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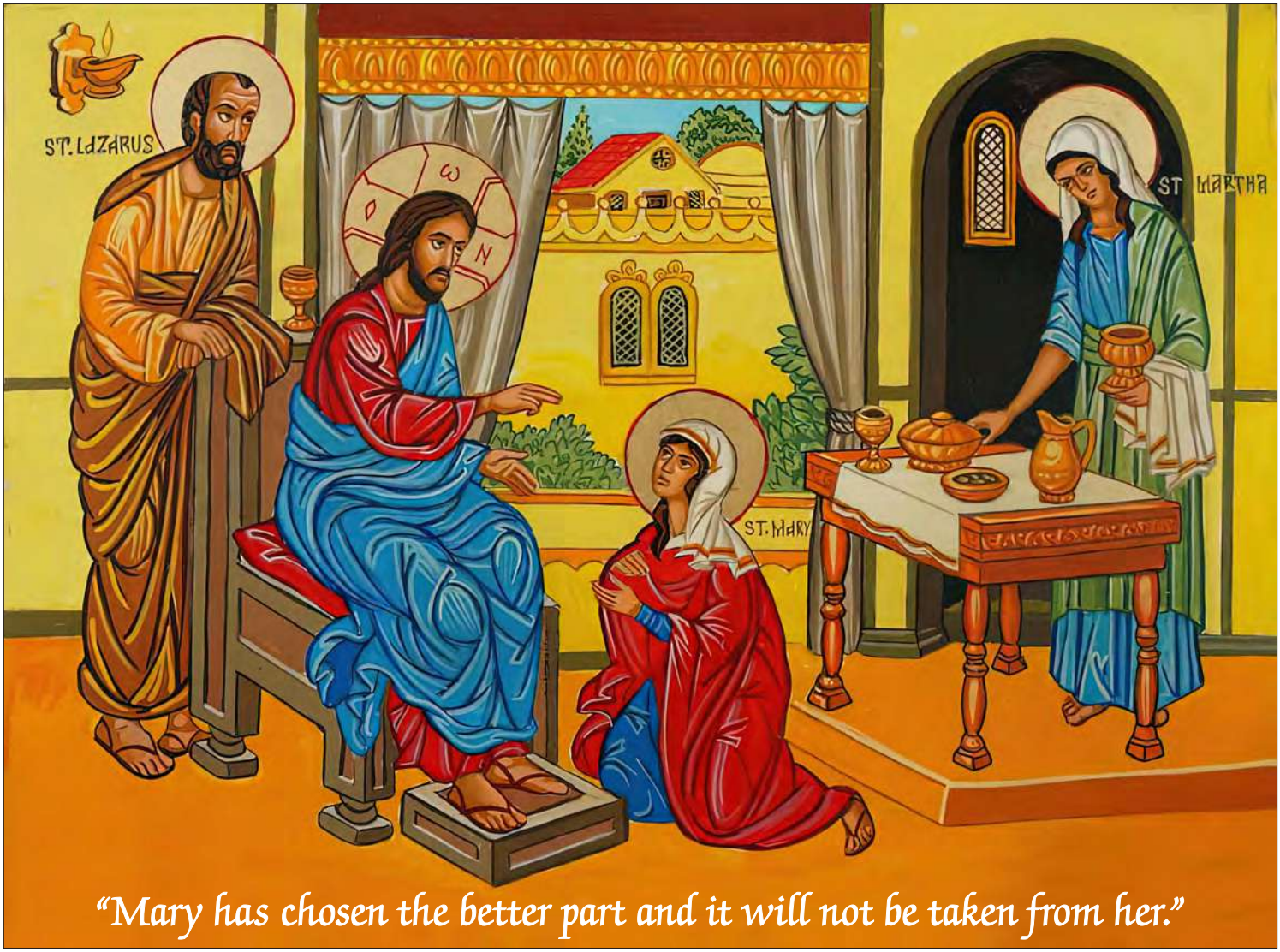

