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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 7TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, April 6th
Louis B. Cardiello - In memoriam
Requested by Parish Staff

Sunday of Divine Mercy
Second Sunday of Easter, April 7th **8:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance
Rev. Fr. Antonius Gopaul - Blessing
Requested by Roy and Yvonne Redhead

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Ministry of Mercy - Happy Feast Day, in thanksgiving
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Kim Mc Keney - Birthday blessing
Requested by Quentin Mc Keney
Denise Richards - Birthday blessing
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez
Nichole Cherry - Blessings of our Lady of Perpetual Help
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Mary Barker - Blessing
Requested on behalf of the Parish
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald De Maio
Joyce Ali-Bocas - In memoriam
Requested by the Arise Group

Monday, April 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Easter Mass Remembrance
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance
Joyce Ali-Bocas - In memoriam
Requested by the Family

Tuesday, April 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Easter Mass Remembrance
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance
Gerald Pierre-Turenne - In memoriam
Requested by Harry and Jeph Turenne

Wednesday, April 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance
Gesner Elysée - In memoriam
Requested by the Family

Thursday, April 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Stanislaus Bishop, Martyr
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance
Daniel Crawford - Blessing and healing
Requested by Mary Barker

Friday, April 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance
Barbara Gillespie - In memoriam
Requested by the Rosary Society

Saturday, April 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Martin I, Popo, Martyr
Saint Vincent Ferrer Mass Remembrance

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Most Reverend Bishop Robert Brennen
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Altar Flowers:
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas DiMarzio
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle:
Most Reverend Bishop Daily - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Altar Candle:
Mildred and Gerald Cottone - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candle:
Rev. Fr. Coman V. Brady - In memoriam

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Rev. Fr. Raymond Dundon - In memoriam

Saint Joseph's Candle:
Albert Addison - In memoriam

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
For all the ages of eternity,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 24:34

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, Sunday, March 30th. 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 Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy):
Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6, Jn 20:19-31.
Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus (3). Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God (2). We give thanks to the Lord (Ps) that he has formed us into a community of believers (1), united in the Spirit.

Monday: The Annunciation of the Load:
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10.
The Lord will give a sign (1): a child, who has come to do God's will (Ps, 2), shall be conceived by the Spirit (3).

Tuesday:
Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15.
The community of believers bears witness to the risen Lord (1) the king of glory (Ps), who was lifted up that we might have eternal life (2).

Wednesday:
Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21.
The Apostles, delivered (Ps) from jail, persists in preaching (1) in the name of Jesus, God's only Son (2).

Thursday:
Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36.
The Apostles confront (Ps) the Sanhedrin (1) and proclaim the testimony of the One from heaven (2).

Friday:
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15.
Jesus feeds the five thousand (2). Fearlessly (Ps), the apostles announce his mission as the Messiah (1).

Saturday:
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21.
With Jesus there is peace (2). The apostles give thanks (Ps) for the action of the spirit in their midst (1).

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. How can I respond with joy to the Lord's will for me? How can I share this joy with the people I meet?

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Who do I need to forgive? From whom do I need to request forgiveness?

"We have seen the Lord." When have I seen God active in my life? How can I be more attentive to God's presence?

After a period of silent reflection, recite the Lord's Prayer.
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He is risen, he is risen, indeed.

Second Collection

My Easter Offering
This weekend's special collection is **My Easter Offering**. Please be generous.

Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day
Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day collection in honor of Saint Vincent Ferrer. Please be generous.

Retired Priests of the Diocese
This weekend the Diocese is taking its annual collection for the **Retired Priests of the Diocese.** Collected funds are used for the support of our retired priests and provide health and other welfare benefits for our senior and disabled priests. Please be generous.

Catholic Relief Services
Next week our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services** Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need.

