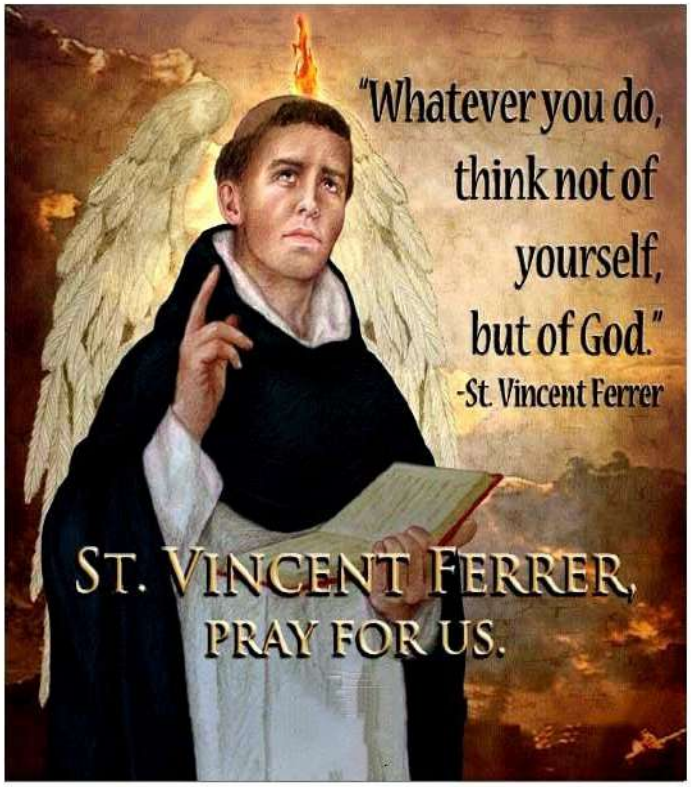

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Monday to Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 pm
Evenings & Weekends: By appointment

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

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"If not now, when?" (SVF bulletin 1/28/2024)

"To know Christ is to know God." This statement is quite profound and timely – if not now, when? At Mass, when the celebrant proclaims the Gospel, how prepared are we for him to reach our "psyche"? How prepared are we to receive the Word (Christ) and his word (Gospel)? Do we see ourselves in the temple as he is teaching, or in the crowds that keep coming back for more teaching, or do our thoughts wander? How can we get to that place where our focus during that hour, is on Christ and him only, getting to know his Father through him?

This is where I believe that listening to and reading the bible daily are essential. I find that reading the entire chapter containing the day's reading gives me a better understanding of the scripture and its message. Also, watching videos such as 'The Chosen', 'Paul, Apostle of Christ', 'Forty Nights', 'Full of Grace' gives me a vivid insight of Jesus' life and ministry and the unconditional, unfailing and infinite love of the Father.

With all the challenges we are facing in our lives, our homes, our communities, and our world, we look for solutions. I believe that having a deep understanding of my faith and knowing and believing in the goodness, and mercy of God through Jesus' teachings and promises give me hope, comfort, and a peace that surpasses all understanding. NOW IS THE TIME!

A parishioner's reflection

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

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.

Become a member of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish!

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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

The Path to a New Life

Peter, John, and James glimpse something of the glory of Jesus on the mountain. They receive a graced insight into who he is, the fulfillment of God's promises. It was a learning that went beyond their own powers or capacities. We can understand Peter's disjointedness and his wanting to build those tents. He wants to stay there, in that moment.

But life is not all mountaintop experiences or "aha" insights. Not for Peter, and not for us. Sometimes there are doubts, uncertainties, and fears to deal with. Sometimes we must make decisions when nothing seems clear at all. Sometimes we forget everything we've learned.

Coming down from the mountain is part of the journey as well: "As they were coming down the mountain, he [charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when] the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:9). Jesus is modeling something for the disciples here. Mount Tabor, the mountain of transfiguration, is only a stop along the road to Jerusalem. Jesus is following his path to another mountain, one called Golgotha, a place that will involve suffering and sacrifice. It, too, will be a revelation of glory, but not one the disciples will recognize at first. They will have to grapple with its meaning, with its promise of redemption. Somehow this is the path to a new life.

Jesus leads the way on a path that we all must walk. Sometimes he will lead us up mountains—to moments of deep clarity and awareness. Other times we will have to walk in trust, not knowing where we are going. That is when those moments of clarity come to our aid. They become our reference points, core memories that inform our decisions and give us courage to act. They remind us of what we've learned. They help us remain faithful to our deepest selves.

Fr. Mark A. Villano, adapted from Journey to Jerusalem
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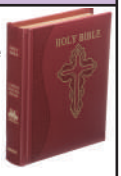

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