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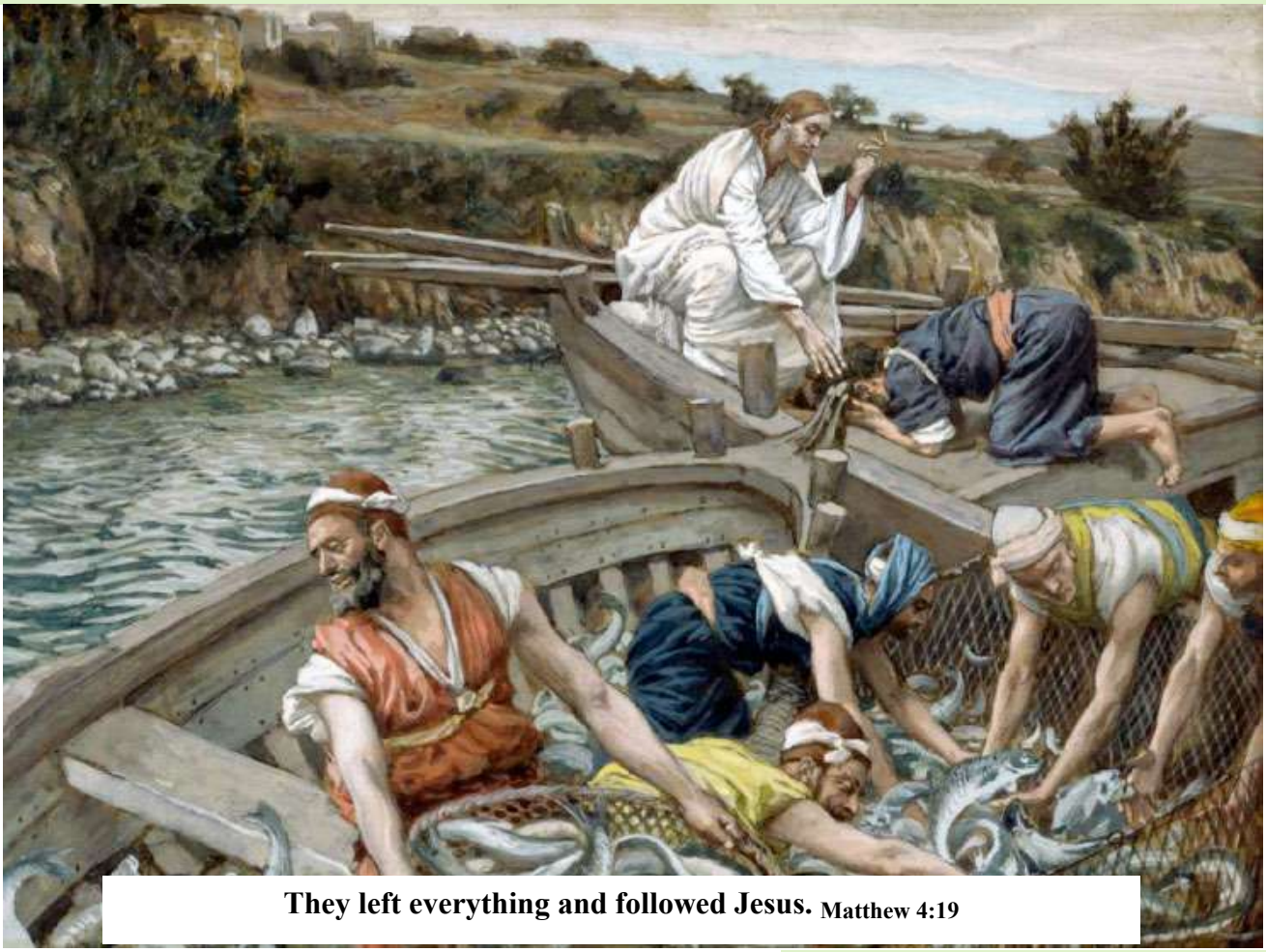

