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Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee. John 2:11

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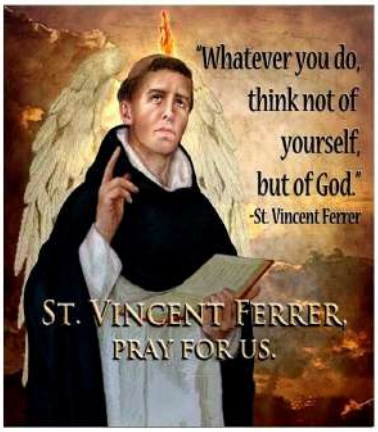

MASS SCHEDULE

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 IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 19TH, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 18th **5:00 p.m.**
Mary Barker - Blessing and Thanksgiving
Requested by Jacqueline Gopaul

Sunday, January 19th **8:00 a.m.**
Leyland Hooper - Birthday blessing
Requested by Claudia Hooper

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Christopher A. Gillies - Birthday blessing
Requested by Requested by the Gillies Family
Zakiya Rudder-Isalbe - Birthday blessing
Requested by Gillian Lakhan
Thomas Bailey - Birthday Blessing
Ashley and Ariel Larose - Blessing and Thanksgiving
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara
Ruben T. Nurse - Birthday remembrance
Requested by Cristina Gillies and Family
Eileen Cobb - In memoriam
Requested by Anton Cobb
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne

Rosary, Altagracia Novena and Mass 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr
Memorial of Saint Sebastian, Martyr
Yvrose Auguste - In memoriam

Rosary, Altagracia Novena, Mass **6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, January 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Day of Prayer for the Unborn
Memorial of Saint Agnes, Martyr
Marie Edouard - Birthday blessing, In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagrace

Eucharistic Celebration of the Feast of Altagracia 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday January 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Thursday, January 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope, Religious
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Friday, January 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Joyce and Muzat Nasir - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Saturday, January 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Rose and Frank Bambara - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:
Roger Moscova, Sr. - In memoriam

Altar Candle:
Gayle Walker - Birthday blessing

Altar Candle:
Oliver Lopez - In memoriam

Altar Candle:
Therese Raymonde Ancion - In memoriam

Altar Candle:
Lilia Fattore - In memoriam

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.

Pray that we may all learn the value and dignity of all human life, and seek to uphold it in every situation.

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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 in Ordinary Time:
Is 62: 1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12: 4-11; Jn 2: 1-11
At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs revealing his glory to his disciples (3), and later to all the nations (1, Ps). He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses (2).

Monday:
Heb 5: 1-10; Ps 110: 1-4; Mk 2: 18-22.
Having been perfected through suffering, Jesus, our high priest (1, Ps), has inaugurated the messianic times (2).

Tuesday:
Heb 6: 10-20; Ps 111: 1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2: 23- 28
In Jesus we are delivered (Ps) and given sure hope of entry to the promised land (1). Jesus is Lord even of the Sabbath (2).

Wednesday:
Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17; Ps 110: 1-4; Mk 3: 1-6
Melchizedek's priesthood (Ps) prefigures that of Jesus (1) whose ministry transcends the prescriptions of the Sabbath laws (2).

Thursday:
Heb 7: 25 - 8: 6; Ps 40: 7-10; Mk 3: 7-12.
Jesus heals the afflicted (2), thus doing the Father's will (Ps). As our high priest, Jesus intercedes on our behalf (1).

Friday:
Heb 8: 6-13; Ps 85: 8, 10-14; Mk 3: 13-19.
Through God's saving help (Ps), we seek to be faithful to Jesus' new covenant (1) which the Twelve proclaimed (2).

Saturday:
Acts 22: 3-16; Ps 117: 1b-2; Mk 16: 15-18 Paul is converted (1) and becomes the apostle sent to proclaim to all the nations (Ps) the saving gospel (2).

To be a Christian, it is not enough to believe, to repeat the Creed each Sunday. "Faith of itself, if it has no works is dead." (Jas 2:17)
Walter J. Burghardt, SJ
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Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: John 2:1-11

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

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. Into what parts of my life do I need to invite Jesus? How can I invite others to encounter Jesus?

Woman, how does your concern affect me? When have I failed to attend to the concerns of others? For what concerns do I need to pray?

Do whatever he tells you. What is God calling me to do? How can I become more docile to God's will?

