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John the Baptist replied … "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. … He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Luke 3:16

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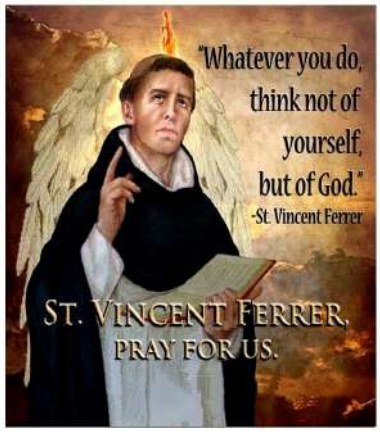

MASS SCHEDULE

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY
DECEMBER 15TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 14th **5:00 p.m.**
Joseph and Clara Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, December 15th **8:00 a.m.**
Daniel Nau - Birthday blessing
Requested by Georgette Nau

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Joycelyn Myrthil - Birthday blessing
Gloria James - Birthday blessing
Anna Nieves - Blessing
Requested by Marie Montalvo
Sergio Ortega - Birthday memorial
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Susan Gentile
Evaristo and Paula Soto - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Montalvo
Leo Edouard - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard
Dawn Kerr - In thanksgiving
Requested by the Finance and Pastoral Councils

Reconciliation Monday, December 16th 9:00 a.m.
Anthony Gopaul - Birthday blessing
Requested by Mrs. Gopaul and Family
Reconciliation
3:00 - 6:00 p.m./7:00 - 9:00 p m.
Confessions will be held in the Church

Tuesday, December 17th **9:00 a.m.**
Keither Mack - In memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne

Wednesday, December 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Gregory Marshall - Birthday blessing
Requested by Lavern Marshall

Thursday, December 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Lydia K. Martin - In memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Friday, December 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for Vocations
Ethan Bernier - Birthday blessing
Requested by Yvrose Auguste

Saturday, December 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Blessing

Altar Flowers:
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas A. DiMarzio - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:
Marie Thérèse Surena - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Dayna Diallo - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Joseph Guy - Birthday memorial

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Pearly Gopaul - Blessing

St Joseph's Candle:
The Staff of the Parish - Blessing

Annunciation Chapel Candle:
Finance and Pastoral Councils - Blessing

Christmas Mass schedule

Tuesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass
Carols begin at 11:00p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th,
Christmas Day

Mass at 11:00 a.m. only

Saturday/Sunday, December 28th-29th
Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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?

Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete* Sunday:
Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18.
Rejoice in the Lord always (2)! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty Savior (1,Ps). It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit (3).

Monday:
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 24:45ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 21:23-27.
From Jacob shall come a star (1) which will guide us (Ps). Its light is attested by John (2).

Tuesday:
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17.
The blessing of Judah (1) is fulfilled in Jesus, born of the line of David(2). In Christ all shall be blessed (Ps).

Wednesday:
Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19. Mt 1:18-25.
A descendant of David (1), born to Mary and Joseph (2), will govern with justice and pity the lowly and the poor (Ps).

Thursday:
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25A; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17.
Lk1:5-25.
What mighty deeds (Ps)! As an angel announces the birth of Samson (1), so, too, Gabriel heralds the birth of Christ (2).

Friday:
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38.
The Emmanuel is a blessing (Ps) and a sign for David's house(1); his role is accomplished perfectly in Jesus.

Saturday:
Sg 2:8-14; Ps 332-3, 11-12, 20-21. Lk 1:39-45.
Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting (2) and is glad and exults (1b, Ps). With the advent of the Savior, born of Mary (2), the winter is past and new life is upon us (1a).

O come,
thou wisdom from on high

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

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

Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Am I a good steward of my possessions? How can I become more generous?
One mightier than I is coming. When have I experienced the power and majesty of God? How can I prepare my heart for the coming of the Lord?
Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people. Who in my life needs support and encouragement? How can I accompany others in their encounter with Jesus Christ?

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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.

O come,
thou holy Lord of Might

Second Collection

Christmas gift to My Church
This weekend's second collection is the **Christ Gift to My Church.** Please be generous.

Christmas Flower Offering
Thank you for your support of the **Christmas Mass Remembrance Offering.** The person or persons named will be honored or remembered at all Masses.

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

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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

Cry Out with Joy and Gladness

Rejoice! This we must do. It is not just an option. It is a theological demand based on the reality of our faith. It is what we've been waiting for these weeks: the advent of God into our world, growing stronger daily. The incarnation is a reality, and the Word of God is hidden in earth's flesh, history, and our lives. The prophet Zephaniah declares to us: "The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you have no further misfortune to fear." And the response to the psalm text puts it even more clearly: "Cry out with joy and gladness for among us is the great and Holy One of Israel." This is our belief, so we live with this awareness. If not, it is time to wake up to the fact that our God is among us and has been for ages past, seen and unseen. This rejoicing has nothing whatsoever to do with our feelings. It is based on our faith.

At the time of John the Baptist, the great and Holy One had been in the world for thirty years. We believe that the great and Holy One has been in our world for [about] two thousand years. In our parishes and churches, we worship among believers who stake their lives on the hope that the great and Holy One has been in their corner of the world. . . . So, Paul says it again: "I say to you, Rejoice! The Lord himself is near." This is definitely cause for rejoicing!

. . . As always in this season, the focus is on the "other," the one hidden in our midst who walks among us, watching, waiting for us to see, to recognize and respond. So today is the day to sing back to God, confidently and unafraid. Does our God have cause to sing over us? Are we like the remnant, the faithful ones of the time of Zephaniah who stayed true and learned to sing in the midst of affliction and exile? Do we believe that our God will bring us home to "renew us in his love" and that our enemies have been turned back? God is in our midst! As the Venerable Bede wrote, "Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, gives to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day."

Megan McKenna, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany
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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.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

and Share the Message of Peace, Love, and Hope throughout the Advent Season with your Loved Ones, Family and Friends.

1. Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme.
2. Display your nativity set in a window or on the lawn where others can see it.
3. Place a battery-operated or electric candle in the window to symbolize the light of Christ.
4. Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth.
5. Ask stores for religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations.
6. Read Christmas scripture and stories to children.
7. Purchase a gift, wrap it, and give it to the poor - and encourage a child to do the same.
8. Research and then explain the tradition of the original Christmas tree.
9. Utilize the Mexican custom of the Posadas, a 9-day celebration, ending on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the trials that Mary and Joseph endured finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.
10. Use decorations with "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays".
11. Have a child place a straw in the creche for each good deed done, as a gift to the Baby Jesus during Advent.
12. Pray for the young, so that when they become adults, they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work.

Courtesy Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

**O come,
thou Rod of Jesse's stem.**

**O come,
thou Key of David.**

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here

O come,
Desire of nations

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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Preparation began Thursday, November 26, 2024

Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

Third Sunday of Advent

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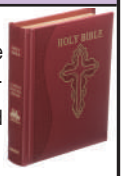

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