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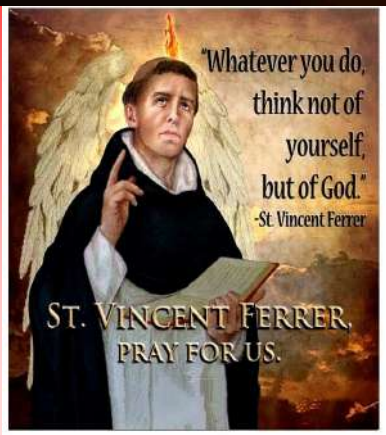

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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Midwood Catholic Academy (Pre-K3 - Gr. 8)
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22ND 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 21st **5:00 p.m.**
Ann Marie Saint Pierre-Baron - In memoriam
Requested by Jean Guy

Sunday, December 22nd **8:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family
Gerald DeMaio - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested on behalf of the Parish

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Eddie Soto - Blessing
Carol Gillies - Blessing
Requested by the Gillies Family
Keitlie Coutard - In thanksgiving
Annie Soto - In memoriam
Eddy Zamor - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the School of Religion
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Susan Gentile

Monday, December 23rd 9:00 a.m.
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family
Ingrid Friedman - Birthday blessing
Requested Geralda Friedman

Tuesday, December 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family
Kaylee Flambert - Birthday blessing
Requested by Geralda Friedman

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Blessing

Altar Flowers:
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas A. DiMarzio - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:

Altar Candle:
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam

Altar Candle:

Mary's Chapel Candle:

St Joseph's Candle:

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 25TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 24th
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Family Mass **5:00 p.m.**
Caroling **11:00 p.m.**
Midnight Mass **12:00**
The People of Saint Vincent Parish - Blessing

Wednesday, December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord **11:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family
The People of Saint Vincent Parish - Blessing

Thursday, December 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family

Friday, December 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saint John, the Apostle
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Saint Vincent Ferrer Novena
Novena in Honor of the Holy Family
Terrance Redhead - In memoriam
Requested by the Redhead Family

Saturday, December 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Parish - Blessing

Celebrating a Century of Faith and Service
1923 - 2023

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice. What gifts or fruits of the Holy Spirit do I need to cultivate? How can I share the gifts I do have with others?

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? When have I been surprised by an encounter with the Lord? How can I become more attentive to these opportunities for encounter?

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. When am I most beset by doubt? When does my faith feel strongest?

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Scripture Reflection
Read Christmas Day's Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

All things came to be through him,/ and without him nothing came to be. How do I express gratitude to God for all his gifts? How do I show my respect for God's creation?

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. How can I help to share the light of Christ with others? What parts of my life need Christ's enlightenment?

And the Word became flesh/ and made his dwelling among us. Where do I feel Jesus' presence most profoundly? How can I make a home for Jesus in my heart?

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We are in dire need of gifts for Newborn, Infants and Toddlers.

Pampers for new born
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Socks
Booties
Sanitary wipes
Lotion
Body wash

Please drop off your gift in the Rectory or at the back of the Church. The gifts will be delivered to the needy on Three Kings Day.

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.

Second Collection

Christmas gift to My Church
Thank you for your generous support of the **Christmas Gift to My Church collection.**

Christmas Day Collection
Please support the **Christmas Day Collection**. The funds from this collection support programs and services provided by Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens. Catholic Charities currently sponsors many programs and services for children and youth, adults and seniors, as well as for individuals in need of mental health, and food supplies, they also provides affordable housing for seniors, veteran families and the formerly homeless.

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

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Please call us at **718-377-1800** for more information to register for the upcoming school year. Seats are available in Pre-K3 to Grade 8.

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!

Fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or send an email to:
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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

The Audacity of Christmas

I was recently asked to be a reader at my university's annual lessons and carols concert. I was assigned John 1:1-18 (today's Gospel reading). I read each of the first four phrases as questions: "In the beginning was the word?" "And the word was with God?" People looked confused. I haven't been asked back.

My goal was not confusion, but to try to capture the audacity of the claim in John's prologue. Claiming that God became human would have been, and should always be, seen as completely irrational!

We are so familiar with this reading—and all the other Christmas readings—that it has become hard to envision how radical they are. Moreover, we turn uncomfortable details of the stories into saccharine pastel scenes familiar in middle-school pageants and creche scenes. God becoming flesh is something that was so unexpected that even "his own people did not accept him." Only the outsiders (magi), the untrustworthy (shepherds), and the poor (Mary) seem to have recognized his true significance. St. Oscar Romero captures the audacity of Christmas when he says that the Incarnation is not universal. Jesus was incarnate specifically among the poor, which sets a task for us. We are supposed to become incarnate in the world of the poor and share their fate, just as Jesus did.

Christmas is not here to make us feel good, but to give the divine model of a Christlike life. This year, turn Christmas into a question: Am I willing to share the fate of the poor?

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Legacy of Faith

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"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

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.

Pope Francis' Intention for December:

For pilgrims of hope

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

O come, O come,
Emmanuel.

O come,
thou wisdom from on high

O come,
thou holy Lord of Might

O come,
thou Rod of Jesse's stem.

O come,
thou Key of David.

O come,
Desire of nations

O come, O come,
Emmanuel.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Nativity of the Lord

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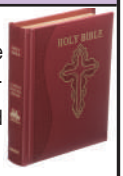

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