They left everything and followed Jesus. **Matthew 4:19**

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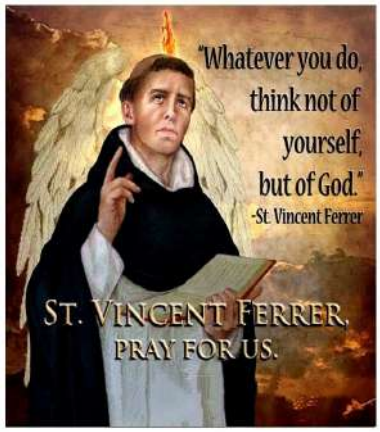

MASS SCHEDULE

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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 8th **5:00 p.m.**
World Marriage Day
Jean H. Francois - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle
Joyce Ali Bocas - In memoriam, 2nd anniversary
Requested by Rosie Mejias

Sunday, February 9th **8:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
World Marriage Day
Lilia Fattore - In memoriam
Requested by Gerald Di Maio

11:00 a.m.
World Marriage Day
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Mia C. Rodriguez - Birthday blessing
Requested by the Gillies Family
Kathleen Nurse - In memoriam, 2nd anniversary
Requested by the Gillies Family
Roger Moscova Sr. - In memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin McKeney
Yvrose Auguste - In memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin Keney
Therese Ancion - In memoriam
Requested by kin and Quentin McKeney
Elna Luenda Howard - In memoriam
Requested by kin and Quentin Keney
Hillary Cobb - In memoriam
Requested by Dianne London

Monday, February 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Lourdes Novena
Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Religious
Bertram Hall - In memoriam
Requested by Veronica Paul

Tuesday, February 11th **9:00 a.m.**
World Day of the Sick
Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes
Joseph Carter - In memoriam

Wednesday, February 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Rawle Barker - Birthday Blessing
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Thursday, February 13th **9:00 a.m.**
Edwin Charlot - Birthday blessing
Requested by Marie Edouard
Joyce and Masuf Nasir - In memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Friday, February 14th **9:00 a.m.**
Right to Life Novena
Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Zachary Bain - In memoriam
Requested by Judith and Leroy Gullap

Saturday, February 15th **9:00 a.m.**
Homebound Parishioners - Blessing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Catherine Wood and Ella Brough - In memoriam

Altar Flowers:
Jocelyn Myrthil and Antonin Myrthil - In thanksgiving

Sanctuary Candle:
Darlene Pellicci - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Arlene Farber - Birthday memorial
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Altar Candle:
Everard Addison - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Alison Matthew - In thanksgiving

Altar Candle:
Kalema Bernadine - Birthday 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.

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?

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Is 6:1 - 2a, 3-8 Ps 138: 1-5,7-8; 1 Cor 15: 3-8, 11; Lk 5: 1-11.
Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on mission (1, Ps). Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple (3). Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen (2).

Monday:
Gn 1: 1-19; Ps: 104: 1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6: 53-56.
All creation is proclaimed good in the sight of God (1, Ps). All nations are invited to share in the messianic blessings (2).

Tuesday:
Gn 1: 20 -2:4a; Ps 8: 4-9 Mk 7:1-13.
Made in God's image (1, Ps), we, nevertheless, often judge by human standards rather than by divine commandments (2).

Wednesday:
Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104: 1-2a, 27-28, 29b-30.
An ancient creation narrative is presented (1, Ps). Jesus speaks of evil in the heart (2).

Thursday:
Gn 2: 18-25; Ps 128: 1-5; Mk 7:24-30.
A biblical tradition regarding the origins of human life (Ps) is presented (1). Jesus heals the daughter of a foreigner, a Syrophoenician woman (2).

Friday:
Gn 3: 1-8. Ps 32: 1-2, 5-7; Mk 7: 31-37.
The human race is wounded by the sin of pride (1), which God forgives (Ps). Jesus heals the deaf man and the mute (2).

