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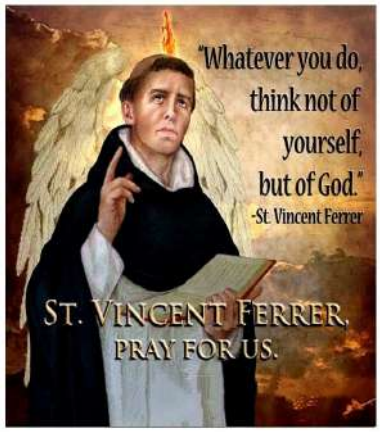

MASS SCHEDULE

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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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 22nd **5:00 p.m.**
Nova Gopaul - Birthday blessing
Requested by Jackie Gopaul and Family

Sunday, February 23rd **8:00 a.m.**
Blair Brooks - In memoriam
Requested pearly Gopaul and Family

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre - In memoriam
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Elna Luenda Howard - In memoriam
Requested of behalf of Mrs. Harrison's class
Fabiola Eula Bell Bierman - In memoriam
Requested on behalf of the Parish

Monday, February 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Ancil Cobb - In memoriam
Requested by Dianna London

Tuesday, February 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Shirley Mercury - Peace and blessing

Wednesday, February 26th **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Thursday, February 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek, Doctor of the Church
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Friday, February 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Martin Newborn - In memoriam
Requested by Michele Nasir

First Saturday, March 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Ministry of Mercy - Blessing and thanksgiving

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:

Altar Flowers:

Sanctuary Candle:
Home Bound Parishioners - Blessing

Altar Candle:

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Karel Williams Pierre-Louis
Requested by the Williams Family

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.

We Are The Church Together!

Without our faithful parishioners, we could not fulfill the mission of our diocese.

Homebound Ministry

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound or know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist.
#718-859-9009

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?

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:
1Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
In baptism we are called to mirror and image (2) the mercy and forgiveness the Lord has won for us (Ps). As David would not harm Saul, his enemy (1), so we are challenged to love and pardon those who wrong us (3).

Monday:
Sir1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29.
Those who are truly wise (1) place their faith and trust in the Lord (2). The decrees of God are worthy of trust indeed (Ps).

Tuesday:
Sir 2: 1-11; Ps 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37.
Discipleship entails trust (1) and willingness to heed the call of Jesus to enter into his passion and death (2). He never forsakes us (Ps)

Wednesday:
Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 9:38-40.
Those who know the law of the Lord (Ps) will experience wisdom and insight (1). Those who are not against us are for us (2).

Thursday:
Sir 5: 1-8; Ps 1: 1-4, 6; Mk 9: 41-50.
Turn to the Lord (1) who watches over the way of the just (Ps). Beware of leading others astray (2).

Friday:
Sir 6: 5-17; Ps 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mk 10: 1-12.
A faithful friend (1) delight in the statutes and wonders of the Lord (Ps). Let no one dissolve what God has joined together (2).

Saturday:
Sir 17: 1-15; Ps 103: 13-18; Mk 10: 13-16.
In the splendor of creation, the human race has been created in a covenant of love (1, Ps). The kingdom belongs to all God's children (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: Luke 6:17, 27-38

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

Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. How can I become more generous? What impedes me from being more generous with my time, treasure, and talent?

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. When have I experienced God's mercy? What opportunities do I have to share God's mercy?

Stop judging and you will not be judged. In what situations am I most judgmental? How can I look on others as God sees them?

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.

Easter Mass Remembrance

Next weekend is the **Easter Mass Remembrance collection.** Please return envelopes with the name of the person(s) who is to be remembered in the Masses.

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

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Please call us at **718-377-1800** for more information to register for the upcoming school year. Seats are available in Pre-K3 to Grade 8.

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

Grace Seeps In

Our failures or successes in the Christian life are not what define us or determine our worth before God or God's people. Instead, we are defined by Christ's life and work on our behalf. We kneel. We humble ourselves together. We admit the truth. We confess and repent. Together, we practice the posture that we embrace each day—that of a broken and needy people who receive abundant mercy.

. . .

In these [difficult] moments of my day—losing keys, losing patience, snapping at those I love, slamming the dishwasher door—I can respond with self-condemnation, self-justification, or repentance. When we confess and receive absolution together, we are like a football team practicing its plays, or a theater company rehearsing its lines. Together as a church we are practicing, learning the strokes that teach us to live our lives.

The practice of confession and absolution must find its way into the small moments of sinfulness in my day. When it does, the gospel—grace itself—seeps into my day, and these moments are transformed. They're no longer meaningless interruptions, sheer failure and lostness and brokenness. Instead, they're moments of redemption and remembering, moments to grow bit by bit in trusting Jesus' work on my behalf.

Tish Harrison Warren, Liturgy of the Ordinary
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"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26.

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

Legacy of Faith

Remember our parish in your will.
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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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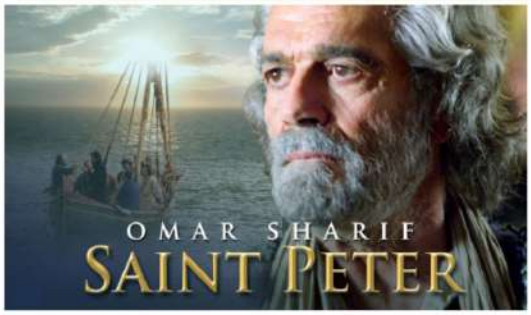
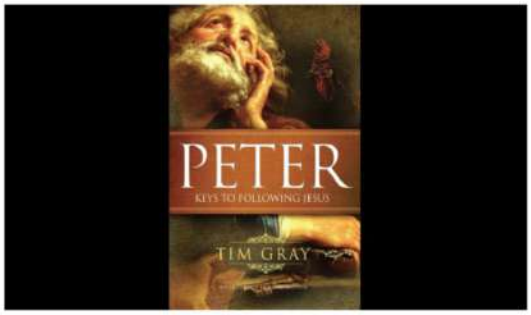


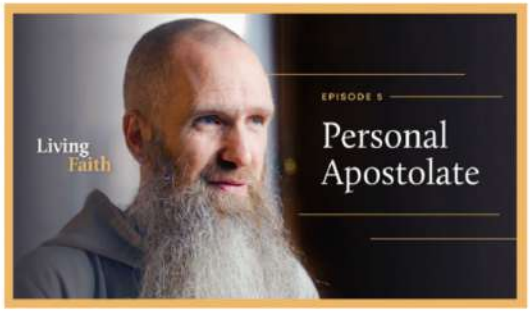
Saint Peter

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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Movie Reviews

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"Do whatever He tells you." - **Sr. Anita Baird, DHM**
Sr. Anita strives to live her life listening to God's word, acting upon God's word, and doing whatever God instructs her to do.

"What has helped black Catholics survive in the midst of insurmountable odds is a spirituality that bridges both our African American experience and our Catholic faith." - **Dr. C. Vanessa White**, Professor of Spirituality and Ministry at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago

"Each person must live his life as a model for others." - **Rosa Parks**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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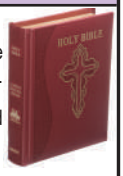

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