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"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 16th **5:00 p.m.**
Editha James Moris - In memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Sunday, March 17th **8:00 a.m.**
Saint Joseph Novena
Avery Harrington - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Charlotin

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Shirley Mercury - Prosperity and blessing
Jaxon Charlotin - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Charlotin
Derek Lewis - Birthday blessing
Requested by the Lewis family
Eileen Charles - Birthday memorial
Fritz-Jean Charlotin - In memoriam
Requested b Marie Edouard
Harold Henson - In memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin Mc Keney
Joyce Ali-Bocas - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Finance and Pastoral Councils
Barbara Gillespie - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Finance and Pastoral Councils
Linda Strulovitz - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Montalvo

Monday, March 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Joseph Novena
Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
John Sloan - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Tuesday, March 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Joseph "Boss Jo" Saint-Fort
Requested by Ketsia Saint-Fort

Wednesday, March 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Joyce Ali-Bocas - In memoriam, 40 days
Requested by her Family

Thursday, March 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Hannah-Belle Nazaire - Birthday Blessing
Requested by Marjory Cham

Friday, March 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent Ferrer Novena
Euranie Dominique - In memoriam
Requested by the Family

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

Saturday, March 23th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Turibius of Mogroveje, Bishop
Nichole Cherry - Blessing from the Lady of Perpetual Help

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Bishop Robert Brennan - Blessing

Altar Flowers:
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Hannah-Belle Nazaire - Birthday blessing

Altar Candle:

Altar Candle:
Deceased Priests of the Parish

Altar Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:
Ministry of Mercy - Blessing

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.

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?

Fifth Sunday of Lent:
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33.
The grain of wheat must die to produce fruit (3). Such dying must be cultivated by obedience (2) and by our covenant with God, rooted in love and forgiveness (1, Ps).

Monday:
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6;
Jn 8:1-11.
Justice, according to Mosaic Law, prevails for Susanna (1) who trusted in the Lord's goodness (Ps). Unlike the perjury of the two elders, Jesus' testimony is true: he is the light of the world (2).

Tuesday:
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22;; Mt 1:16-, 18-21.
An heir of David (1, Ps) and son of Joseph and Mary, Jesus brings forgiveness(3) through the gift of faith.

Wednesday:
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42.
Through God's intervention, the three servants are set free (1, Ps). If we believe in Jesus, his truth will free us (2) from sin and death.

Thursday:
Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8: 51-59.
God makes a covenant with Abraham (1, Ps), who rejoices in Jesus as I AM (2).

Friday:
Jer 20: 10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42.
Denounced (1) for blasphemy, for making himself God's equal (2), Jesus knows he can trust in God, his strength.

Saturday:
Ez 37: 21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56.
Jesus will establish a covenant of peace (1) in his blood, for Jews (Ps) and Gentiles alike, for all God's children (2).

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Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. How am I preparing for Christ's coming at the end of time? How can my life give glory to God?

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. How do the things of this world distract me from my love for God? In what ways do I need to die to myself in order to live in accord with God's will?

The Father will honor whoever serves me. How can I serve God and his Church? How can I serve Christ in my brothers and sisters, especially those at the margins?

After a period of silent reflection, recite the Lord's Prayer.
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Grace is when God gives us something we do not deserve.
Mercy is when God does *not* give us what we *do* deserve.

Valerie Schultz. GUTD

Second Collection

Easter Flower Offering
Thank you for supporting last weekend's **Easter Flower Offering.** The persons to be honored or remembered at all Masses.

Easter Gift to my Church
Next weekend's second collection is the **My Easter Gift to My Church.** Please be generous.

Palm Sunday Collection
Next weekend's second collection is the **Palm Sunday Collection.** Please be generous.