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

Churches in Need Collection
Next weekend's second collection is the **Churches in Need** Collection. This collection supports pastoral programs in Latin America, the Caribbean and other needy areas worldwide. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

Diocesan Mission Collection
Thank you for your generous support of last weekend's **Diocesan Mission Collection.** The revenue from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various missions for support from the diocese of Brooklyn and when mission appeals are requested from the Society of the Immaculate Conception.

Renovations
Thank you for your continued moral and financial support of the ongoing renovations of our church.

+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.

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

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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 Joy of God's Love

In John's Gospel there are seven miracles called "signs," because they point to some attribute of God. The Wedding Feast at Cana is the first sign of Jesus and it teaches us to trust in the abundant joy of God's love.

Jesus and his disciples are attending a wedding in Cana. When the wine runs out, a social faux pas that could embarrass the hosts, Mary asks Jesus to intervene. He initially declines but Mary tells the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you." This reminds us that initially God might decline our requests, but we should do whatever he tells us.

Later, Jesus transforms the water into wine, and not just any wine, but a quality and quantity that is awe-inspiring. Six stone jars hold 600 to 800 bottles of wine! With 300 guests, that is two to three bottles per person. That would bring a lot of joy! This miracle is a sign of God operating in our lives, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. We are encouraged to bring our ordinary "water"—our simple, everyday selves—to Jesus, trusting that he can turn them into "wine"—something better, richer, and more joyful. It reminds us that God's gifts are not just sufficient, they are lavish, filling our lives with joy and serving as a testament to his glory.

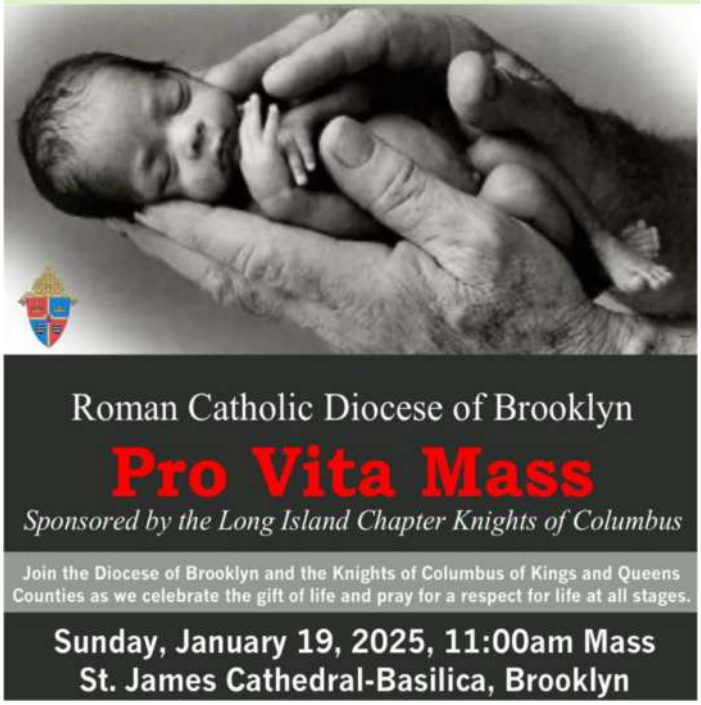
Mother Teresa once said, "We are called to do the ordinary with faithfulness and it is God who makes it extraordinary." This leads to joy for us and all those around. Yes, ask our God for help, but "do whatever he tells you."

Fr. Brendan McGuire ©Give Us This Day

Ordinary Time

Ordinary time begins on Monday, January 13. We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church Year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one Paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day. These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year. Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever. Sunday, like all sacraments is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom.

