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*"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled."* *Luke 4:21*

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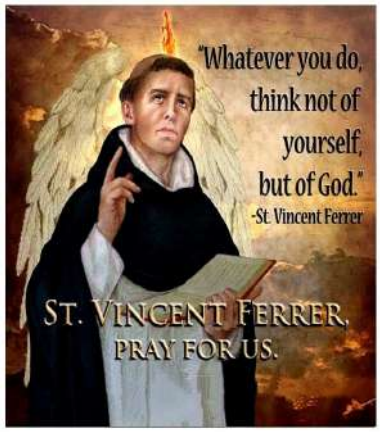


**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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 IN ORDINARY TIME
# SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
# JANUARY 26TH, 2025

**MASS INTENTIONS**:

**Saturday, January 25th** **5:00 p.m.**
Mary Barker - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested by Pearly Gopaul

**Sunday, January 26th** **8:00 a.m.**
Oliver W. Lopez - In memoriam
Requested by Richard Mahabir

**11:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Gillian Lakhan - In thanksgiving
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Dinois Edouard - In memoriam
Requested by Marie Edouard
Hollis C. Thompson - In memoriam
Requested by the Gillies Family
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper
Evelyn Depradine - In memoriam
Requested by Veronica Mc Intyre

**Monday, January 27th** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Religious
Judith John - Healing and blessing

**Tuesday, January 28th** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Filbert Joseph - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Edouard
Reynald Bastin - Birthday memorial
Requested by the Elyseé Family

**Wednesday January 29th** **9:00 a.m.**
Greta Elyseé - Birthday Blessing
Requested by the Elyseé Family

**Thursday, January 30th** **9:00 a.m.**
Lilia Fattore - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

**Friday, January 31st** **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest
Yvrose Auguste - In memoriam, 1 month Anniversary
Therese Raymonde Ancion—In memoriam, 1 Month
Requested by Marie Ange Bernier

**First Saturday, February 1st** **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

## GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

**Bread and Wine:**
Most Reverend Bishop Robert J. Brennan - Blessing

**Altar Flowers:**
Bishop Emeritus Nicholas A. DiMarzio - Blessing

**Sanctuary Candle:**
Yvrose Auguste - In in memoriam

**Altar Candle:**
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

**Altar Candle:**
Marie Edouard - In memoriam

**Altar Candle:**
Pearly Gopaul - Blessing

**Altar Candle:**

## 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.

## Blessing of Candles

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025

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

# *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 in Ordinary Time:**
Neh 8:2-4a,5-6, 8-10;Ps 19:8-10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.
Ezra proclaims the Word of the Lord (1) which gives spirit and life (Ps). Jesus proclaims himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets (3). In him we have become one body with many members (2).

**Monday:**
Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6, Mk 3:22-30.
In Christ victory has been won (Ps). He offered himself up for all to take away sin (1) and so overcome the power of evil (2).

**Tuesday:**
Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35.
We are saved by the obedience and love of Jesus (1). By doing his Father's will (Ps) , we are united with him (2).

**Wednesday:**
Heb 10: 11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20.
Be rooted in the word of God (2). Thus you will be perfected by the one sacrifice of Christ (1), our priest forever (Ps).

**Thursday:**
Heb 10:19-2; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25.
We seek the face of the Lord (Ps) through lives of love and good deeds (1). Thus our lamp will burn brightly as we share our gifts with others (2).

**Friday:**
Heb 10:32-39; Ps 3:36, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34.
Trust in the Lord (Ps) and wait patiently for God's blessing (1). His kingdom, like a seed, grows slowly to maturity (2).

**Saturday:**
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75. Mk 4:35-41.
May our faith be strong (1) , and may we always trust in Jesus to help us in time of need (Ps, 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: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

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

***He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.*** Who has helped me to grow in my faith? How can I help others learn more about Jesus and his Church?

***He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.*** How do I customarily observe the sabbath day? How has the practice of my faith developed since my childhood?

***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,/ because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor.***
What gifts has the Spirit given me? How can I use those gifts to serve God's people?

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.

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

**Grace** is when God gives us something we do not deserve.
**Mercy** is when God does ***not*** give us what we ***do*** deserve.

