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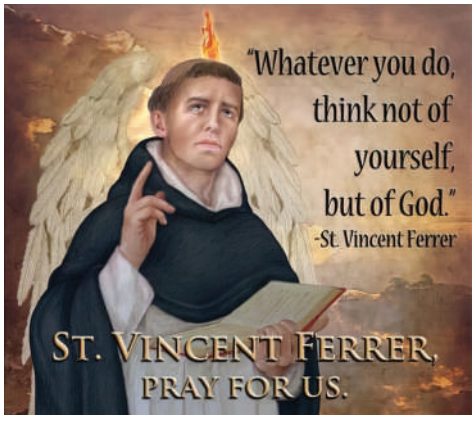

MASS SCHEDULE

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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20th Week in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 17th **5:00 p.m.**
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eula Serrette — In Memoriam
Requested by Pat St. Lawrence

Sunday, August 17th **8:00 a.m.**
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Marjorie and Gary Allard
— Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

11:00 a.m.
Johan Payne — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Irmin Payne
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Cienette and Flaubert Ulysse
— Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul
Agnes "Shirley" Parris
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
Michelle & Dominique Nickson
— 20th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Requested by Shirley Bailey
Michael and Ayena Bailey
— 10th Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Requested by Shirley Bailey

Monday, August 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Marjory Yarde — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Tuesday, August 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Eudes, Priest
Deda Marcelin — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by The Elyseé Family

Wednesday, August 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Mary Barker — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, August 21st **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Pius X, Pope
Mr. & Mrs. Bastien — In Memoriam
Requested by Their Family

Friday, August 22nd **9:00 a.m.**
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, August 23rd **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Rev. Father Charles Carmody — In Memoriam
Altar Flowers
Rev. Msgr. John F. Geary — In Memoriam
Sanctuary Candle
Rev. Father Joseph Murphy — In Memoriam
Altar Candles
Agatha & John McFarlane — 37th Wedding Anniversary
Congratulations and Blessings
Mary's Chapel
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing
Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

MASS INTENTIONS

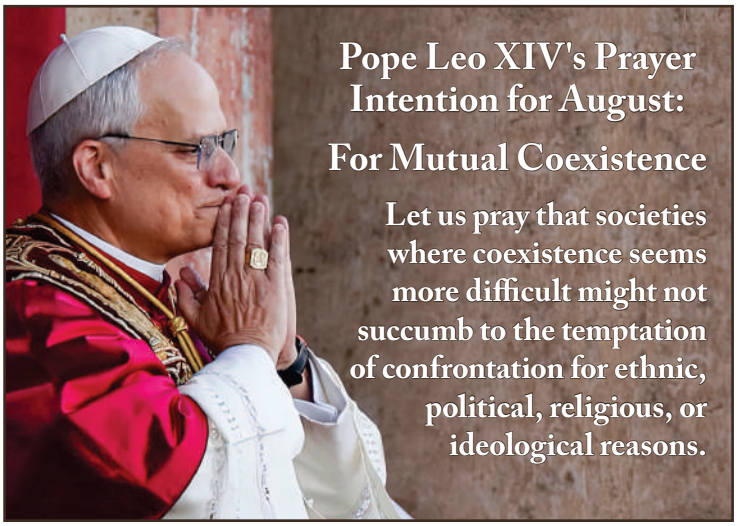
THE MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2025

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 $20 donation with each request.



Read the following scripture: Luke 12:49-53

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?

I have come to set the earth on fire. Who do I know that is on fire with their faith? How can I be a source of light to those I encounter?

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized. How do I understand my baptismal call? How can I live that call more faithfully?

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. When has my behavior caused division with others in my life? How can become a force for unity rather than division?

Closing Prayer

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
sand he stooped toward me.

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!

(From Psalm 40)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 17
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53
The Lord came to the aid (Ps) of Jeremiah whose preaching brought upon him rejection and ill treatment (1). For those who take the gospel seriously, misunderstanding and division must likewise be expected (3). Like Christ, we must never grow despondent or abandon the struggle (2) to proclaim and live the truth.

Monday, August 18
Judges 2:11-19 Psalm 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44
Matthew 5:3
Infidelity to the covenant is described (1, Ps). Our covenant with Jesus is rooted in following him who is our true treasure (2).

