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22nd Week in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 30th — 5:00 p.m.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jacqueline Gopaul Barker — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Pearly Gopaul and Family

Sunday, August 31st — 8:00 a.m.
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sarita Ann Thomas — Blessings and Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m.
Irmin Payne —Birthday Blessings
Requested by Father Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff
Roy Redhead — Comfort and Healing
Requested by the Redhead Family
Hillary Julien — In Memoriam
Requested by Veronica McIntyre
Agnes "Shirley" Parris — In Memoriam
Requested by The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Douglas Allen — In Memoriam
Requested by Elaine Toppin
Santiago Rodriguez — In Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Gillies

Monday, September 1st — 9:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Tuesday, September 2nd — 9:00 a.m.
Sophia Wong — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Rosie Mejias

Wednesday, September 3rd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Johan Payne — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Irmin Payne

Thursday, September 4th — 9:00 a.m.
Anthony and Phyllis Harris
— Thanksgiving and Blessings

Friday, September 5th — 9:00 a.m.
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Saturday, September 6th — 9:00 a.m.
Jean Souffrant — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
All Current and Former Members of
Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Altar Candles
Hugh Guy — In Memoriam
Requested by Jean Guy

Sanctuary Candle
All Students and Teachers — Blessings and
A Successful School Year

Mary's Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

Annunciation Chapel
All Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them

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.

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

1st Friday:
Devotion to the Sacred Heart

2nd Friday:
Prayers for the Protection of All Life

3rd Friday:
Devotion to Saint Anthony for Vocations

4th Friday:
Saint Vincent Ferrer 4th Friday Devotion

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June 30, 2025

Dear Members:

On behalf of Bishop Brennan, allow me to thank you for your impassioned and detailed letter highlighting the wonderful work of Father Antonius Gopaul's work at St. Vincent Ferrer. Your list of his accomplishments is impressive and has been a real blessing to your parish. I know Bishop Brennan is appreciative of all his good work over the span of his time there.

The transfer of a beloved priest can be a challenging reality to accept, and I want to assure you that there is much thought and consideration given to every new assignment, including the needs of all diocesan parishes, priests' abilities, and their unique skills. Every diocesan priest has experienced the difficulty of a transfer, myself included, but the Lord's service often requires us to trust His will in all things.

We understand this may not always be evident nor fully take away the sting of a transfer. But the reality is that every Bishop must provide for the ever-changing needs of his diocese, and that requires pastoral flexibility in both the priests and the parishioners. Father Gopaul' s fine qualities will be greatly appreciated in his new parish as well, by many others who will benefit from his ministry as you have done. As such, be assured that Bishop Brennan, along with his Assignment Board, have taken the needs of St. Vincent Ferrer and kept them in mind during the assignment process.

May God bless you and all your community.

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Sean G. Ogle

Reverend Monsignor Sean G. Ogle, V.E.
Vicar for Clergy and Consecrated Life

cc: Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn

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?

The people there were observing him carefully. When have I judged others by their appearance? How often do I gossip or intrude on others' privacy?

Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. How great a priority do I place on the good opinion of others? When have I valued worldly esteem over spiritual growth?

Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. How can I reach out more effectively to those on the peripheries? How can I extend hospitality to those in need?

Closing Prayer

The just rejoice and exult before God;
they are glad and rejoice.
Sing to God, chant praise to his name,
whose name is the LORD.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.
God gives a home to the forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

A bountiful rain you showered down,
O God, upon your inheritance;
you restored the land when it languished;
your flock settled in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

(From Psalm 68)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 22ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 31
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14
Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility (1) shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled (3). The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God (Ps) in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem (2).

Monday, September 1
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Luke 4:16-30
The dead will share in the reign of the Lord when he comes (1, Ps). A liturgical homily by Jesus reveals the Father's plan (2).

Tuesday, September 2
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 4:31-37
Live in the light (Ps) and the Day will not surprise you (1). Jesus has mercy and frees the man with an unclean spirit (2).

Wednesday, September 3
Colossians 1:1-8 Psalm 52:10-11 Luke 4:38-44
Paul gives thanks for what the Lord has done (Ps) at Colossae (1). Jesus witnesses gospel joy by healing the sick and the diseased (2).

Thursday, September 4
Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 98:2-6 Luke 5:1-11
The Colossians have experienced God's saving grace (1, Ps). The radical nature of discipleship is described (2).

