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"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard.."

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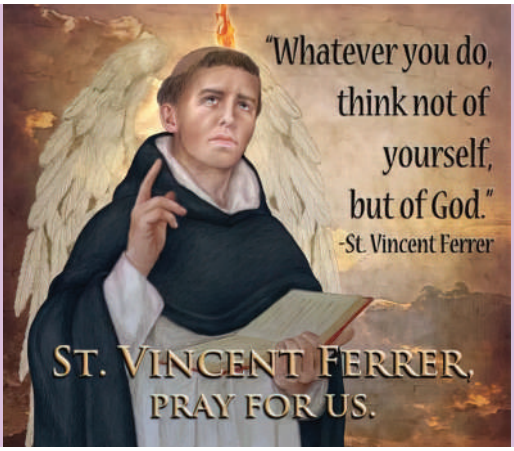

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION

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Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 22nd **5:00 p.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish – Blessings

Sunday, March 23rd **8:00 a.m.**
Mrs. Pearly Gopaul – Birthday Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Family

11:00 a.m.
Lydia Ford – Birthday Blessings
Collett Cadestin – Blessing and Thanksgiving
Requested by the Cadestin Family
Mario Pringle – In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Monday, March 24th **9:00 a.m.**
Shirley Mercury – Peace and Blessings

Tuesday, March 25th **9:00 a.m.**
The Annunciation of the Lord
Reverend Dennis J. Farrell – In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Wednesday, March 26th **9:00 a.m.**
Davey Payne – Birthday Blessings
Requested by Irmin Payne

Thursday, March 27th **9:00 a.m.**
George Thomas – In Memoriam
Requested by Joan T. Williams

Friday, March 28th **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish – Blessings

Saturday, March 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Yvonne and Alban Redhead
– 60th Wedding Anniversary
Requested by Their Children

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
All the Souls in Purgatory

Altar Flowers
The sick and homebound — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candle
Lydia Ford – Birthday Blessings

Saint Joseph Candle
Lydell Hooper – Birthday Blessings

Mary's Chapel
Pearly Gopaul – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

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

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 basked.
Please make a donation with each request.

Sacraments

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 emergency – any time.

Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

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

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!
What parts of my life need conversion? For what sins do I need to repent and do penance?

I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.
When have I felt that my spiritual efforts have been fruitless? For what fruits have I been searching?

Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.
What resources do I have that might help me grow in my faith? How can I make more room in my schedule to take advantage of those resources?

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

Closing Prayer

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills,

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
(From Psalm 103)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, March 23:
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15, Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9
From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom (1, Ps.). The parable of the fig tree speaks on the one hand of God's patience, but the urgency of the call to conversion on the other (3). Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous (2).

Monday, March 24:
Kings 5:1-15ab, Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Luke 4:24-30
As Elisha cured Naaman the Syrian (1) in the waters (Ps) of the Jordan, so Jesus promises healing salvation for all.

Tuesday, March 25:
The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10, Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Hebrews 10:4-10, John 1:14ab
The Lord with give a sign (1): a child, who has come to do God's will (Ps, 2), shall be conceived by the Spirit (3).

Wednesday, March 26
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9, Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19
Israel is exhorted to keep God's covenant (1) which has been proclaimed (Ps.). Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets (2).

Thursday, March 27
Jeremiah 7:23-28, Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Luke 11:14-23
Return to the Lord and be one with him (2). Listen (Ps) to his voice and obey his commands (1).

Friday, March 28
Hosea 14:2-10, Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
Mark 12:28-34
By observing two great commandments (2), you will walk in the paths of the Lord (1, Ps).

Saturday, March 29
Hosea 6:1-6, Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Luke 18:9-14
It is love that the Lord desires, not sacrifice (1, Ps); he longs for sincerity and humility of heart (2).

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2025 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — March 5, 2025
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — April 13, 2025
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — April 14. 2025
3:00-5:00 p.m. — Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Sacred Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 18, 2025
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
*** NO 5:00 p.m. Mass**
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 20, 2025
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 29, 2025
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — June 8, 2025
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.
Please be generous in the Special Collection to help our retired priests.

