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"Blessed are the poor. ...Woe to you who are rich." Luke 6:20, 24

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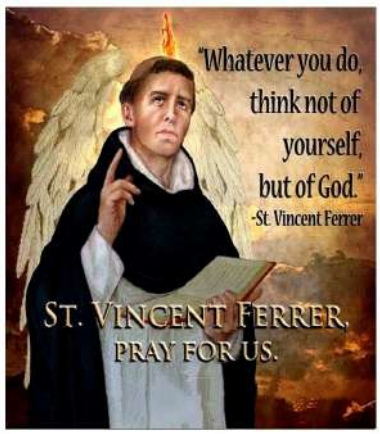

MASS SCHEDULE

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025

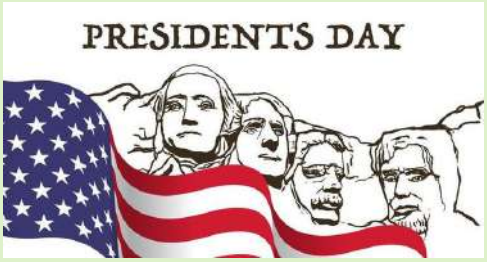
MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 15th **5:00 p.m.**
James and Rosemary Feron - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, February 16th **8:00 a.m.**
Rev. Fr. Danny Murphy - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Elna Luenda Howard - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish
Joseph Accurso - In memoriam
Requested by Jacqueline Gopaul
Phyllis Martin - Birthday blessing
Requested by Mr. Harris

Monday, February 17th **9:00 a.m.**



Memorial of the Seven Holy Members of the Servite Order
Shirley Mercury - Peace and blessing

Tuesday, February 18th **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Wednesday, February 19th **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Thursday, February 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Sullivan Walker - In memoriam
Requested by Carol Mark-Walker

Friday, February 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Novena for Vocations
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Saturday, February 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
Eileen Cobb - In memoriam
Requested by Dianne London

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:
Kaye Mc Grath - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:
Patricia Nicholas - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Mabel Accurso - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Lucienne Previl - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Jacqueline Philip - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Glen Worell - Blessing

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.

"If abortion isn't wrong,
...then nothing is."
Mother Theresa

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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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?

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20;
Lk 6: 17, 20-26.
Blessed are they who trust in the Lord (1, Ps).
Blessed are they who are poor and who endure insult, for their reward shall be great (3): eternal life (2).

Monday: Presidents' Day
Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13.
Abel's murder testifies to a regressive human history (1, Ps), forever reversed in Jesus, the sign of the Father (2).

Tuesday:
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21.
The flood waters (Ps) destroy a decadent humanity (1). We are saved from death through Jesus, the bread of life (2).

Wednesday:
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26.
Noah offers a sacrifice of praise to God (1, Ps) for his goodness. May we always see God's blessings in our lives (2).

Thursday:
Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33.
The Lord looks kindly (Ps) upon Noah and makes a covenant with him (1). Peter professes his faith in Jesus (2).

Friday: Gn 11: 1-9; Ps 33: 10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1.
If we wish to follow Christ, we must follow his way (2). Those who fear the Lord (Ps) reject the ways of the proud.

Saturday:
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19.
Like Jesus, the good shepherd (Ps), Peter exhorts his fellow elders to shepherd the flock (1). Like Peter, we are called to confess the Lordship of Jesus (2).

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

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

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. For what do I hunger? What can truly satisfy the needs of my heart?

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! What brings me joy? For what good things do I need to give thanks to God?

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Do I own my possessions or do my possessions own me? How can I grow in detachment from material goods?

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

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2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Our Parish's assessment for 2025 is $65,000.00.
Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute.

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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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 Longest Month

Where I live, February is the longest month. Winter has pulled its blanket of gray clouds over us, along with sheets of ice and snow. A stinging, damp wind surrounds what remains between the dark heavens and solid earth. Everything is cold. Everything is difficult.

