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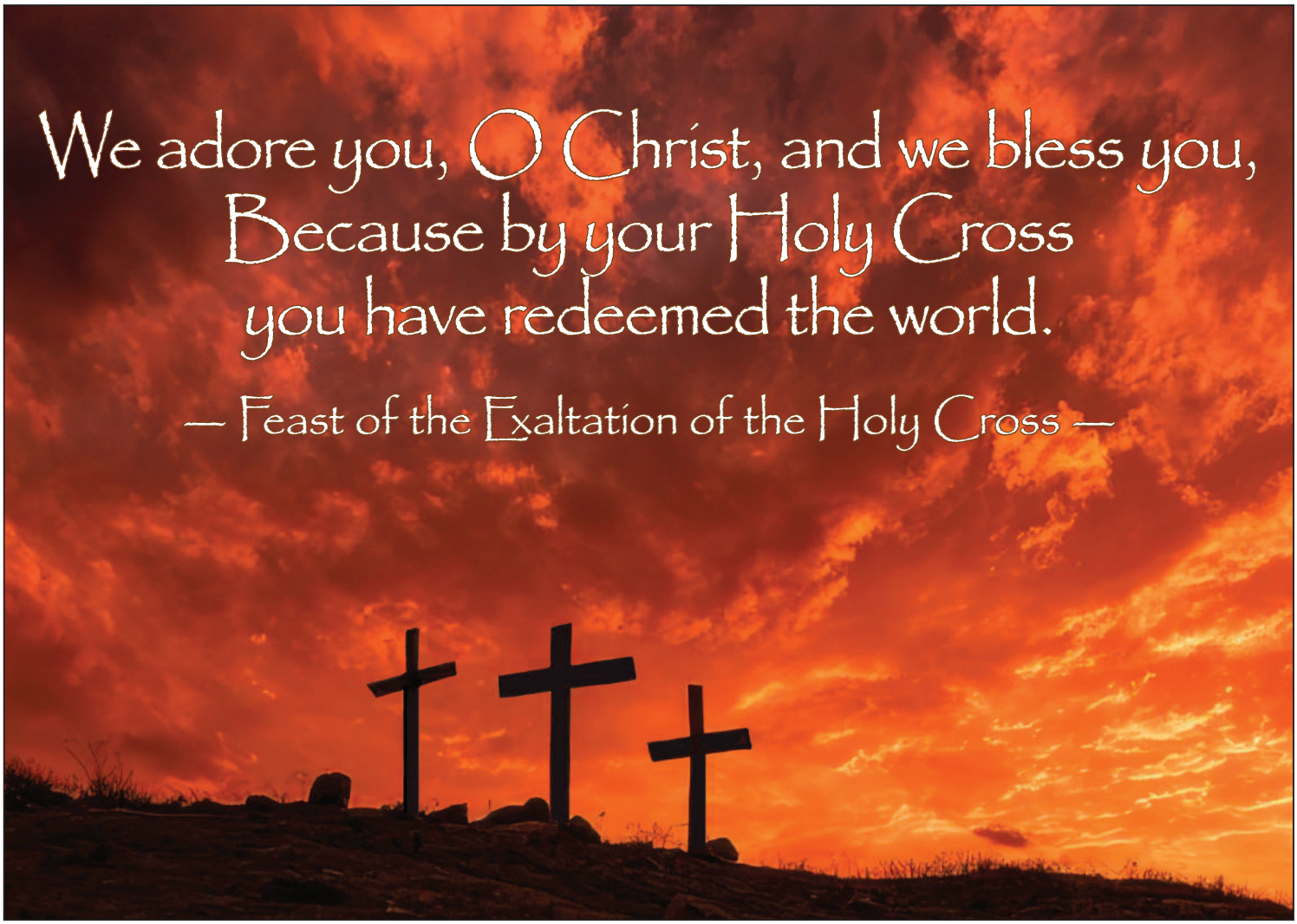