"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

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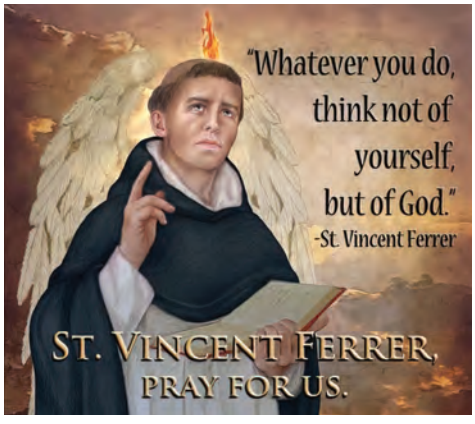

MASS SCHEDULE

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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16th Week in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 19th — 5:00 p.m.
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jean and Nicole Lamarque
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Sunday, July 20th — 8:00 a.m.
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
John Mohammed Ali Bocas — In Memoriam
Requested by Rosie Ali Bocas Mejias

11:00 a.m.
Kendyll Lashley —Blessings
Requested by Irmin Payne
Mr. & Mrs. Hermann Vilbon and Sister
— In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Lourdes St. Louis
Nickolas Ayoub — Birthday Remembrance
Requested by the Gillies Family

Monday, July 21st — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Fabiola Pernier — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Armelle Jean-Baptiste

Tuesday, July 22nd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Mary Magdalene
Gerald DeMaio — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Wednesday, July 23rd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Bridget, Religious
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, July 24th — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Charbel Makhlouf, Priest
Patrick and Cynthia Addison Bernadine
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, July 25th — 9:00 a.m.
Saint James, Apostle
James Bambara — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, July 26th — 9:00 a.m.
Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Lyliane Mayas and Juynemer Philogene
— In Memoriam
Requested by The Philogene Family

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Melona Barber — Birthday Blessings

Altar Flowers
Zelma Henry — Birthday Blessings

Altar Candles
Barbara Gillespie — In Memoriam

Sanctuary Candle
June Goggin — Birthday Blessings

Mary's Chapel
Marc Jean — In Memoriam

Annunciation Chapel
All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

SECOND COLLECTION JULY 19-20: TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF

This weekend's second collection is an emergency collection taken up by the Diocese of Brooklyn to provide aid and relief for those affected by the devastating floods in Texas.

SECOND COLLECTION: THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES JULY 26-27

Next weekend's second collection is the **Pontifical Mission Societies Collection**. Bishop Brennan asks that the funds from this collection be directed to the newly erected Missionary Diocese of Sultanpet, India. Funds from this collection are for the support of corporal works of mercy which include education, supporting vulnerable children, work in hospitals and teaching catechism. Your great sacrifice and timely help will enable us to experience God, living and acting in and through the poorest of the poor for the wellbeing and growth if the community. ***Please be generous.***

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 10:38-42 .

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?

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. When have I had an opportunity to welcome Jesus into my heart and home? How can I become more welcoming to Jesus in disguise in my brothers and sisters?

Tell her to help me. When have I found it difficult to ask for help? Who needs my help this week? ***Y***

You are anxious and worried about many things. What is causing me worry or anxiety right now? How might my faith help me in dealing with worry and anxiety?

Closing Prayer

One who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
One who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

(From Psalm 15)

DAILY READINGS FOR
THE 16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, July 20
Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15:2-5 Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42
Abraham, the just and upright man (Ps), graciously hosts three visitors (1). As Mary and Martha host Jesus, he speaks of only one thing as necessary (3) for us who follow him: being open to receive the message and person of Jesus and being receptive to "the mystery of Christ" (2) as he comes to us through one another.

Monday, July 21
Exodus 14:5-18 Psalm–Exodus 15:1b-6
Matthew 12:38-42
At the Red Sea, God saves the Israelites from death (1, Ps). Jesus is the sign of the Father (2).

Tuesday, July 22
Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
John 20:1-2, 11-18
I will seek him (Ps) whom my heart loves (1a), him who died for us all (1b). Having encountered the risen Lord, Mary Magdalene announces his resurrection to the disciples (2).

Wednesday, July 23
Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 Psalm 78:18-19, 23-28
Matthew 13:1-9
God's extraordinary intervention is a sign of his assuring presence (1, Ps). Jesus introduces the parable of the sower (2).

Thursday, July 24
Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Psalm) Daniel 3:52-56
Matthew 13:10-17
The all-holy and glorious God (Ps) speaks to Moses at Mount Sinai (1). How blest are the eyes of the disciples for seeing Jesus, and blest their ears for hearing him (2).