Jeremiah condemns the one who turns from the Lord, likening him to "a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth." Buried in the middle of winter, I feel like this: I forget that anything ever grew here, even me.

With the short, dark days, I forget the tulip bulbs planted in a tidy row alongside the garage where I park my car. I forget the lily that unfolds her deep burgundy petals every summer in my front yard. Someone else, full of hope, planted them years or decades before I moved to the Midwest. And no matter how long a February they endure, these flowers surface from the frozen dirt every year.

Those who hope in the Lord are "like a tree planted near running water that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves never fade," lauds the psalmist. And the prophet confirms, "He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream." Keep reaching for water in this tough and barren place, I hear these faithful forbearers urging. Be like bulbs this winter, well rooted and patient in hope.

You, too, can blossom again.

Jessica Coblentz
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One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. *Ephesians 4:5*

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"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 February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

This Week on

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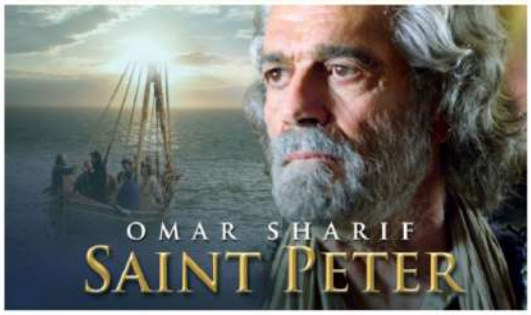
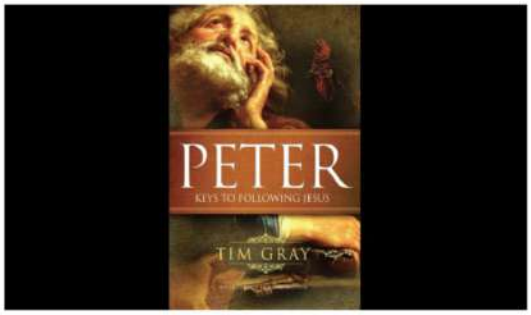


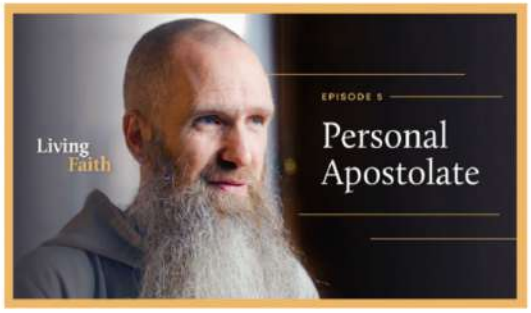
Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



Peter: Keys to Following Jesus by Tim Gray

Renowned scholar Dr. Tim Gray masterfully guides you through the tumultuous and inspiring life of Peter—from his call to discipleship to his eventual martyrdom in Rome. Using Sacred Scripture and tradition, Dr. Gray highlights important lessons from Peter's life.



Personal Apostolate

Every Catholic is called to share their faith — and there are simple, easy ways to do this. No megaphones needed. Just start the journey of discipleship with two friends. This episode's focus is sharing our faith with others.

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Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
First African –American Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, and the first Haitian-American to head a diocese.

Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler nee Davis.
(Feb. 8, 1831 - March 9, 1895)
Physician, Nurse, Author
First African–American to become a doctor of medicine in the United States.

Bishop Jerome Feudjio
Bishop of the Diocese of Saint Thomas, the United States Virgin Islands. Native of the Cameroon, West Africa

Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr.
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington DC

Reverend Martin Carter, SA
(7-31-30 to 12-25-21)
Franciscan Friar of the Atonement
Worked in the Office of Black Ministry in many dioceses. First black pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish. One of the organizers of Kujenga program.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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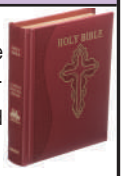

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