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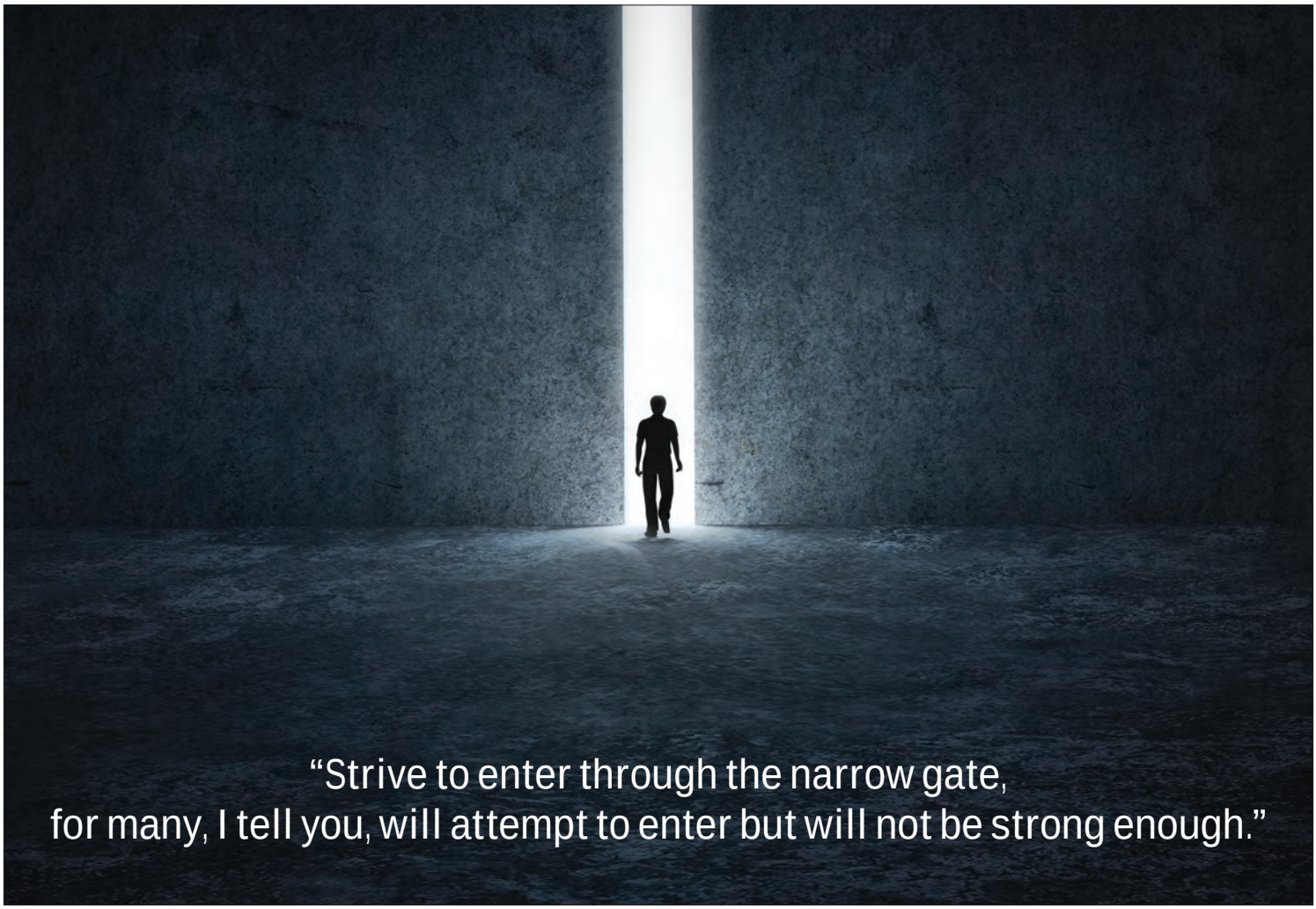