This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living. Copyright: Ordo



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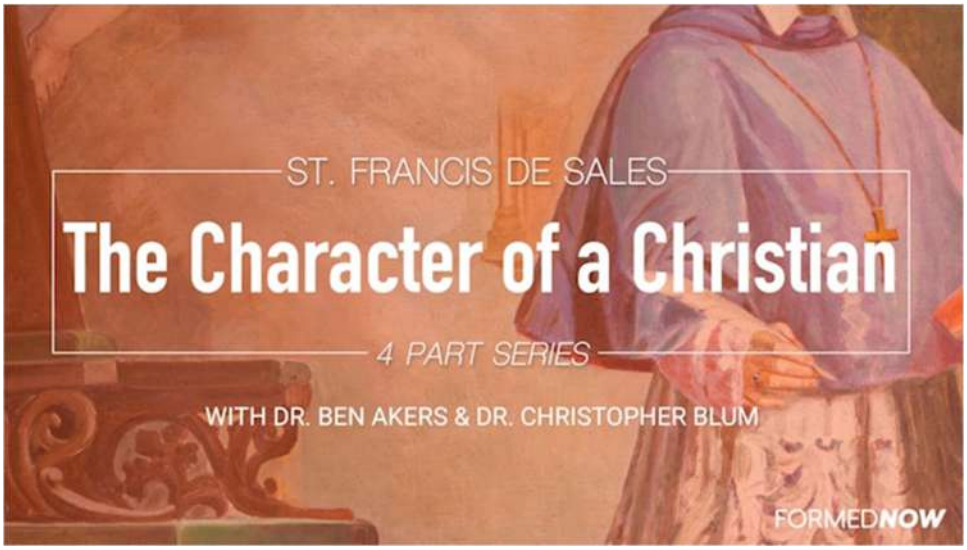
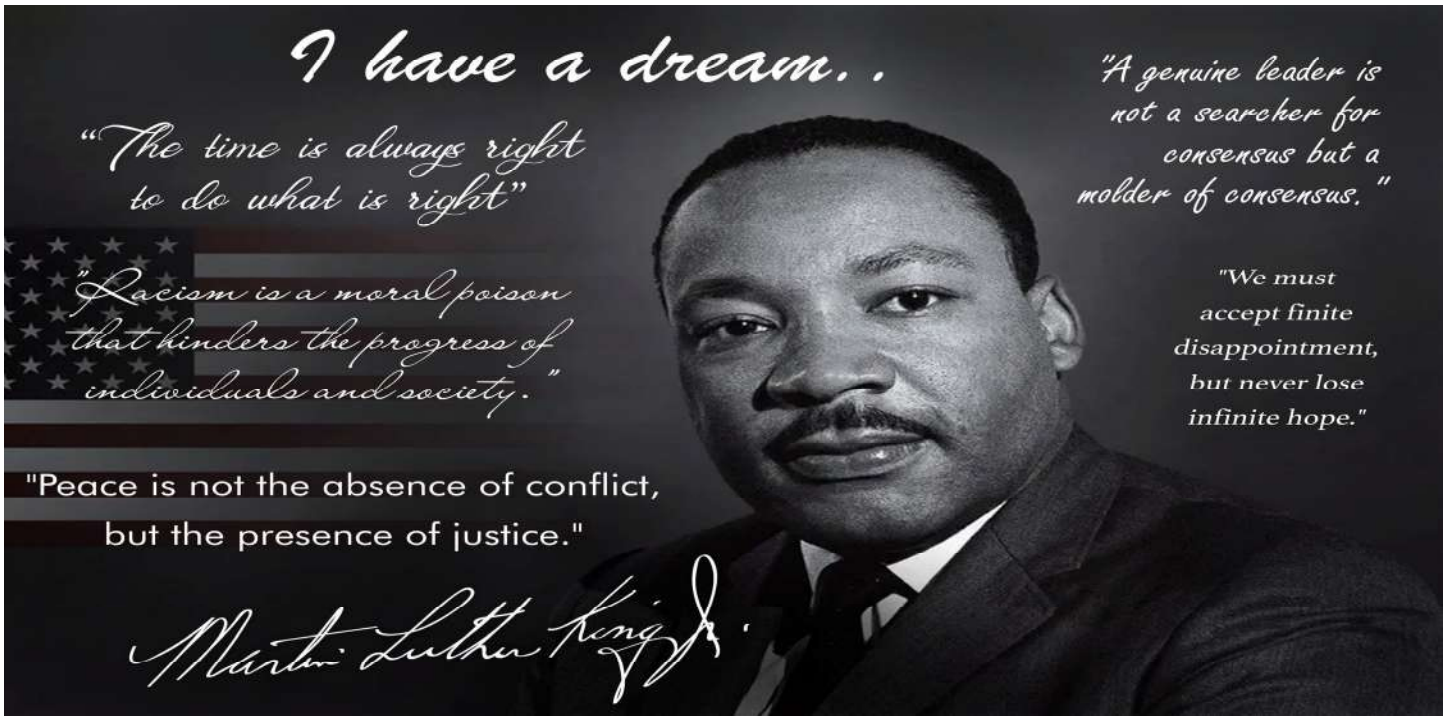
Paul the Apostle
The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert. Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

Mass
There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on the . The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.



Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part1 of 4)
In this four part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "the introduction to the devout Life", and the character of a Christian.



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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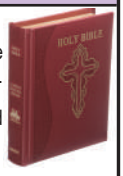

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