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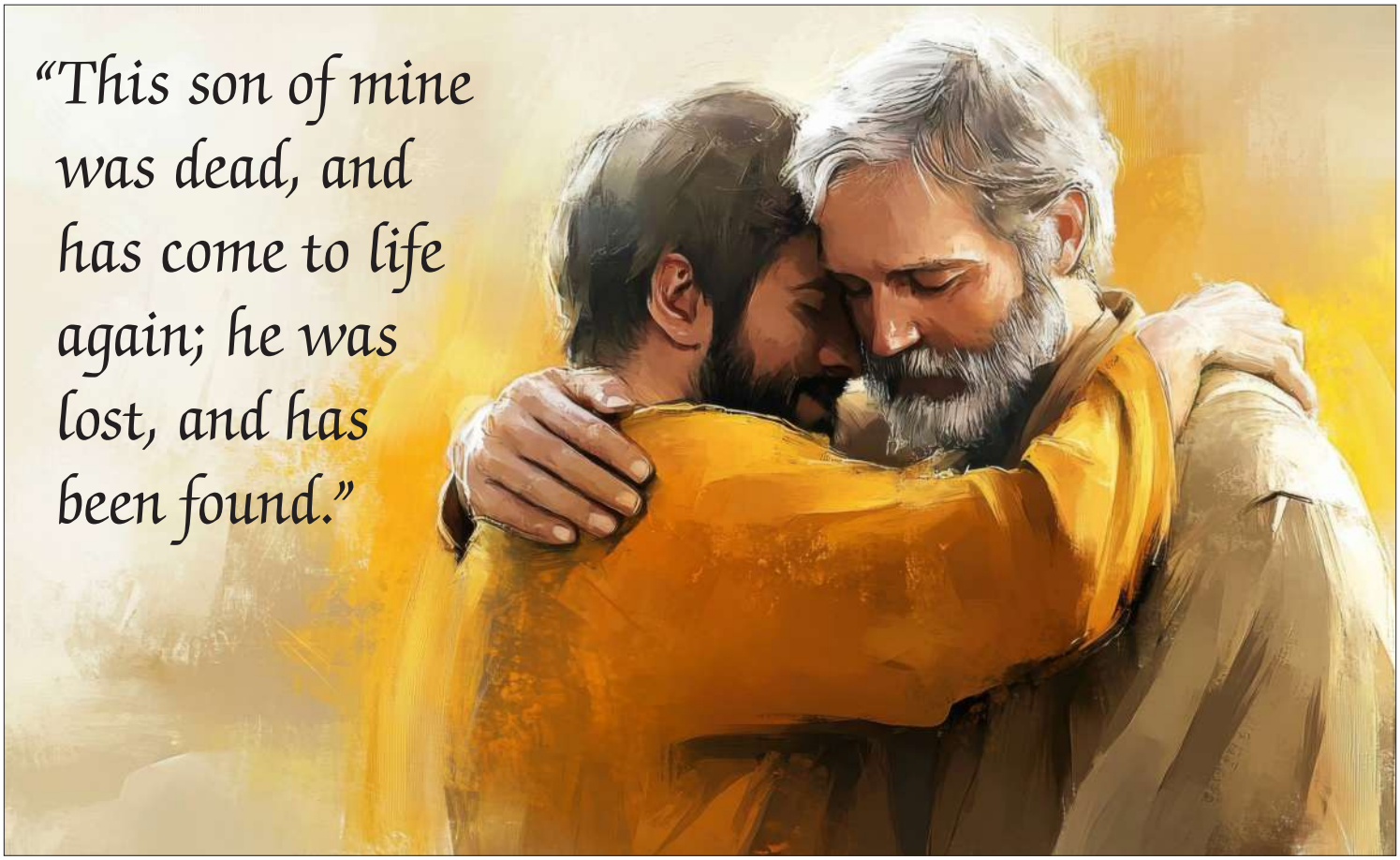

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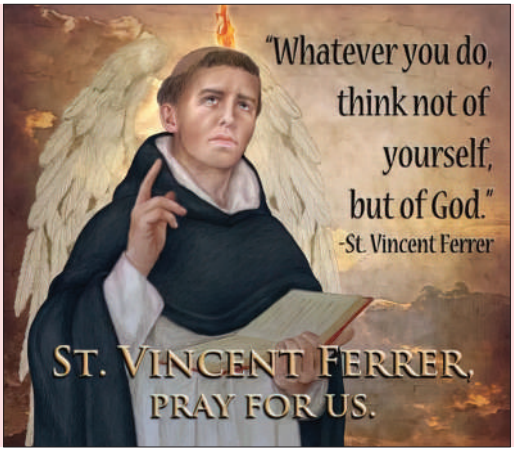

