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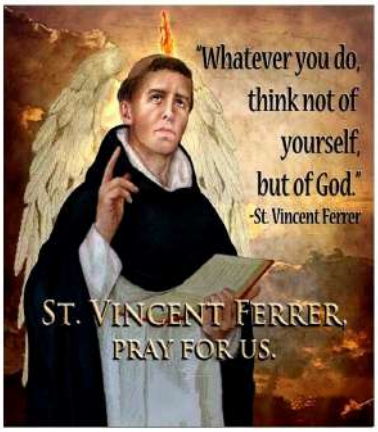

MASS SCHEDULE

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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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 4th **5:00 p.m.**
The Epiphany of the Lord
Pearly Gopaul - - Blessing
Requested by Irmin Payne

Sunday, January 5th **8:00 a.m.**
The Epiphany of the Lord
Lydia King - In thanksgiving and blessing
Requested on behalf of the Parish

11:00 a.m.
The Epiphany of the Lord
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies - Birthday blessing
Roberto T. Nurse - Birthday blessing
Requested by the Gillies Family
Stephaine and Stacy James - Birthday blessing
Requested by Gloria James
Dayna Diallo - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of Saint Vincent Ferrer Financial and Pastoral Councils
The Unborn children - Blessing

Monday, January 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious
The Unborn Children - Blessing

Tuesday, January 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Lucien Tidd - In memoriam
Requested by Petra Tidd

Wednesday January 8th
Allison Gullap and Desmond Forsythe - Birthday blessing

Thursday, January 9th **9:00 a.m.**
The Incarcerated - Blessing

Friday, January 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Homebound Parishioners - Blessing

Saturday, January 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Parishioners in hospice care - blessing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Rev. Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul - Blessing
Altar Flowers:
St. Vincent Ferrer Music Ministry - Blessing
Sanctuary Candle:
St. Vincent Ferrer Altar Servers - Blessing
Altar Candle:
Joy Guy - Birthday Blessing
Altar Candle:
The Financial and Pastoral Councils - Blessing
Altar Candle:
Bridge Bien-Aimé - Blessing
Altar Candle:
Kerley Joseph - In thanksgiving

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.

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?

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1, Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.

Monday:
1 Jn 3:22– 4:6; Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25.
We are called to reform our lives (2), to believe in Jesus Christ come in the flesh (1), and to pay him homage (Ps).

Tuesday:
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8. Mk 6:34-44.
God, the source and model of love (1) and justice (Ps), is perfectly mirrored in the Incarnation of his Son (2).

Wednesday:
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52.
Those who abide in love will have no cause for fear (1) for Jesus is God-with-us, the epiphany of divine love(2), who saves us when we cry out (Ps).

Thursday:
1 Jn 4:19 5:4; Ps72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a.
Jesus proclaims the gratuitous love of God (2). Let every nation (Ps) respond to this grace by keeping God's commandments (1).

Friday:
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:1-15, 19-20;Lk 5:12-16.
By believing in the Son of God(1), the leper is cured of his disease (2) and God is praised (Ps).

Saturday:
1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30.
The Lord loves us (Ps) for he hears our prayers and keeps us in his care (1). John rejoices on hearing the voice of the Messiah (2).

+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.

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. Who has helped me to find Jesus? What are some reliable places to bring my questions about my faith?

From you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel. How do I show proper respect for authority? How can I offer prayerful support to those charged with pastoring the Church?

They departed for their country by another way. In what ways am I off the path of righteousness? How can I reorient my path to follow Jesus more closely?

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

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Second Collection

Christmas Day Collection
Thank you for your generous support of 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 provide affordable housing for seniors, veteran families and the formerly homeless.

Diocesan Mission Collection
Next weekend's second collection is the **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.

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

Childlike, Radiant, Overjoyed

A retreat day for parents of preschoolers can be punctuated by an inconsolable wail, an urgent demand for snacks, or a caregiver requesting immediate diaper assistance. But into the chaos Isaiah sounds like bells:

Raise your eyes and look about; / they all gather and come to you: / your sons come from afar, / and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, / your heart shall throb and overflow . . .

To ancient Hebrews, the real richness was their children. They could've predicted how parents' faces light up as the littles tumble back into the room, covered with snot or honey, hair disheveled, clothes askew: "the wealth of nations shall be brought to you."

At the heart of the Epiphany tableau is a child. The magi follow a seemingly impossible quest, a distant star, having no answers, filled with curiosity. Mary and Joseph had no expert advice, they simply relied on God and each other, bumbled through and cherished.

Our own epiphanies are marked by similar qualities: vulnerability, curiosity, playfulness, delight that can spiral into woe. When the disciples argue over ego-driven measures of success, Jesus holds up a child (Matt 18:3): oblivious to appearances, unguarded, focused on love, eager to learn, filled with wonder. Where are we on that scale of values? Returning puzzled and jet-lagged, did the magi maintain unshakeable joy? Do we?

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"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

and Share the Message of Peace, Love, and Hope 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

Reflections of some parishioners:

Love it! Awesome! Pleasantly surprised! *Loris*
I love it! *Marie*
The Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer is revealing to all Christians, the beauty of God's Kingdom. Great job, Father! *Geralda*
I love the crucifix and the original floor. *Jean*
Excellent! Job well done! Jackie

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.

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Consecration to

Saint Joseph,

the head of the Holy Family,
the Patron of the Universal Church
Terror of Demons

on the Feast of

Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 2, 2025
Preparation began Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Total Consecration to Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary
on the

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Preparation begins Thursday, January 9, 2025

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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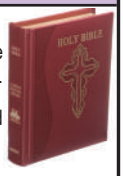

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