Scripture Reflection

Tending to Our Roots

I am convinced that the longing to bear fruit—to live lives that matter—is embedded in us as deeply as the longing to eat, sleep, love, and be loved. The problem is that such lives don't happen automatically. They require a certain alertness to the way things really are, both in us and in the world; a certain willingness to make choices we would not make if we thought time would never run out; a certain awareness that we need all the help we can get, from any gardener willing to tend our roots. Today's Gospel teaching is given to us to remember why we are here—but what if we don't get around to it? What if the car crashes before we get where we are going? What if the diagnosis is terminal, or the young soldier is killed on her first tour of duty?

Whether our lives are cut short or we live until our branches grow moss on them, no one lives forever. And God knows the world needs fruit as much as we need to produce it.

The good news is that we do not know how today's story ends. The owner makes his case. The gardener makes his. The story ends with the fig tree still alive—never more alive—with maybe as much as a whole year to put more sweetness into the world.

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *Always a Guest*

Barbara Brown Taylor is an acclaimed author, professor, and Episcopal priest.

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JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

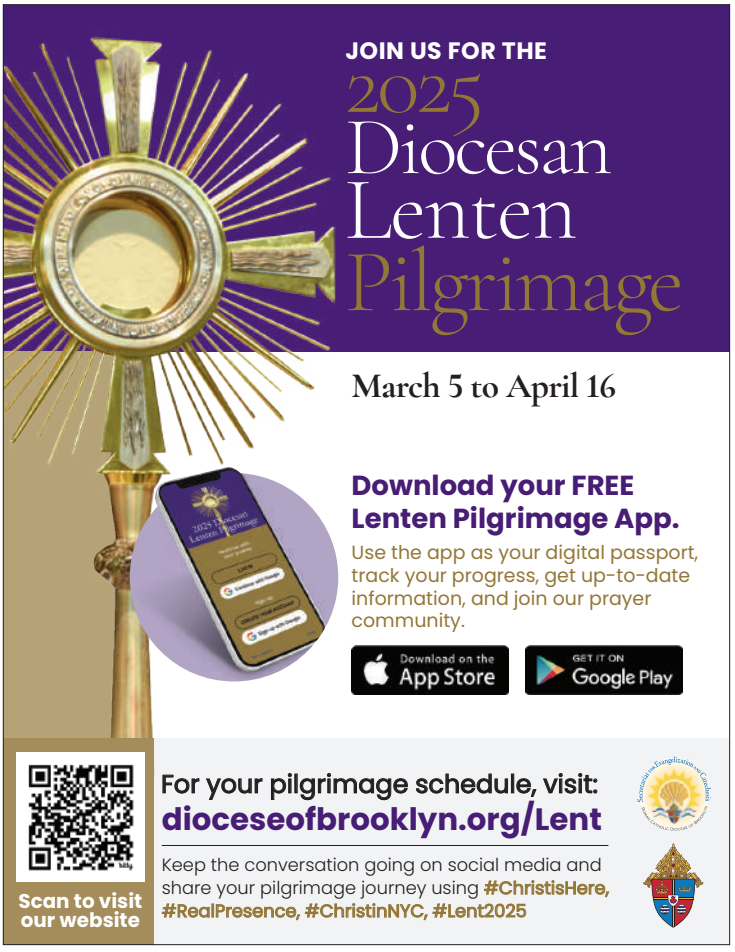
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Francis

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.



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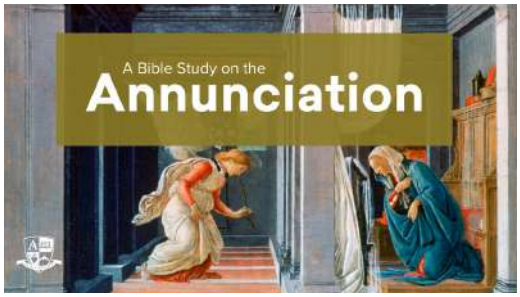

A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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Third Sunday of Lent

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **Mary's Apostolate** 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Our Lady of Miraculas Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass ***In His Light* Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement* at 7:00 p.m.	**Charismatic Group la Paix** Rectory basement at 7:00 p.m. **Group la Paix Charismatic Mass** 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m.m Mass **Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* 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. **Girl Scouts** *Lower Church* 6:00-8:00 p.m.	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Mary's Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

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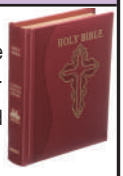

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