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 29th **5:00 p.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish – Blessings

Sunday, March 30th **8:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Marc Jean – Healing and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

11:00 a.m.
Mona Gurier and Family – In Memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin
Ruel Forbes – In Memoriam
Requested by Gillian and Sean Forbes
Adam Goodman – In Memoriam
Requested by Rose Marie Elysée
Santiago Rodriguez — In Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Gillies and Family
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Nugent – In Memoriam
Fr. Danny Murphy – In Memoriam
Fr. Antonius P. Gopaul – Intentions and Blessings
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Monday, March 31st **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Sinecio Guiterrez – In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Tuesday, April 1st **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Joyce and Muzaf Nasir – In Memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Wednesday, April 2nd **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Tiffany Marshall – Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Lauren Marshall and Family

Thursday, April 3rd **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Gerard Turenne – In Memoriam
Gerald P. Turenne – In Memoriam
AltaGrace Turenne – In Memoriam
Philippe Turenne – In Memoriam
Requested by The Turenne Family

Friday, April 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Helen Matthew — In Memoriam — 4th Anniversary

Saturday, April 5th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saint Vincent Ferrer
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish – Blessings

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
The Sick and Homebound — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
All the Souls in Purgatory

Altar Candle
Mary James – Healing and Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Saint Joseph Candle
Marc Jean – Healing and Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Sanctuary Candle
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

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.

Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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?

This man welcomes sinners and eats with them. How can I reach out to those on the peripheries? How can I be more welcoming, especially to those who are different from me?

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. When have I felt seen and loved by God? How can I extend God's compassion to others?

My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. How does God offer me consolation when I am troubled? How can I be more attentive to and grateful for God's gifts to me?

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

Closing Prayer

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.
Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.
(From Psalm 34)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, March 30:
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12, Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress (Ps) in the Passover (1). Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation (2): let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father (3).

Monday, March 31:
Isaiah 65:17-21, Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b,
John 4:43-54
The prophecy of eschatological hope (1) finds its fulfillment in Jesus whoe heals and restores to life (2), who rescues us (Ps) from death.

Tuesday, April 1:
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12, Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, John 5:1-16
From the temple of Sion flows a stream of life-giving water (1, Ps), a symbold of the healing grace of baptism (2).

Wednesday, April 2
Feast of Saint Francis of Paola
Isaiah 49:8-15, Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18,
John 11:25a, 26
As the prophet proclaims God's faithful love for his people (1, Ps), so Jesus speaks of his union with his Father (2).

Thursday, April 3
Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 106:19-23, John 5:31-47
Moses, who interceded on behalf of the Israelites (1, Ps), will accuse all unbelievers before the Father (2).

Friday, April 4
Wisdom 2:1a, 2-22, Psalm 34:17-21, 23, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Jesus' enemies begin to plot against him (2). He professes to have knowledge of God (1), and trusts in his love (Ps).

Saturday, April 5
Feast of Saint Vincent Ferrer
Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 7:2-3, 9b-12, John 7:40-53
Some people wish to apprehend Jesus (2). Like a trusting lamb (1), he takes refuge in God his Father (Ps).

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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.
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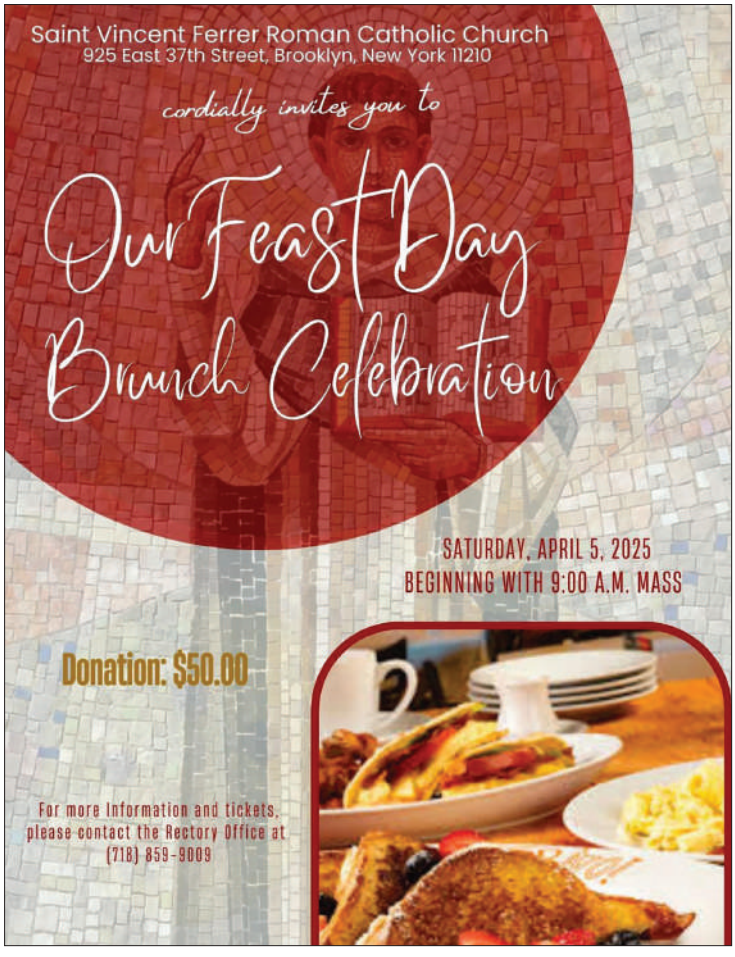

