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I will raise up for David a just shoot. *Jeremiah 33:15*

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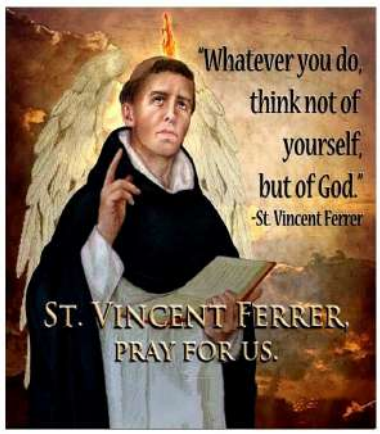

MASS SCHEDULE

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1ST 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, November 30th **5:00 p.m.**
Lucinda Lopez - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Family

Sunday, December 1st **8:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
Thanksgiving Mass Remembrance
Justine Justin - In memoriam
Requested by Evelyn Justin

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Clare Behar - Blessing
Requested by Margaret Bambara
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Susan Gentile
Candida Cardona - In memoriam
Requested by Kim McKeney
Nancy Martinez - In memoriam
Requested by Kim McKeney

Monday, December 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
Thanksgiving Mass Remembrance
Richard Redhead - In memoriam
Requested by the Redhead Family
Matilde Seary - In memoriam

Tuesday, December 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Thanksgiving Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Wednesday, December 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
Memorial of Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Thanksgiving Mass Remembrance
Antoinette, Sharon and Anthony Harris - In Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
Thanksgiving Mass Remembrance
Phyllis Martin Harris - In thanksgiving

First Friday, December 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
Novena in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/Immaculate Heart of Mary
Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Rev Msgr. Joseph Nugent - In memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

First Saturday, December 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Novena in Honor of The Immaculate Conception
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Lucinda Lopez - In memoriam
Requested by the Mohammed Family

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Susan Gentile

Altar Candle:
Kenneth Hooper - Birthday Blessing
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Lydia K. Martin - Birthday memorial
Requested by Claudia Hooper

St Joseph's Candle:

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

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.

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.

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?

First Sunday of Advent:
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12—14: 2; Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36.
We must be on guard (3) for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled (1). As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another (2) observing his covenant and decrees (Ps).

Monday:
Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11.
Let us give (Ps) thanks for the great feast prepared before us (2) in which God's glory (1) is revealed.

Tuesday:
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8 12-13, 17; Lk 10 21-24.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Jesus (2), the shoot of Jesse (1). He will bring justice and peace (Ps).

Wednesday:
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37.
We are invited to celebrate the Lord's victory banquet(1, Ps) his triumph over sickness and evil.

Thursday:
Is 26:1-6; Ps 1181, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21-27.
The Lord is our rock and fortress (1), our Savior (Ps). May our lives be built upon God's holy word (2).

Friday:
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1,4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31.
The Lord, our light and salvation (Ps) is able to cure us of our blindness (1) because of our faith (2).

Saturday:
Is 30: 19-21; 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1;
The Lord sends the Twelve to proclaim the kingdom (2); peace and healing of the sick testify to its advent (1,Ps).

ADVENT

"Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight" *(Universal Norms, 39)*

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36.

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

On earth nations will be in dismay. What problems in the world cause me distress? How does my faith have an impact on my response to these problems?

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world. How does fear keep me from living my faith in courage and love? How can I cultivate the theological virtue of hope?

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness. What distracts me from following God's will? How can I learn to quiet or avoid these distractions?

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

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O come,
thou wisdom from on high

O come,
thou holy Lord of Might

Second Collection

Christmas Mass Remembrance
Kindly return the **Christmas Mass Remembrance** collection envelope with the names of the person or persons to be remembered at all Christmas Masses.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Thank you for your generous last week for the collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** If you missed this collection it is not too late to give:
www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Christmas Flower Offering
Kindly return the **Christmas Flower Offering** envelope with the name of the person or persons to be honored or remembered at all Masses.

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

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Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church School of Religious Education

Grades 1-8

Registration forms 2024-2025 are available online at ***saintvincentferrer.org*** under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718-859-9009 and we will mail the form to you. The registration fee is $50.00 per family, cash or money order only.

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

Become a member of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish!