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

CCC 1324

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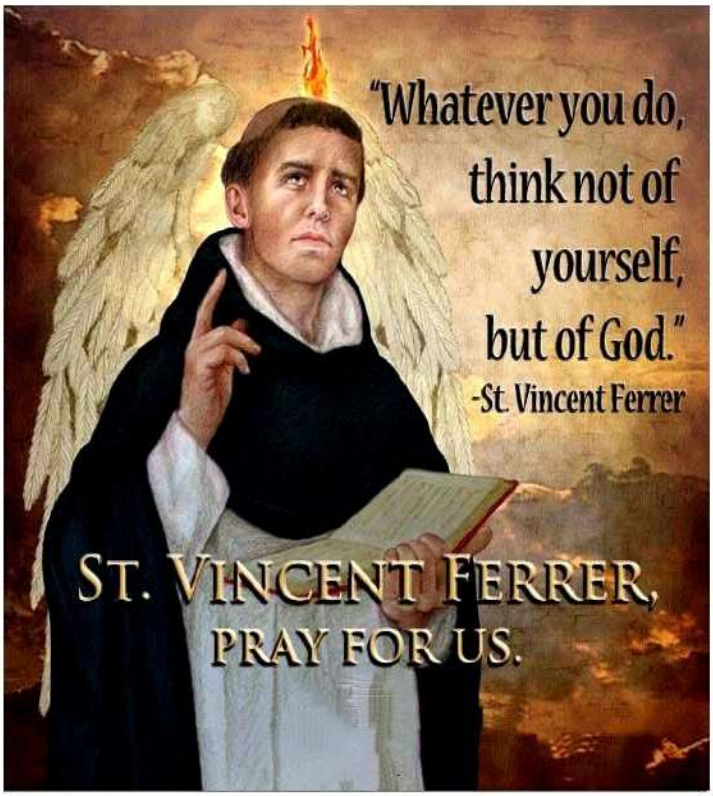

OFFICE HOURS

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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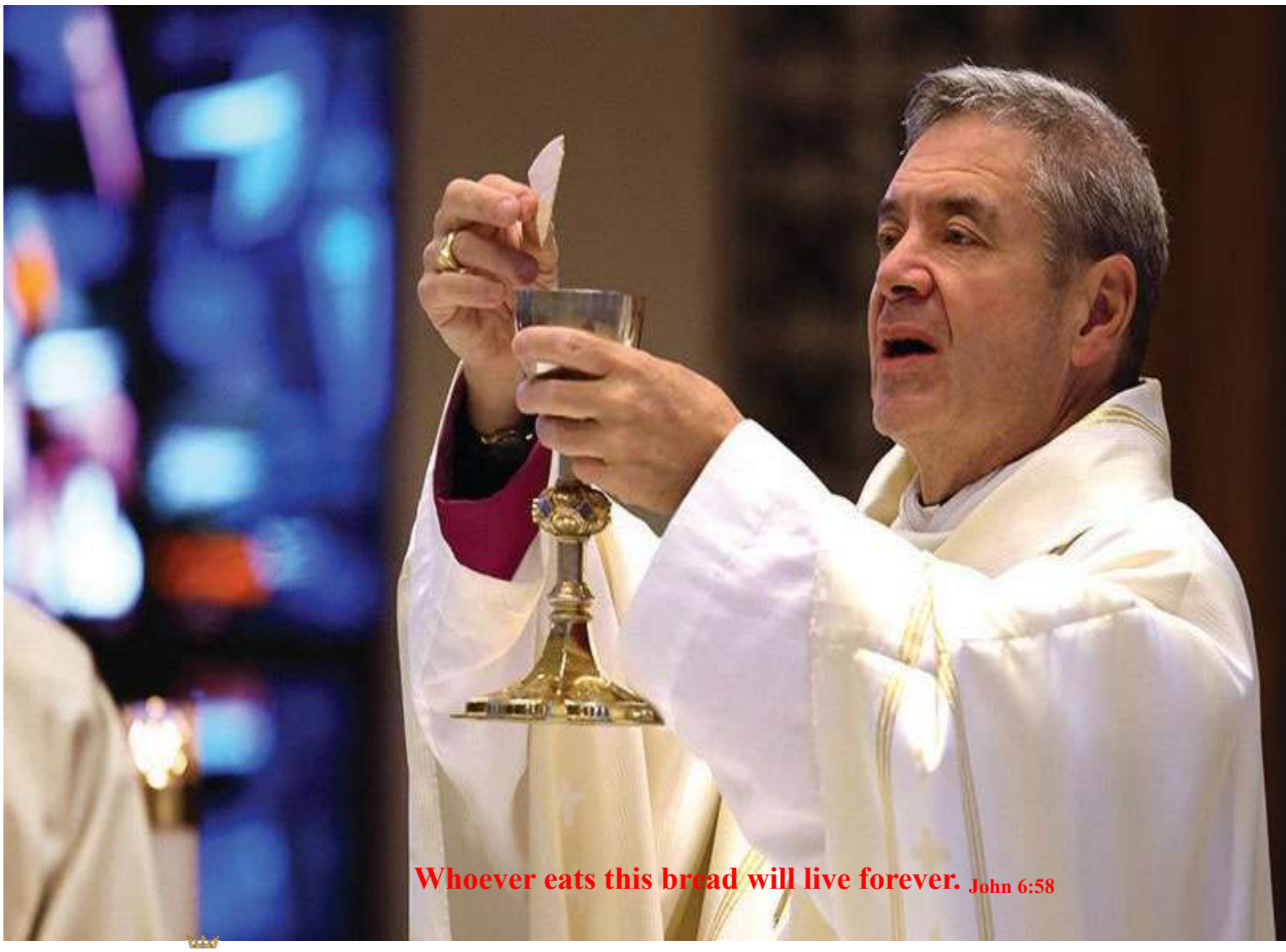

