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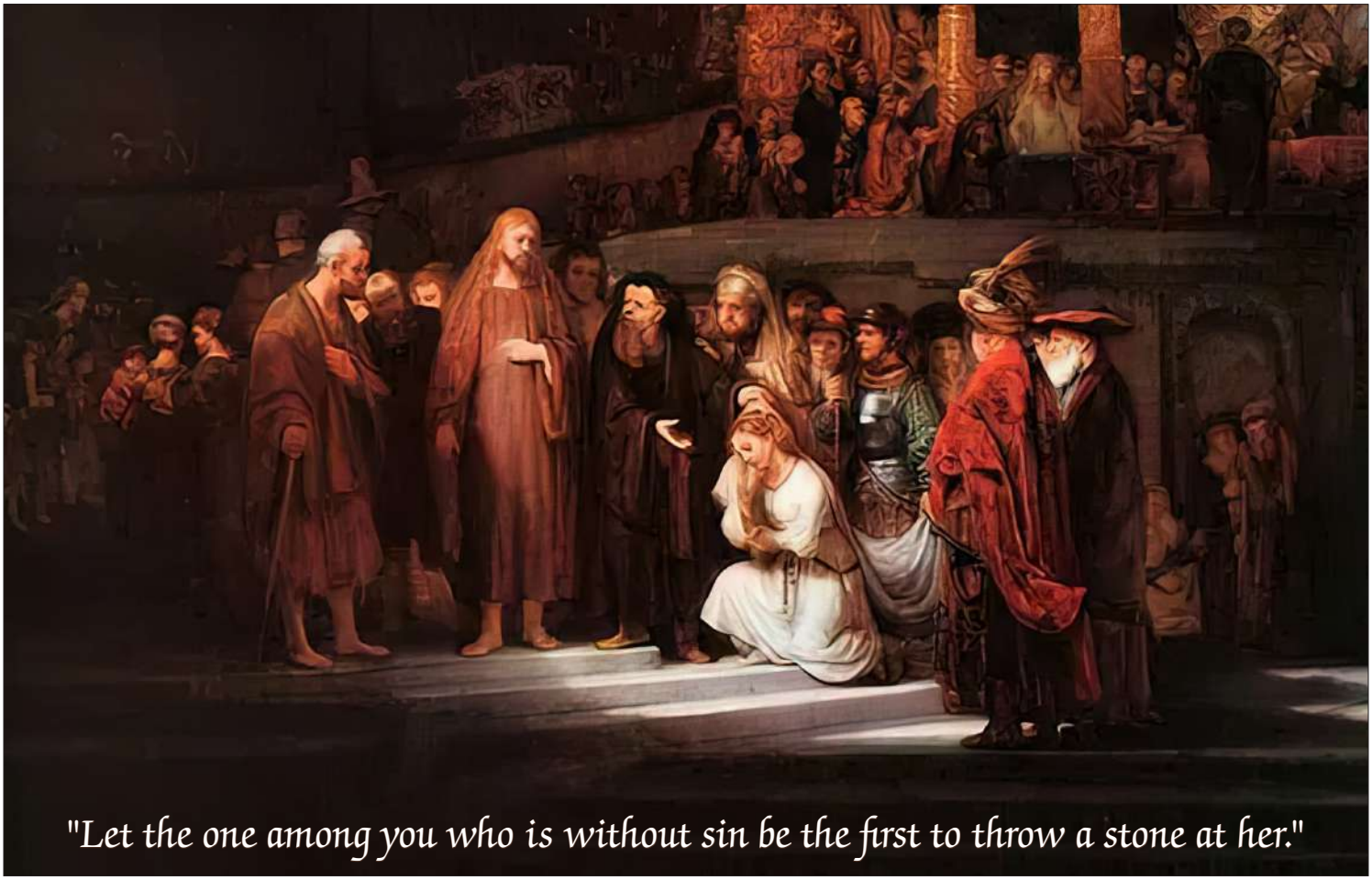

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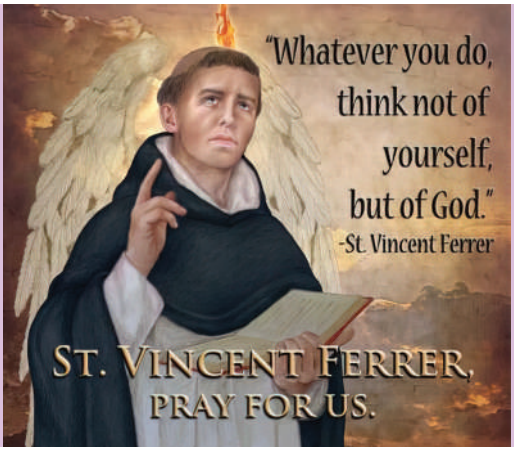

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, April 5th **5:00 p.m.**
Charlene Henderson – Birthday Blessings
Requested by Allison Gullap

Sunday, April 6th **8:00 a.m.**
Joyce Ali Bocas – Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Rosie Mejias

11:00 a.m.
Kim McKenney – Birthday Blessings
Cecile Sancilus – In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Cobs
Ambrosio S. Daniel – In Memoriam
Requested by the Gillies and Rodriguez Families
David Follins — Blessings and Healing
Requested by the School of Religion Catechists and Students

Monday, April 7th **9:00 a.m.**
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish – Blessings