Saturday:
Gn 3: 9-24; Ps 90: 2-6, 12-13; Mk 8: 1-10.
The human race is delivered from the inevitability of death (Ps) and evil (1) by Jesus, who feeds us (2) with bread eternal.

Scripture Reflection
Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

Put out into deep water. Where is God calling me to go? What challenges do I face in living my faith?

They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When have I felt overwhelmed by anxiety and stress? How does my faith offer consolation?

Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man. What sinful behaviors separate me from God? What near occasions of sin do I need to avoid?

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

Eternal Joy

Those set free by the Lord will return to Zion. . . . Springs will break forth in the wilderness, streams in the desert, pools will form in the sandy wastes, and the bare land will begin to bloom. Most precious of all: everything is pure—hearts, hands, the world around—with the purity required by Torah (Isa 35:7-10).

Everything will be as it should have been from the beginning. Everything will be straightened out. Justice will at last be established . . . God's justice that creates well-being and puts an end to injustice. And all this will happen not as a culmination that quickly collapses again, not as an episode, not as an interlude, but as "eternal joy." The thirty-fifth chapter of the book of Isaiah—what a text!

We should understand Jesus' preaching of the reign of God against the background of this kind of prophecy. The reign of God that Jesus proclaims comes not only within hearts; it is the coming of the power and glory of God—and that glory will change everything. Things will find their identity. Relationships will be restored. Sinners will repent and turn back. Chaos will be transformed into beauty; sick people will be made whole; the blind will see; those deprived of speech will begin to speak again.

Again it is so that all this takes place not in some gray future or on the distant island of Utopia but here and now, in the midst of God's people.

Gerhard Lohfink, *Between Heaven and Earth*
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One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. *Ephesians 4:5*

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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 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.

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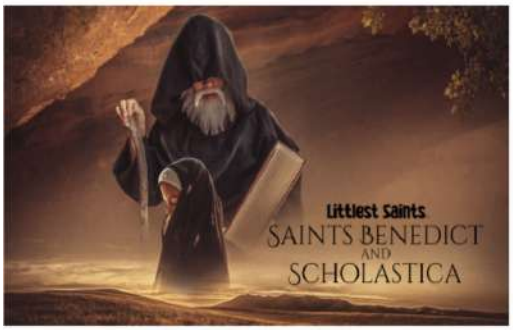
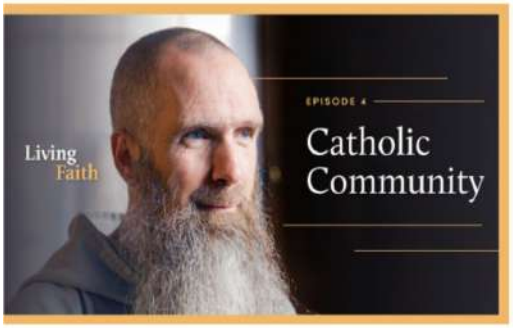


Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

The Bible (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Catholic Community

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

Movie Reviews

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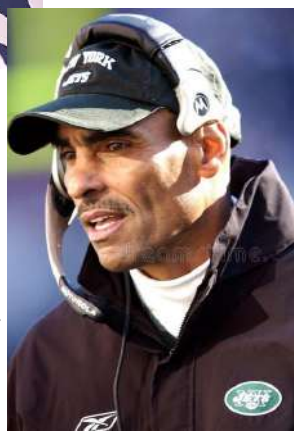
Simone Biles
Olympic gymnast, advocate for children in foster care



Herman Edwards,
Former NY Jets head coach
Philanthropist, founder of the Herm Edwards Youth Foundation

Claude McKay
Novelist, Poet, fought against segregation and inequality

Amanda Gorman
Poet and activist, combining poetry and art with social justice activities

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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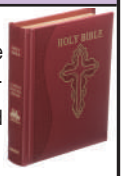

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