Friday, September 5
Colossians 1:15-20 Psalm 100:1b-5 Luke 5:33-39
The primacy of Christ is sung (Ps) in this profession of faith (1). Baptismal grace bespeaks rejection of sin (2).

Saturday, September 6
Colossians 1:21-23 Psalm 54:3-4, 6,8 Luke 6:1-5
God has taken the initiative of saving us (Ps) in the death of Christ (1). Jesus is revealed as "Lord even of the Sabbath" (2).

Scripture Reflection

A Place at the Table

For several years, I volunteered as an English teacher for a group of women who had immigrated from Mexico. Because of limited space at the front of our classroom, no one sat at the head of the table. I perched at an awkward angle at one corner of the table with the students sitting around three sides. I felt like I was on the sidelines, even more so when conversations would veer off-topic from the lessons I had planned.

One day, though, I realized something more important than grammar lessons was taking place. The students were using their growing English skills to share their personal stories with me. In a sense, they were inviting me to move up higher into the gift of friendship. As I relaxed my grasp on the class and accepted a place within the community, albeit with a particular role, I began to learn beautiful life lessons from my students.

Through their eyes, I saw that there is always room at the table for one more, for ten more, for however many may arrive. Their affectionate style of prayer awakened me to how very near God is to us. They gave witness to the faithful companionship of Mary. They urged me to worry less and to celebrate more, to receive life as a gift from God each day.

At this table, I found humility opening me to mutual relationships. The companionship formed around this table was renewing, a "bountiful rain" from God (Psalm 68:9). How grateful I am for that seat at the table and all that it brought into my life.

—Kimberly Baker

Kimberly Baker, PhD, is associate professor of patristics at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology and co-founder of Women of the Church, a Catholic leadership forum.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE		
Saturday 5PM Mass	**Sunday 8AM Mass**	**Sunday 11AM Mass**
August 30	**August 31**	**August 31**
Marie-Ange	Francesca	Marie-Rosa
September 6	**September 7**	**September 7**
Jean	Daisy	Joan

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit. www.pre-cana.org.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Sick Calls: In case of emergency – any time.

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Week of August 31, 2025

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ENJOY
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EXALTS
HUMBLED
LUNCH
DINNER
FRIENDS
BROTHERS
RELATIVES
WEALTHY
NEIGHBORS
RATHER
POOR
CRIPPLED
LAME
BLIND
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The Parable of the Marriage Feast

Jesus noticed how the guests at a dinner picked the places of honor for themselves.

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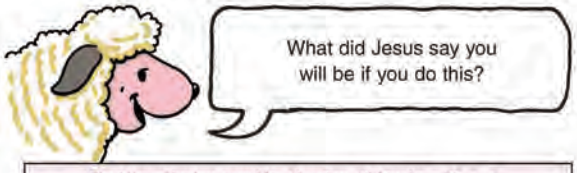

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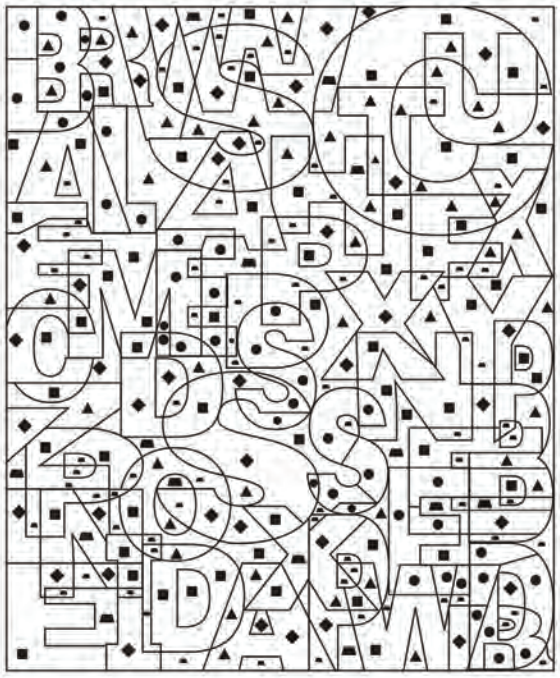

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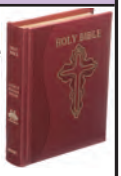

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