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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

The Eucharist Is The Heart Of Our Life In Christ

Joyful and Vigilant

When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

[R]ight during those moments when everything seems to be coming to an end, the Lord comes to save us. We await him with joy, even in the midst of tribulations, during life's crises and the dramatic events of history. We await him.

But how do we raise our heads and not become absorbed with difficulties, suffering and defeat? Jesus points the way with a strong reminder: "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times and pray" (Lk 21:34, 36). . . .

We need to be vigilant so that our daily life does not become routine, and, as Jesus says, so we are not burdened by life's anxieties (cf. v. 34). So today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart? What weighs on my spirit? . . . What are the mediocrities that paralyze me, the vices that crush me to the ground and prevent me from raising my head? And regarding the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of our brothers and sisters, am I aware of them or indifferent to them? . . .

And let us add an essential ingredient: the secret to being vigilant is prayer. In fact, Jesus says: "Be vigilant at all times and pray" (Lk 21:36). Prayer is what keeps the lamp of the heart lit. This is especially true when we feel that our enthusiasm has cooled down. Prayer re-lights it, because it brings us back to God, to the center of things. Prayer reawakens the soul from sleep and focuses it on what matters, on the purpose of existence. Even during our busiest days, we must not neglect prayer. The prayer of the heart can be helpful for us, repeating often brief invocations. For example, during Advent, we could make a habit of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Pope Francis, Angelus
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Pope Francis' Intention for December:

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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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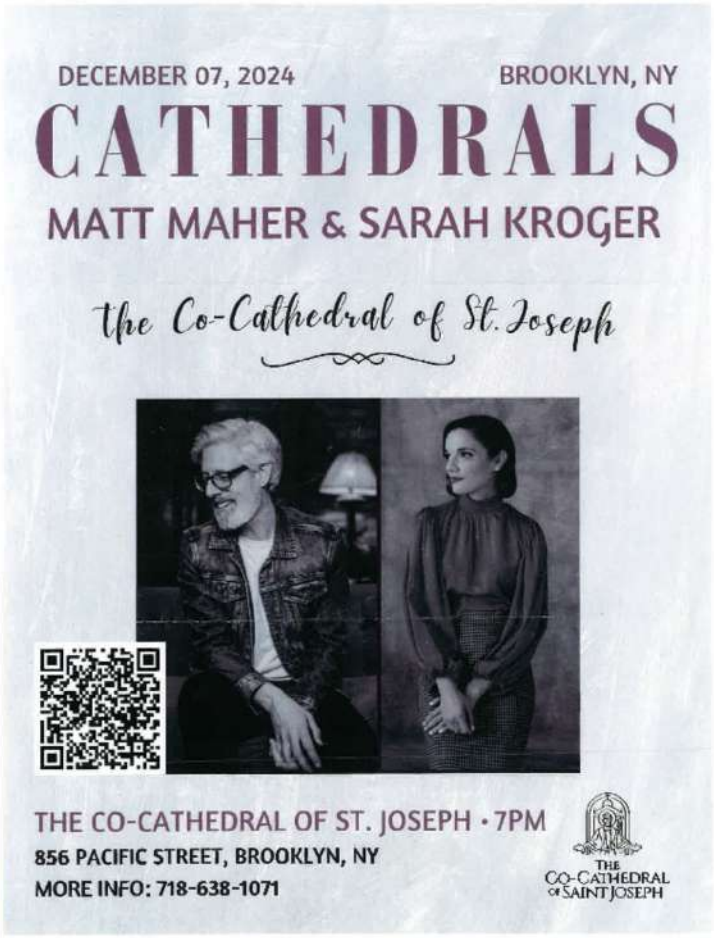
"We celebrate, the men and women who offer their lives to God through a life of service to the Church, 'sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom'" as Pope Francis says in his message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem.



O come,
Desire of nations

O come,
thou Key of David.

Consecration to

Saint Joseph,

the head of the Holy Family,
the Patron of the Universal Church
Terror of Demons

on the

Memorial of
Our Lady Loretto

Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Preparation began Thursday, November 7, 2024
OR

Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 29, 2024
Preparation began Thursday, November 26, 2024

ALL ARE INVITED

Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the

Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9, 2024
Preparation began Wednesday, November 6, 2024

or

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Preparation began Friday, November 29, 2024

All are invited

First Sunday of Advent

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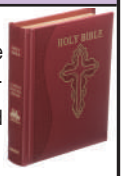

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