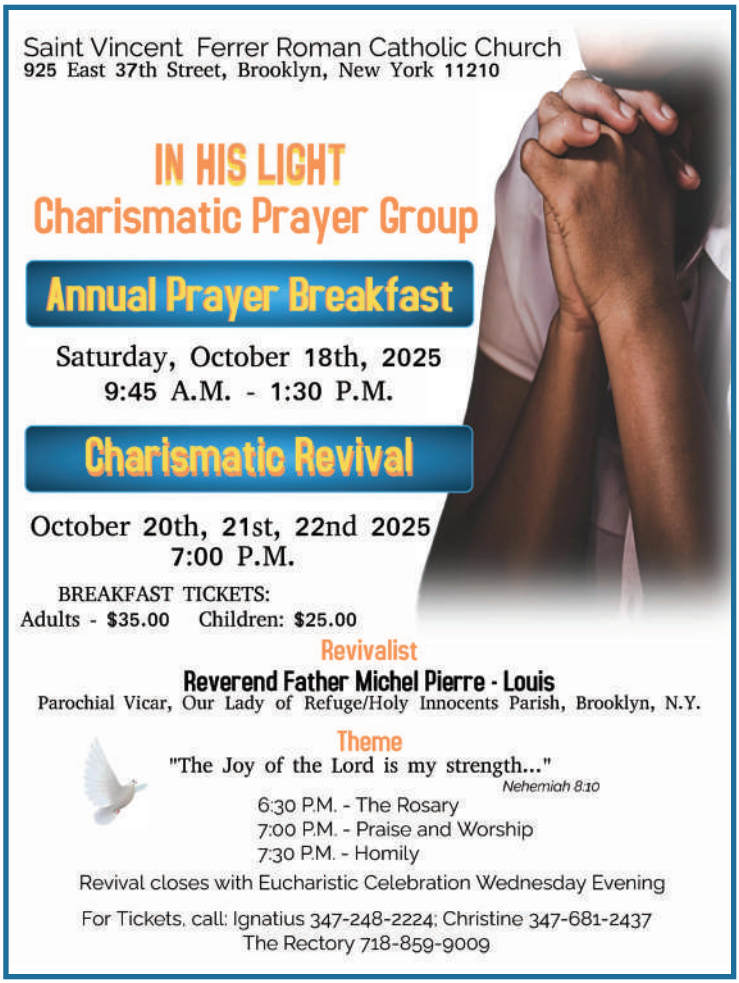
Tuesday, August 19
Judges 6:11-24a Psalm 85:9, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 19:23-30
Gideon is called to bring peace (Ps) to the Israelites (1). How difficult it is for the rich to share their blessings and thus experience salvation (2).

Wednesday, August 20
Judges 9:6-15 Psalm 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 20:1-16
A fable ridicules those who select and unworthy person (1) as king (Ps). God's love far exceeds human justice (2).

Thursday, August 21
Judges 11:29-39a 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Matthew 22:1-14
Jephthah is faithful in fulfilling his vow (1, Ps). All are invited to be clothed in Christ and to feast at his banquet table (2).

Friday, August 22
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Matthew 22:34-40
Mixed marriages, in the story of the widow (Ps) Naomi, are shown to be blest by god (1). The whole law can be summed up in one word: love (2).

Saturday, August 23
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Matthew 22:34-40
Boaz and Ruth are blessed (Ps) by the Lord with a child (1). Let us humble ourselves and so serve one another in love (2).



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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.

REGISTERING A NEW STUDENT: Please complete the online registration form for new students. Bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee.

RETURNING STUDENTS: Please complete the online registration form for returning students and bring 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.

Scripture Reflection

The Fire of the Spirit

These are not the measured words of someone following a game plan. This is an impassioned outburst, the eruption of Jesus' heart that divulges what drives him. He understands himself as a man on a mission, and he is impatient for it to be accomplished. In fact, the drive to finish is causing him inner anguish. It seems the fire he wants to cast on the earth is also inside him as a propelling force.

It recalls the words of Jeremiah, "Then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot!" (Jer 20:9). Jeremiah tries to keep the fire inside, but he cannot hold it in.

This image, "casting fire on the earth," is closely connected with the experience of the Spirit. In the deepest sense, the casting of fire means releasing the Spirit, purifying people even as it empowers them. In order for the Spirit to be released, Jesus has to undergo another baptism. This second baptism—his death and resurrection—will bequeath the same Spirit to his disciples and send them on a mission of forgiveness and reconciliation. The fire that began with Jesus casting it upon the land of Israel will now blaze throughout all nations.

Therefore, Jesus' anguish takes on a double meaning. His impending death certainly causes him trepidation. He is human, and he is not exempt from the natural fears associated with loss and death. But this distress is taken up and transformed by the more profound concern of fulfilling his mission. His sufferings are part of a divine plan that he is eager to take to the next stage. Therefore, he does not shrink from his foreseen passion. He moves toward it, accepting it as the sacrifice that will open up the earth for his revelation. The fire that is in his bones is eager to find the wood of the people of the world.

—John Shea, The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospel for Christian Preachers and Teachers

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20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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He asked, "Why can't you understand what is happening right now?"

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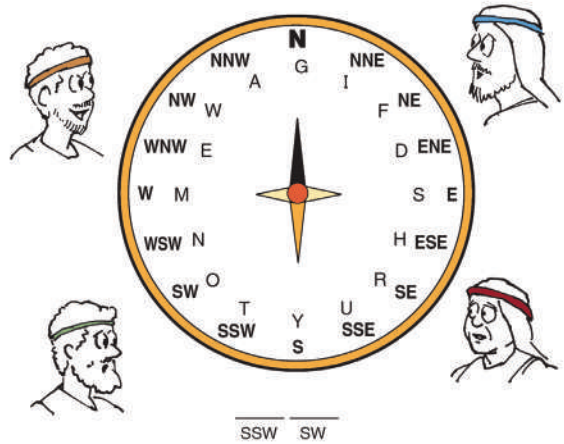

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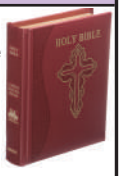

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