Tuesday, April 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Louis Cardiello – In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Rectory Staff

Wednesday, April 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Patrick Bernadine —Blessings and Healing
Requested by the School of Religion Catechists and Students

Thursday, April 10th **9:00 a.m.**
Gesner Elysée – In Memoriam
Requested by the Elysée Family

Friday, April 11th **9:00 a.m.**
Margaret Feron— In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret & James Bambara

Saturday, April 12th **9:00 a.m.**
Catherine B. Wood — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret & James Bambara

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
Pope Francis — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
The sick and homebound — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Dunstan Critchlow
Requested by Claudia Hooper

The Ministers of the Word — Blessings

Saint Joseph Candle
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

Sanctuary Candle
The Ministry of Technology — Blessings

Mary's Chapel
The Ministry of Mercy — Blessings

Annunciation Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

Join us in remembering
Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. Nugent

On the First Anniversary of his passing
Tuesday, April 15
9:00 a.m. Mass

Read Sunday's Gospel: John 8:1-11

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?

All the people started coming to [Jesus], and he sat down and taught them. What draws me to Jesus? How can I help others to encounter Jesus?

Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. When have I judged others harshly? How can I treat others with the mercy that God extends to me?

Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more. When have I felt condemned? What one action can I take this week to curb a sinful behavior?

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

Closing Prayer

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

(From Psalm 126)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, April 6:
Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126:1-6, Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11
To the exiles in Babylon, Isaiah foretells a new exodus (1), when the Lord will lead his people from captivity to freedom (Ps). True freedom is rooted in the person of Jesus, not in observance of the Law (2). It is he who challenges us to examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others (3).

Monday, April 7:
Feast of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Psalm 23: 1-6, John 8:12-20
Justice, according to the Mosaic Law, prevails for Susanna (1) who trusted in the Lord's goodness (Ps). Unlike the perjury of the two elders, Jesus' testimony is true: he is the light of the world (2).

Tuesday, April 8:
Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21, John 8:21-30
The seraph, mounted on the pole (1), released those doomed to die (Ps). Jesus, lifted high on the cross (2), saves us from death.

Wednesday, April 9
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Psalm Daniel 3:52-56, John 8:31-42.
Through God's intervention, the three servants are set free (1, Ps). If we believe in Jesus, his truth will free us (2) from sin and death.

Thursday, April 10
Genesis 17:3-9, Psalm 105:4-9, John 8:52-59
God makes a covenant with Abraham (1, Ps), who rejoices in Jesus as I AM (2)..

Friday, April 11
Feast of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalm 18:2-7, John 10:31-42
Denounced (1) for blasphemy, for making himself God's equal (2), Jesus know he can trust in God, his strength (Ps).

Saturday, April 12
Ezekiel 37:21-28, Psalm: Jeremiah 31:10-13, John 11:45-46
Jesus will establish a covenant of peace (1) in his blood, for Jews (Ps) and Gentiles alike, for all God's Children (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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection - Friday, April 18, 2025

This Jubilee Year is designated as a Year of Hope. Indeed, hope is a necessary virtue in a land marked by cycles of violence and relative calm. Gaza itself has been reduced to rubble. Missiles have hit many other places as well. People across the region are tasked with rebuilding homes, schools, hospitals, and even churches. Many of our faithful earn their living from pilgrimages. Still repaying debts from the pandemic shutdown, they found themselves soon assaulted by war. Now, already in debt, many have again lost jobs. Fear and despair have driven many Christians to leave the Holy Land: over the past century, Christians have gone from 23% to less than 2% of the population. And more than 90 Christian families have already left Bethlehem since October 7, having lost hope in a good future for them in the land where Jesus and the Church were born. How could we allow the land where Jesus Christ walked and called people to follow HIm become a place without a local Church?

Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a Collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides formation and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your support of this important collection is essential.

Please be generous.

Scripture Reflection

A Powerful Lesson

As a teenager in the 1970s, I was sneaking cigarettes. Eventually my guilt prompted me to tell my mother. I prepared for the worst! She responded first in silence, and then calmly requested that I please stop doing this. That was it! The relief and gratitude I felt was profound, and it was a powerful lesson learned about compassion.

In today's reading, a woman caught in adultery encounters her own lesson in compassion. Those trying to test Jesus ask what should be done in response to her sin. Instead of picking up a rock, Jesus gets down on the ground and starts writing. Jesus is doing something new here, scrawling in the dirt with his finger. It makes me think about his humility, and his thoughtful processing of the situation.

In response to the stoning, he asks those without sin to throw stones, and no one steps forth. Eventually, he turns to the woman, asking if anyone has condemned her, and Jesus says that he has not. He then simply asks her to go and to sin no more—she is free.

Instead of being punished in the old way, she is given another chance and is only asked to refrain from this behavior. This kind of mercy is likely to restore confidence and courage and draw her closer to God, which will lead to a better life and to eternal life. Jesus does not change the law, but he administers it in an entirely new and life-giving way. Who would not want to pursue that promise?

— Fran Rossi Szpylczyn

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis' Intention for April:

For The Use Of The New Technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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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.

Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Celebrate the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers, with this great movie on Formed. St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us!

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Fifth 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 Miraculous 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. 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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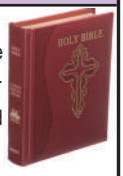

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