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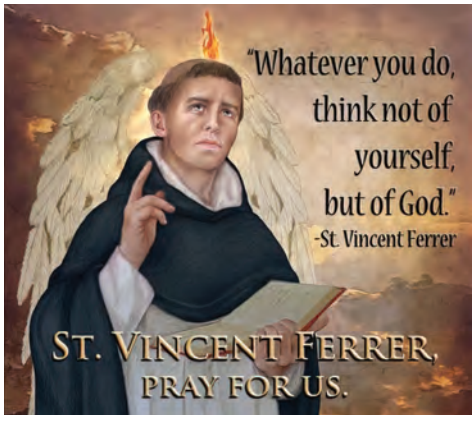

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION

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21st Week in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 23rd **5:00 p.m.**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rawle & Jacqueline Barker
— Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Sunday, August 24th **8:00 a.m.**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Venetia Williams — In Memoriam
Requested by Veronica Williams

11:00 a.m.
Quentin and Kim McKeney — Anniversary Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff
Agnes "Shirley" Parris — In Memoriam
Requested by Kim & Quentin McKeney

Monday, August 25th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Keith Aird — In Memoriam
Requested by the Aird Family

Tuesday, August 26th **9:00 a.m.**
George & Eileen Jaeger — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Wednesday, August 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Monica
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, August 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
James J. Feron — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Friday, August 29th **9:00 a.m.**
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, August 30th **9:00 a.m.**
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

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
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Fritz and Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Sam Corbie — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Alison Matthew

Mary's Chapel
June Goggin— Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Roy Redhead— 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.

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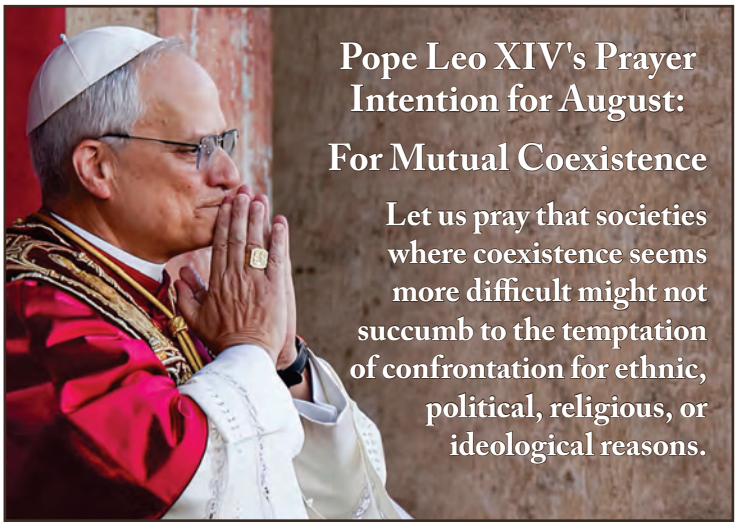

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 13:22-30.

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?

Strive to enter through the narrow gate. What sinful behaviors keep me from entering through the narrow gate? How can I change these behaviors?

Lord, open the door for us. How can I more fully open my heart to the Lord? Who am I called to welcome in God's name?

For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. Who is last in my community? How can I help to lift them up?

Closing Prayer

Praise the LORD all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples!

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

(From Psalm 117)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 24
Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30
No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess hi s holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive rights to the kingdom (1, Ps, 3). Suffering and pain are part of the human condition (2).

Monday, August 25
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Matthew 23:13-22
Paul takes delight (Ps) in the Thessalonians for their faith, hope, and love. (1). Jesus reproaches the hypocrisy of his adversaries (2).

Tuesday, August 26
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8,
Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 Matthew 23:23-26
Paul presents and apologia for his life's vocation (Ps) and apostolic ministry (1). Beware of external piety but inward uncleanness (2).

Wednesday, August 27
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab
Matthew 23:27-32
In all of his efforts in preaching the gospel (1), Paul experienced the guidance of the Lord (Ps). The hypocrisy of some Pharisees condemns their pious demeanor (2).

Thursday, August 28
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17
Matthew 24:42-51
Paul is filled with joy (Ps) and consoled by the faith of the Thessalonians (1). May our faith keep us attentive to the Lord's coming (2).

Friday, August 29
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12
Mark 6:17-29
We are called to holiness (1) and uprightness of life (Ps). John won for himself the crown of martyrdom by being beheaded (2).