Valerie Schultz. GUTD

+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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# 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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| **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

**God's Law of Peace**

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and Life.*

The psalmist argues that everything the God of peace says and does is perfect. The law of the God of peace, the decrees of the God of peace, the precepts of the God of the peace, the commands of the God of peace, the fear (or awe) of the God of peace, the statutes of the God of peace—all are right, true, just, trustworthy, clear, enduring; all of them refresh, enlighten, endure, give wisdom, and cause rejoicing. The laws of God are laws of peace, love, compassion, justice, and nonviolence; they are glorious because the God of peace is glorious. They describe the way and life and wisdom of God and invite us more and more fully into the glory of God.

Sometimes at midnight in New Mexico, alone on the mesa at eight thousand feet, I would walk outside onto the desert to look up at the night sky. A million stars would appear in the summer sky. No, sometimes it looked like a billion. If you saw a picture of it or a piece of artwork like that, you wouldn't believe it. The pink Milky Way would run through the center of the sky. I saw this over and over again, over many years. It was so beautiful, so mysterious, it was hard to take in, and that's why, I decided, few people spend time studying that spectacle of the New Mexico night sky. It is too big, too unfathomable, too beautiful, and clearly points to a Creator. We are so small in comparison, our everyday worries and anxieties and concerns so ridiculous next to such glory. The glory of God, like the heavens itself, and God's laws of peace, I decided, are shy and humble and gentle. They will not force themselves upon you. If you are too busy, too stressed out, too angry, too mean, too addicted, too workaholic, you will miss it and so never believe the ever-present glory of God surrounding us.

In the end, it's a choice. We have to seek this truth. In other words, Psalm 19 instructs us: get up, go . . . learn for yourself the enlightening, trustworthy, clear, enduring, refreshing, wise, true ways of God, and rejoice.

Fr. John Dear, Praise Be Peace
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*One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.* *Ephesians 4:5*

## 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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The challenge for each of us is to expand our vision and our hearts to embrace the whole family of God. Can we look beyond our blood relatives and beyond our national boundaries to include all God's children in our love and concern? Only then can we be true brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus.

Fr. Lawrence E. Mick – © Give Us This Day

"We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants."

Pope Francis on his visit to the United States

**Pope Francis' Intention for January:**
**For the right to an education**
Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

This Week on

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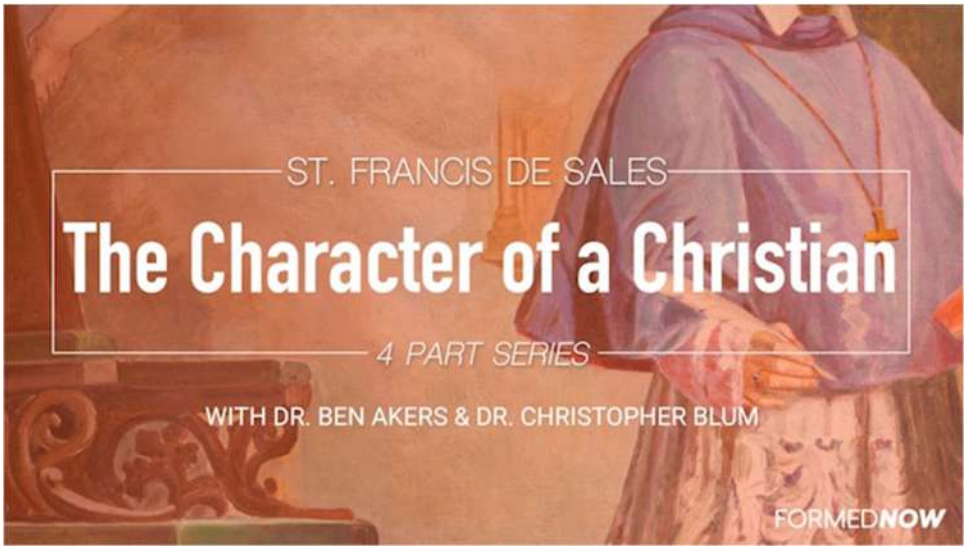
**Paul the Apostle**
The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert. Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

**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.

**GOD IS WITH US**

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love.

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# Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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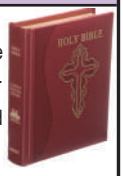

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