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The Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith. CCC 1327

The Gift Is God

"Peace be with you."

This is what is called a "performative utterance": the words actually bring about the outcome; **they generate the action they speak of.** When a person is baptized, the words "I baptize you" are performative: as they are uttered and the action performed, so the person is actually baptized. "I now declare you husband and wife" or "I launch this ship" are also performatives (assuming the ship actually moves, otherwise they are a failed performative and acutely embarrassing). So Jesus is not at all saying the equivalent of "Have a nice day," or offering a simple conventional greeting. **He is doing something very profound.**

Everyone in that room is struggling to come to terms with the recent events. They are not at peace with themselves, nor with each other—particularly the petulant and absent Thomas. The air must be electric with their mistrust and self-recriminations. Yet Jesus does not upbraid them. He brings his peace into that room and into the heart and soul of each person there. The peace of which he talks is the peace the world cannot give because the world does not know it (cf. John 14:27). **This is another "God-gift": the gift is God, the God of peace.** Consequently, if people have this gift, it resides at the very deepest part of their being, and even the turmoil on the surface and in their daily lives cannot destroy it. This peace is rather like the stillness in the deepest parts of the ocean that hurricanes and typhoons on the surface cannot touch. **And this is the gratuitous gift Jesus offers his disciples.**

Fr. Anthony J. Gittins, The Way of Discipleship

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

The Easter Season

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'Great Sunday'.

The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic, obligation to party on," even if we do not feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply "the weather of the heart," to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives. Pentecost is a season for learning how to say yes in a culture that wants to keep on saying no.

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The preparation is a 2-year program usually starting in the First Grade

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Religious Education continues in the 3rd grade through the 6th grade.

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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' April Intentions

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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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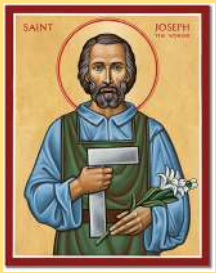
The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Consecration to Saint Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, the Patron of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons

on

May 1, 2024
Memorial of Saint Joseph,
The Worker



Preparation began March 30, 2024

Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary

on the
Memorial of
Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday, May 13, 2024

Preparation for consecration begins Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Divine Mercy Word Search

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Apostles
Burdensome
Community
Cornerstone
Didymus
Disciples
Divine
Easter
Everlasting
Mercy
Nail marks
paschal feast
Peace
resurrection
Sacrament
Saint John
Son of God
Spirit is truth
Thomas
Twelve
unbelieving

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will
never die. John 11:25-26.

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, April 27, 2024** at1:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

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

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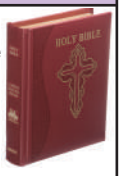

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