Friday, July 25
2 Cor 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1b-6 Matthew 20:20-28
Called as an apostle (2), James is the first to be struck down (1). Those who sow in tears will reap with joy (Ps).

Saturday, July 26
Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6,14-15
Matthew 13:24-30
A pledge to obey the Lord is ratified by a sacrifice of praise (1, Ps). Jesus speaks of God's patience (2).

NYS Catholic Conference

Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide. Bill A 136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto — and she needs to hear from you.

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us— the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair — at even greater risk. Suicide is not healthcare.

We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path — one we must not go down.

Take Action!

Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas or use the QR Code.

The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish Pilgrimage

925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11210

The Ministry of Divine Mercy Host

A Pilgrimage to the

National Blue Army Shrine Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Coach Bus Transportation
Depart: 8:00 AM (in front of Church)
Return: 6:00 PM

Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch

The Blue Army Shrine doesn't have a strict formal dress code, but it encourages pilgrims to dress appropriately for the reverence of the occasion. This generally translates to modest, respectful attire, keeping in mind that the space is a place of prayer and devotion.

Donation
$80.00
per person

For More Information or Tickets:
Marie Ange Bernier - (646) 247-4565
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Rectory Office - (718) 859-9009

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School of Religion 2025-2026 Registration has begun for new and returning students. Classes begin in September.

The registration forms can be found 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.

If you are registering a new student, please bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

Please check the website and your email for further updates.

If you have any questions, please call
Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009.

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.

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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

Franciscus

Scripture Reflection

A Gospel Moment

In my mind's eye, this is a gospel moment of great beauty and joy. (Imagine Jesus choosing my home—my home!—to come and find rest.) It is also, however, a gospel moment that convicts me. I am often standing burdened with Martha, hands on hips, imploring God to dispense divine justice to all those sitting on their duffs while I'm busy tending to all that needs to be done. What "needs" to be done seems so clear, so obvious, and I am confounded by those who are not responding. I can easily identify the needs of the given situation and I just as easily respond with the quickness of activity and worry. Then I hear God's response: Virginia, Virginia, you are anxious and worried about so many things. There is need of only one thing. Only one thing.

The dozens of things that "need to be done" do indeed need to be done, granted, but has my worry and anxiety over them blinded me to the presence of God right in my midst? I stand with mouth agape and it starts to dawn on me, "Oh, yeah. I'm missing the point." In that moment, I am invited—by God or by Martha, I'm not sure who—to close my mouth, take off the apron, put down the accusations, and be in God's presence. Notice. Listen. Revere.

—Virginia Herbers,
Gifts from Friends We Never Wanted

Virginia Herbers is a retreat director, lecturer, and spiritual director. Virginia has been an educator in the United States and Taiwan, a blogger for the USCCB, a regular columnist for Global Sisters Report, and a frequent presenter at retreat centers and parishes across the country.

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ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The Diocese of Brooklyn has reached an agreement with the New York State Attorney General to enhance child safety measures. This agreement requires updated training for all clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children. The new training is designed to provide valuable information to help adults ensure the safety of children and adults during interactions.

To be compliant, please log in to your account at Virtus.org and complete your training.

If you have any questions, please contact 718-965-7300, X6076.

IMPORTANT

All ministers and volunteers are reminded that they must update their Virtus training, required as a 'must-do' by the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Failure to do so will prevent them from practicing their ministry within the Diocese.

This Week on Formed

Week of July 20, 2025

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Footprints: The Path of Your Life

Eleven young men from the United States walk the Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery. How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit, or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much?

Sts. Joachim and Anne | Catholic Saints

Though they never appear in canonical Scripture, Sts. Joachim and Anne—the grandparents of Jesus—hold a place of great importance in the Church's tradition. Discover more about the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this episode of Catholic Saints with Mary McGeehan and Augustine Institute professor Dr. Carl Vennerstrom.

Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

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summer WITH THE saints

"Walk with the saints this summer—faith-filled stories for the whole family on Formed."

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- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.
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Learn more at our website!

16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

Mary and Martha were sisters.
Jesus visited at their house.

Shade in all the number 2's

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Martha complained to Jesus. What did she say?

Use the Morse code to fill in the blanks.

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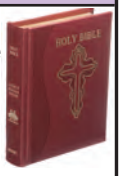

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