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A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'prepare the way of the Lord,'...
... and all shall see the glory of the Lord.
Luke 3:4, 6.

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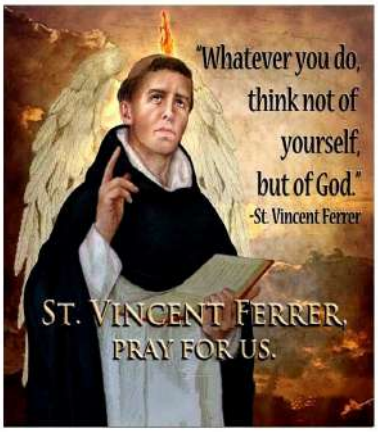

MASS SCHEDULE

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8TH 2024

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 7th **5:00 p.m.**
Doreen Gullap - In memoriam
Requested by the Gullap Family

Sunday, December 8th **8:00 a.m.**
Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Josiah Payne - Birthday blessing
Requested by Irmin and Family
Christopher S. Gillies - Birthday blessing, 19th
Adien Sammy - Blessing
Requested by Kathy Sammy
Jasmin Lewis - Birthday blessing
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald De Maio
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Susan Gentile
Rienne Baron - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard

Monday, December 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Salvatore Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Tuesday, December 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of our Lady of Loreto
Juliena Hoyte - Birthday memorial

Wednesday, December 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Damasus I, Pope
Anthony Harris - Birthday blessing

Thursday, December 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
Isaiah Lacille - Birthday blessing

Friday, December 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saint Lucy, Martyr
Anthony Harris - In thanksgiving

Saturday, December 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

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)*

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Blessing

Altar Flowers:
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas A. DiMarzio - Blessing

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

Altar Candle:
Claude and Eddy Myrthil - In thanksgiving and birthday blessing

Altar Candle:
Countries in the Horn of Africa - Peace

Mary's Chapel Candle:
Countries in the Middle-east - Peace

St Joseph's Candle:
For the People of Haiti - Deliverance

Annunciation Chapel Candle:

The Immaculate Conception

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.

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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?

Second Sunday of Advent:
Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-6; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6
The Lord has done great things (Ps), leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem (1). Let us make ready the way of the Lord (3) by abounding in love and in works of justice (2).

Monday:
Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98 1-4; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 26-38
Chosen by God (2), Mary reverses the sin of Eve (1). Because of her obedience (3), God's salvation is made known to all the nations (Ps).

Tuesday:
Is 40: 1-11; Ps 96: 1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18: 12-14
God comforts (1) and abides with us in love (Ps), seeking out those who are lost or who have gone astray (2).

Wednesday:
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-4,8,10; Mt 11: 28-30
Merciful and kind (Ps), the Lord gives strength to the weary (1) and to all who are overburdened (2).

Thursday:
Zec 2: 14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19; Lk 1: 26-38
As suggested: A woman clothed with the sun (1b), daughter of the Most High God (Ps), proclaims the greatness of the Lord (2b), the One who comes to dwell with us (1a). She is the servant of the Lord (2a).

Friday:
Is 14: 17-19; Ps 1: 1-4,6; Mt 25: 1-13
Isaiah exhorts his listeners to follow the Lord (1, Ps). Jesus exposes the lack of wisdom and obstinacy of his contemporaries (2).

Saturday:
Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b,15-16, 18-19; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
Elijah, a type of precursor of the Messiah (1), is identified with John whose death foretells that of Jesus (2), the Son of Man (Ps).

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

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

The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. Where do I hear the word of God? How can I become more attentive to God's word?

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. From what sins do I need to repent? From whom do I need to seek forgiveness?

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth. What obstacles keep me from living my faith more fully? What steps can I take this week to eliminate one or more of those obstacles?

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

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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.

O come, thou wisdom from on high

Second Collection

Christmas Mass Remembrance
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Christmas Flower Offering
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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

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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 God of History

For some people, the opening lines in today's Gospel can seem like "too much information." The listing of the imperial and religious leaders, the accounting for what time in their rule or ministry, and the name-dropping of geographic locations can appear as irrelevant details when it comes to telling the story of Jesus Christ. But another way to look at this admittedly boring set of facts is to recognize the importance of history in Christian faith.

Christianity is not a religion that believes in an abstract, distant, and disconnected God. On the contrary, the central element of Christian faith is that our God is radically personal and present. This same God, who loves us so much, enters into relationship with us as one of us through the Incarnation. And that is a real, historical, and material fact. We are reminded today that John the Baptist was not announcing the incoming of God in some vague sense, but in an imminent way and at a specific moment in history. That is part of what makes his prophetic cry different from Isaiah's in the first reading, even if the Bible recounts their similar use of language.

As we continue our Advent journey, drawing closer to the celebration of Christ's birth, let us remember that the God of history whom we worship still meets us in our specific time and place, calling us to increase our love for one another.

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM
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O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem.

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 holy Lord of Might

Christmas Concert of Hope

December 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Gabriele Croci (Italy) Viola
Natsumi Malloy (USA), Piano

Cathedral Basilica of Saint James
Light refreshments to follow

A concert to benefit the Redemptoris Mater Seminary

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Very Rev. Julio Sanchez, Rector, 929-405-0102

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

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

Second Sunday of Advent

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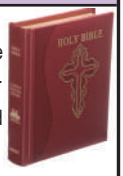

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