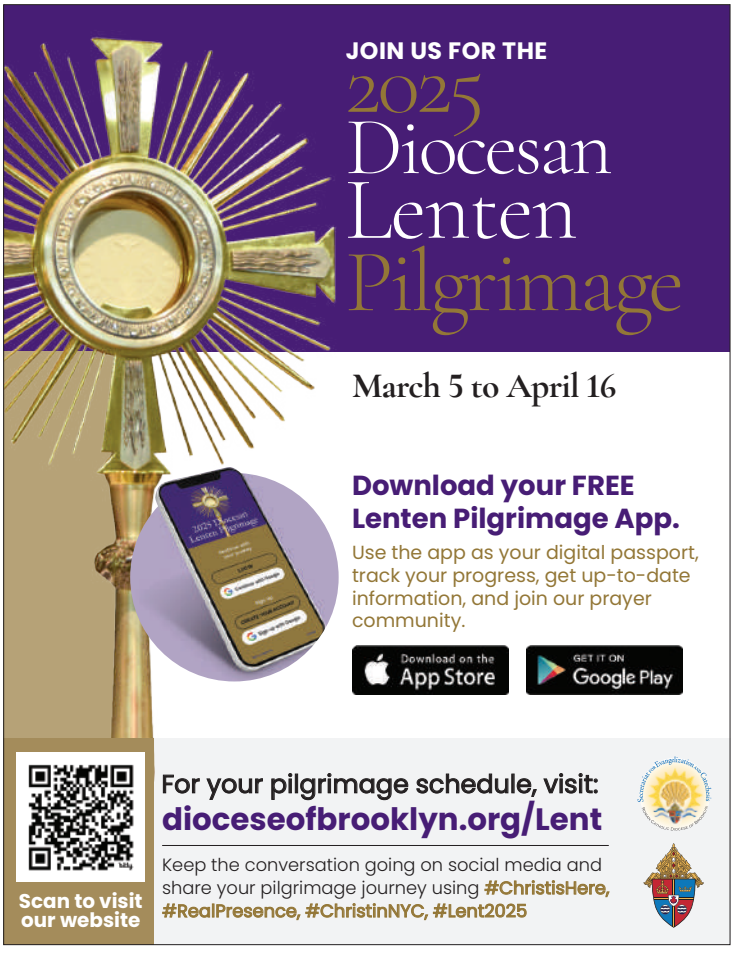

Scripture Reflection

The Blessed and the Cursed

For much of my life, like many other Christians, I assumed I understood what the parable known as the "Prodigal Son" was all about. Its meaning was found in the presumed change of heart of a selfish younger son. Or the moral of the story centered on the unconditional love of a generous father. Or, perhaps, the real insight was about the envious but loyal older son. And while all three of these characters and themes have merit, it wasn't until I read a commentary about this passage by the renowned New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine that I suddenly saw Jesus' message in a new light.

One thing that Levine points out is the way the story never reaches a resolution. It can be tempting to pretend the father's last words to the older son represents a real conclusion, but it doesn't. The parable ends without the reconciliation of seriously broken family relationships: between brothers, between parent and children, and perhaps between others (where's the mother, for example?). Our desire for a happy ending may have led us to project one into an intentionally uncomfortable story.

Perhaps another way to think about this parable is to see Jesus setting up a complicated, dysfunctional, and fraught family dynamic that is far more relatable than we might realize. That the story isn't wrapped up neatly at the end invites us to imagine how different scenarios might play out, and ask ourselves, what is God calling each person and the family collectively to do? Maybe this is one way we can enter into the parable ourselves, reflecting on the ways our own relationships need healing, and then do something about it.

