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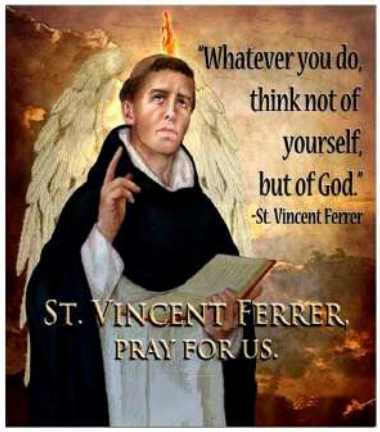

MASS SCHEDULE

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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 2ND, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 1st **5:00 p.m.**
Zyaire Rudder-Isalbe - Birthday blessing
Requested by Gillian Lakhan and Sean Forbes

Sunday, March 2nd **8:00 a.m.**
Gerald DeMaio - Blessing and thanksgiving
Requested on behalf of the Parish
Paulina Ali-Bocas - In memoriam
Requested by Rosie Mejias

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing
Jontay Noriega-Bell - Birthday blessing
Requested by Bernadette and Floyd
Ruben T. Nurse - Remembrance anniversary
Requested by the Gillies family
Joseph Carter - In memoriam
Elizabeth Ann Phillips - In memoriam
Requested by Gillian Lakhan and Sean Forbes
Fabiola Eula Bell-Bierman - In memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin
Santiago Rodriguez - In memoriam
Requested by Christina and Family

Monday, March 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Katharine Drexel, Religious
Jontay Noriega-Bell - Birthday blessing
Requested by Bernadette and Floyd

Tuesday, March 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint Casimir
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

Wednesday, March 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Day of Fast, Abstinence
Imposition of Ashes

Morning Mass	9:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word	3:00 p.m.
Evening Mass	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 6th **9:00 a.m.**
Kalyn Williams - Birthday blessing
Requested by Joan Williams

First Friday, March 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity
Sacred Heart of Jesus/Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena
The Unborn - Eternal rest

Stations of the Cross **7:00 p.m.**

Saturday, March 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish - Blessing

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

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine:
Riley, Galotola, and Christisen Families - In memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Flowers:
Technology Ministry - Blessing

Sanctuary Candle:
Pope Francis - Healing and blessing

Altar Candle:
Ministers of Mercy - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Altar Servers - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Ministers of Music - Blessing

Altar Candle:
Kalyn Williams - Birthday blessing
Requested by Joan Williams

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.

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?

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Sir 27: 4-7; Ps 92: 2-3, 13-16; Cor 15: 54-58;
Lk 6: 39-45
The fruit of our speech and actions will wither and die ((1, Ps) unless we first recognize the plank in our own eye (3). By humbly admitting our own sins, we can more fruitfully persevere in the work of the Lord (2).
Monday:
Sir 17: 20-24; Ps 32: 1-2, 5-7; Mk 10: 17-27.
Return to the Lord (1) who forgives us our sins (Ps). Discipleship entails making Christ our most important possession (2).
Tuesday:
Sir 35: 1-12; Ps 50: 5-8, 14,23; Mk 10: 28-31.
Through works of charity (1), one offers true praise to God (Ps). Following Christ will entail both persecution and blessings (2).

Ash Wednesday:
Jl 2: 12-18; Ps 51: 3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18.
Be reconciled (Ps, 2) and return to the Lord (1) by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service (3).
Thursday:
Dr 30: 15-20; Ps 1: 1-4, 6; Lk 9: 22-25.
Choose not death, but life (1, Ps) by denying yourself and following in the footsteps of the Lord.
Friday:
Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51: 3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9: 14-15.
Fasting without love (1) and repentance (Ps) is meaningless as we await the return of the bridegroom (2).
Saturday:
Is 58: 9b-14; Ps 86: 1-6; Lk 5: 27-32.
We are called to a change of heart (2), to be renewed in the Lord by following his, not our, ways (1, Ps).

+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 6:39-45

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

Will not both fall into a pit? What pitfalls have I encountered on my spiritual journey? When have I led others astray or been led astray by others?

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. What fruit does my faith bear in my life? How can I share the good fruits of my faith with others?

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. How do my words reflect the thoughts of my heart? How can I be kinder and more honest in my speech?

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

This 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.

Black and Indian Mission

Next weekend is the **Black and Indian Mission Collection.** The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs among black and Indian peoples.
Please be generous.

Easter Flower Offering

Next weekend's second collection is the **Easter Flower Offering Collection.** Kindly return the Easter Flower Offering envelopes with the name of the person or persons to be honored or remembered.

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!

Fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or send an email to:
info@saintvincentferrer.org

Name: _____ Home/Cell # _____

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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

Producing Good Fruit

"Look, I just want to say this for your own good. . ."

Do these or similar words press the "BEWARE" button for us? The answer probably depends on [the people] speaking and the tone in which they speak. If we recognize them as people of good heart and great integrity, we will be willing to listen to constructive criticism; if we sense destructive superiority and self -righteousness in their words, we do not want them as our teachers. What Jesus teaches, he lives, and in today's continuation of the Sermon on the Plain he is the wisdom teacher who voices his expectation of this same integrity in his disciples. If we are blind to our own shortcomings, yet judgmental about those of our sisters and brothers, we have no right to guide them with our advice; we will only succeed in dragging them down into the metaphorical "ditch" rather than helping them out of their difficulties.

. . . Using the familiar biblical language of a tree whose quality is judged by the good or bad fruit it produces, Jesus teaches his listeners that the quality of people is judged by their actions. There is more involved here than "spiritual eye surgery" to get rid of the judgmental log that blinds us. It is a matter of the biblical heart, that deepest personal reality, the storehouse of our dreams and desires.

Sr. Verna Holyhead, *Welcoming the Word in Year C*.
©Give Us This Day

"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.
When you update your estate plans, please consider continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to

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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 March:

For families in crisis
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

This Week on

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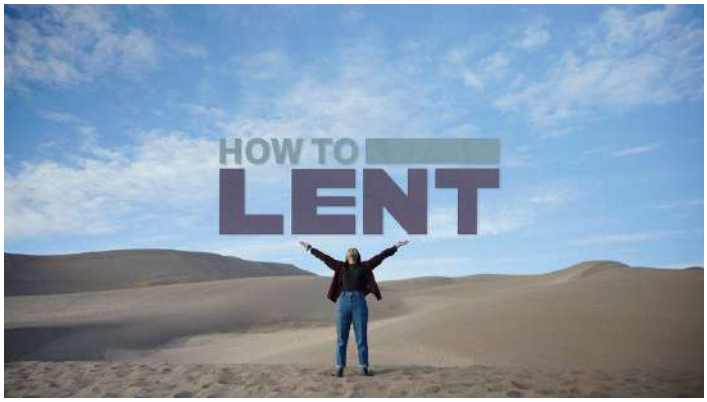

How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How to Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet

Foretold

From the beginning, God has a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.

Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Movie Reviews

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Email to: pbernadine@saintvincentferrer.org

LENT

"The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens both with the rite of election and scrutinies , and by catechesis, are prepared for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation; the faithful, evermore attentive to the Word of God, and by prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises" (Ceremonial of Bishops, 249).

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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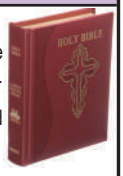

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