Saturday, August 30
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9
Matthew 25:14-30
Love the more completely (1), live with justice and equity for all (Ps). The believer is accountable to the Lord for responsible stewardship over all the interests (riches) of the kingdom (2).

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Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Sacrament of Marriage should be celebrated.
All couples regardless of the anniversary year are invited to renew their vows.
Bring your family to witness your exchange and the continued commitment to one another.

Saturday, September 27, 2025
11:00 AM
Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Ave, Fresh Meadows

Information is due by September 15, 2025

Scan the code for more information on registration and payment options.

Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church
925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11210

IN HIS LIGHT
Charismatic Prayer Group

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 18th, 2025
9:45 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Charismatic Revival

October 20th, 21st, 22nd 2025
7:00 P.M.

BREAKFAST TICKETS:
Adults - $35.00 Children: $25.00

Revivalist

Reverend Father Michel Pierre - Louis
Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Refuge/Holy Innocents Parish, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Theme

"The Joy of the Lord is my strength..."
Nehemiah 8:10

6:30 P.M. - The Rosary
7:00 P.M. - Praise and Worship
7:30 P.M. - Homily

Revival closes with Eucharistic Celebration Wednesday Evening

For Tickets, call: Ignatius 347-248-2224; Christine 347-681-2439
The Rectory 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.

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

Knowing Jesus

When I was a pastor serving in a large suburban parish, I was blessed with a large lay staff—many of whom were women with theological degrees. I always appreciated their insights and contributions, especially at staff meetings. In one such meeting, I recall us discussing a petty concern that was brought to our attention by a parishioner. As the discussion ensued and we became more frustrated by the issue that had little to do with the mission, one of our female colleagues said, "What does this have to do with Jesus?" Her words became a wake-up call to focus on the essentials of our mission of helping those in our care encounter Jesus Christ and develop a relationship with him.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells a story that underlines the importance of knowing him not superficially but intimately. Someone asks, "Lord, open the door for us." Jesus' response is unsettling, "I do not know where you are from." Even though the people walked with Jesus and shared a table with him, the implication is that they really did not know him.

The image to enter the narrow gate points to the fact that cultivating a relationship with Jesus—and knowing him—is always a work in progress. Every disciple is called to intentionally seek to know Jesus every day so that when the time arrives to knock on heaven's door, Jesus will say, "I know you and where you are from."

— Bishop David J. Bonnar

Bishop Bonnar is the sixth bishop of Youngstown, Ohio, and editor for The Priest Magazine.

The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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This Week on Formed

Week of August 24, 2025

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The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

The Confessions of Saint Augustine

Actor Leonardo Defilippis captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

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An offering from the Augustine Institute

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summer WITH THE saints

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Learn more at our website!

21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus put His hands on her and she immediately stood straight up.

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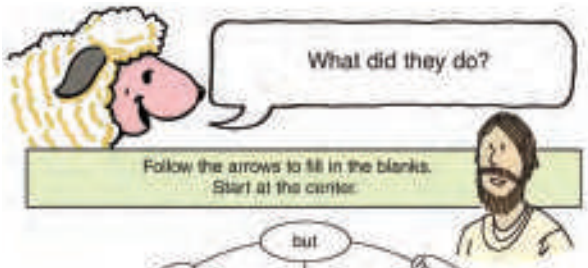

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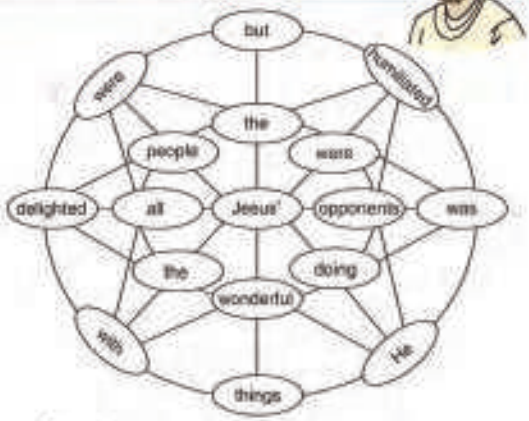

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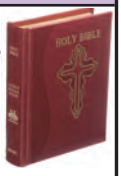

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