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

CCC 1324

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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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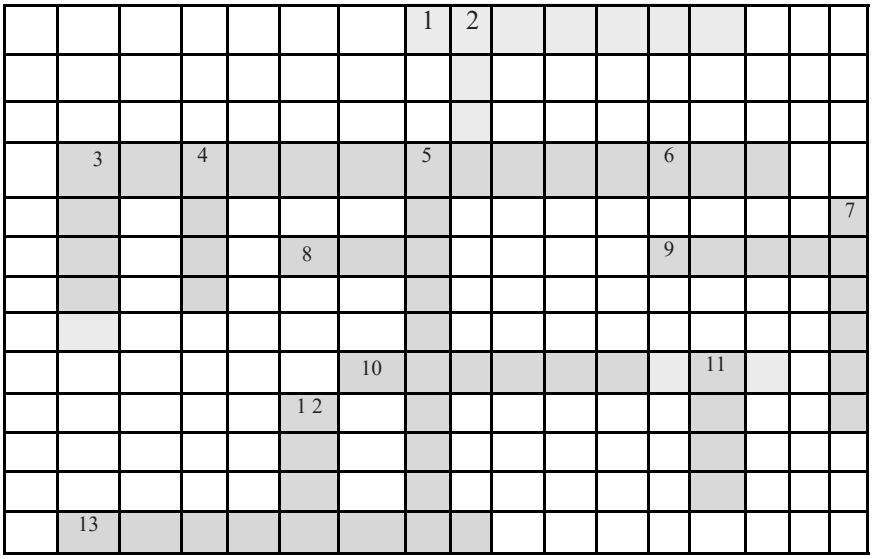
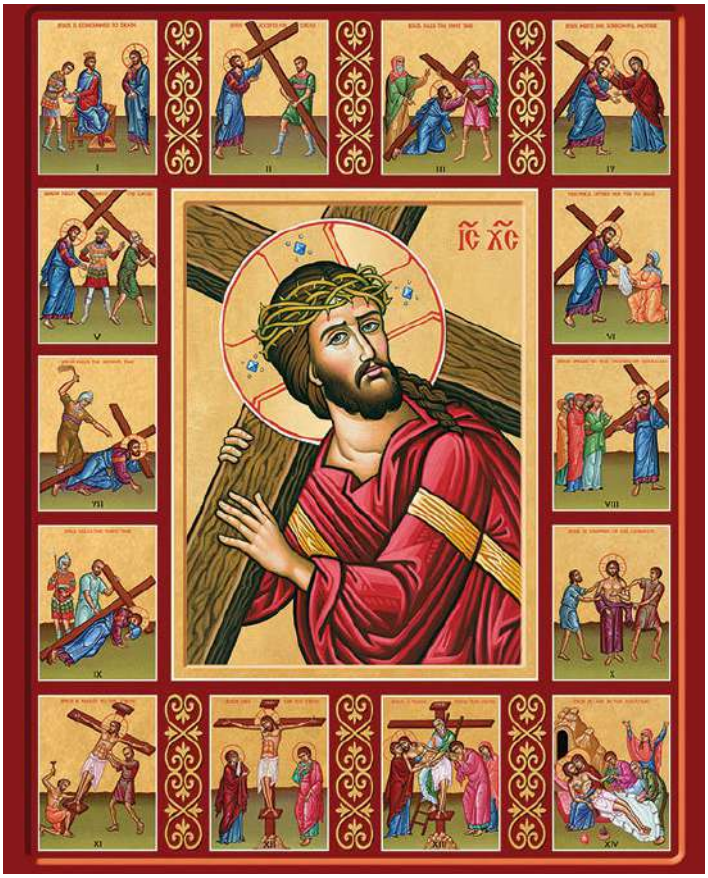


Down
2.Recognized the child Jesus as the Messiah
3. Wife of Abraham
4. Mother of God
5.Recently named Servant of God
6. Mother of St. Augustine
7. _____ of (see 13 down, Lot's wife)
11. Wife of Boaz
12. _____ (Lot's wife)

Across
1. Slave to saint
3.Gave Jesus water from the well
8. First woman
9. Mother-in-law of Ruth
10. Maid of Orléans
13. Initiated devotion of Divine Mercy

Stations of the Cross.
Come, Join Us!



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

We pray for those who have given so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that the Lord will bless them abundantly for their generosity and supply all their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

It behooves us not to judge our brother or sister. Only God knows what we have done and what we failed to do. Only God can judge rightly. All we can do is to ask the Lord to give us sight, and leave the rest to his mercy.
Rachelle Linner © **Give Us This Day**

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

Legacy of Faith

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Answers to today's Crossword:
Down: 2. Mary; 3. Sarah; 4. Mary; 5. Thea Bowman; 6. Monica; 7. Pillar; 11. Ruth; 12. Salt

Across: 1. Bakhita; 3. Samaritan woman; 8. Eve; 9. Naomi 10. St. Joan of Arc; 13. St. Faustina

Lenten Journey to Easter—continued

We walk with women who are trafficked,
who are abused, who are harassed,
who still live in the silences,
and who want to flee the darkness.

We walk with peacemakers,
walking a very rocky road toward peace
when so much conflict rages
and so may fan the flames of violence.

We walk with all those carrying burdens,
yet we walk in faith in hope.
Despite the suffering of the Cross,
we walk toward an Easter dawning.

We move toward the seemingly impossible
Resurrection, a time of justice and peace.
We walk, called forward through the darkness
by the Risen Christ.
In his name we pray. Amen.

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For additional information please contact the Rectory Office at 718-859-9009 or info@saintvincentferrer.org

Pope Francis' March Intentions

For the new martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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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

Neither Perfected nor Defective

Some years ago, I mentored students in a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program. These were highly gifted, extremely motivated people, and it wasn't hard to see where they could be in ten years if they stuck with it. On the other hand, they were virtually blind when it came to imagining their future selves. They already knew who they were, thank you very much. Some saw themselves as much better writers than they could possibly have been at that point in the journey. Others were convinced that, no matter how hard they tried, they were doomed to failure. My primary job as a mentor was to help them topple these false self-images, which were blocking their way forward.

But this toppling process was painful—a kind of death. Whether they suffered from bravado or from an inferiority complex, they'd become dependent on this self-made identity. The thought of letting go caused both grief and fear. Yet as Jesus points out in these mysterious lines from John, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." What has to crumble before we can be born anew is the image we've created of ourselves. Great adventures lie ahead, but we can only taste and see what God has prepared for us if we're able to accept ourselves as we actually are: neither perfected nor defective, but instead, overflowing with potential.

Like grains, which—though tiny—contain universes.

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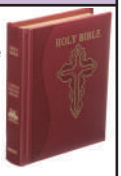

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