— Daniel P. Horan

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Catholic Relief Services Collection Sunday, April 6th

The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six agencies working to reveal Christ's love to those in need overseas and here in the United States. The collection shares its name with the flagship international relief and development agency of the Catholic bishops of the United States, but it also supports other initiatives: the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services** department for resettlement; the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**, which helps immigrants with work permits, residency, family reunifications, and citizenship; the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace** for advocacy of human rights and education on Catholic social teaching; and the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**, whose ministries address the unique pastoral needs of Catholics from a range of cultures as well as itinerant peoples. Finally, this collection supports the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**, through which the Holy Father aids people in distress worldwide.

This Week on Formed

Week of March 30, 2025

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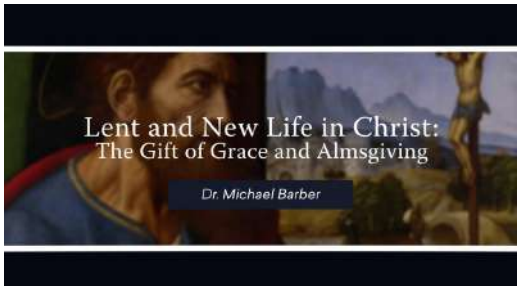
Preparing for Holy Week

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.

Metanoia

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka in this incredible series as he preaches on conversion.



Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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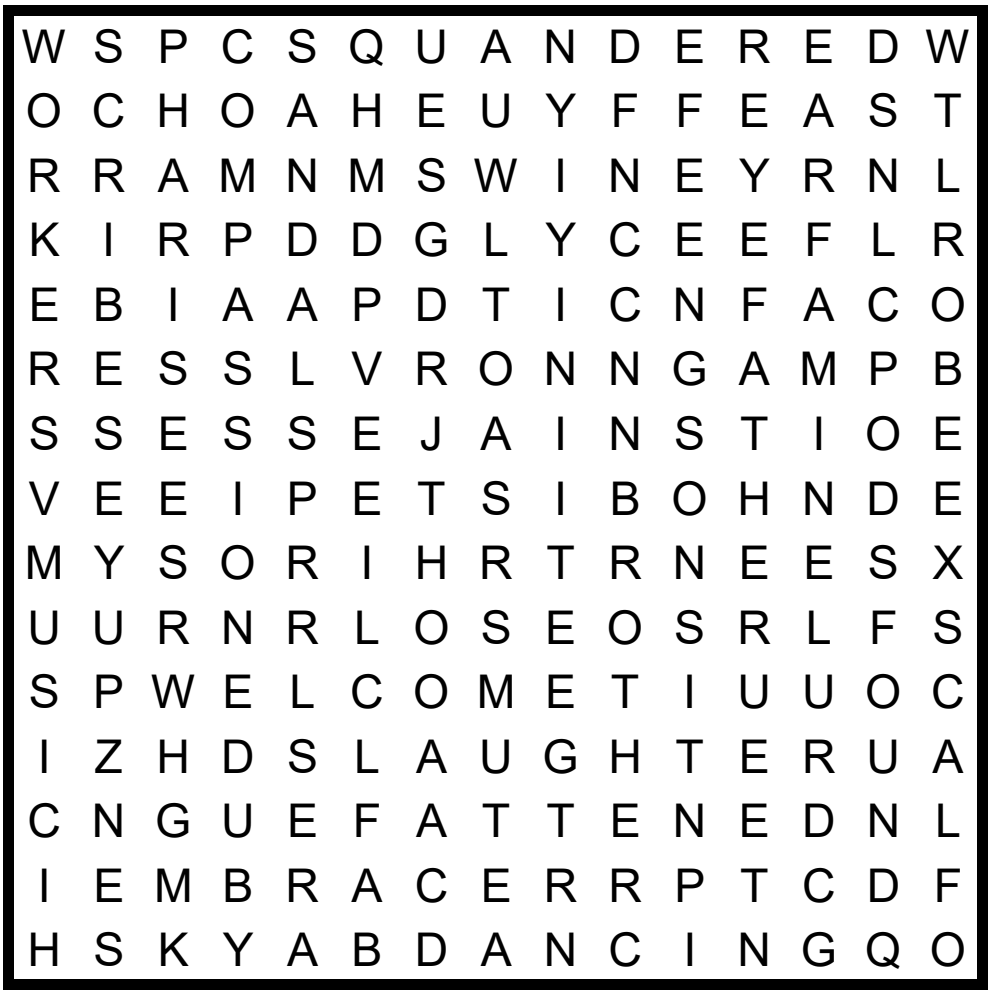

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **Mary's Apostolate** 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.	**Our Lady of Miraculas Medal 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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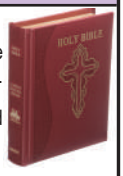

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