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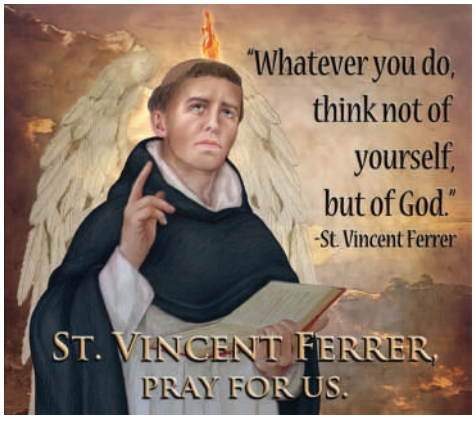

MASS SCHEDULE

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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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, September 13th **5:00 p.m.**
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
James and Rosemary Feron — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, September 14th **8:00 a.m.**
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Louis B. Cardiello —In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff

11:00 a.m.
Harkim Payne — In Memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin McKeney
Favveur Jean Dor, Marie Rose Dor, Damier Pierre, and Claupaire Sleuristal — In Memoriam
Requested by the Dor Family
Francoise Similian — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Surena

Monday, September 15th **9:00 a.m.**
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace
All the Sick and Homebound of the Parish

Tuesday, September 16th **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Lilia Fattore — In Memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Wednesday, September 17h **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Lidia Patricia Solarte — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff

Thursday, September 18th **9:00 a.m.**
Fritz Baron — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, September 19th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Staff

Saturday, September 20th **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs
Barbara Gillespie — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Current and Former Parishioners of Saint Vincent Ferrer

Altar Flowers
All Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Altar Candles
All Religious Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Sanctuary Candle
All Parishioners Who Have Pursued a Vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life

Mary's Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

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

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Pope Leo has asked the Church to join together in prayer and fasting for peace.

He speaks of the major and well-known conflicts around the world such as Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, but also reminds us that there are many other parts of the world suffering from war and violence, including Haiti and the sufferings of our Haitian community here in Brooklyn.

Recently we saw unspeakable violence at Annunciation Parish and School in Minneapolis and at the same time we hear daily reports of violence in our own city.

We are asked to unite our hearts and voices in prayer and penance on **Monday, September 15, 2025 — the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**. The tears of Our Lady and the compunction of our hearts can indeed have a transformative effect in our families, our communities, our nation and in the world. Please join us.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: John 3:13-17.

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?

So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. How do I lift up my faith in Jesus through my words and actions? When have I shared my faith with someone?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. When have I felt God's love most strongly? How do I respond to God's gift of saving love?

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. What can I do to make the world (or my piece of it) a more just and peace-filled place? How can I be a source of unity rather than division?

Closing Prayer

Hearken, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable,
I will utter mysteries from of old.

While he slew them they sought him
and inquired after God again,
Remembering that God was their rock
and the Most High God, their redeemer.

But they flattered him with their mouths
and lied to him with their tongues,
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,
nor were they faithful to his covenant.

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin
and destroyed them not;
Often he turned back his anger
and let none of his wrath be roused. (From Psalm 78)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, September 14
Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-38
Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17
"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent (1), so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (3). "God highly exalted him" and made him Lord (2)! How unforgettable are his deeds (Ps)!

Monday, September 15
1 Timothy 2:1-8 Psalm 28:2, 7-9
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Prayer is to be offered (Ps) for all through our mediator, Jesus Christ (1). Pierced with a sword of sorrow (2b), Mary stood by the cross of her Son (2a) who "learned obedience from what he suffered" (Hebrews)

Tuesday, September 16
1 Timothy 3:1-13 Psalm 101:1b-3b, 5-6
Luke 7:11-17
Qualities desired in leaders of the faith community are discussed (1, Ps). Jesus restores life to the son of the widow of Nain (2).

Wednesday, September 17
1 Timothy 3:14-16 Psalm 111:1-6 Luke 7:31-35
Paul quotes a liturgical hymn which speaks of great deeds (Ps): Jesus' incarnation and resurrection (1). His advent is met with criticism and indifference (2).

Thursday, September 18
1 Timothy 4:12-16 Psalm 111:7-10 Luke 7:36-50
Timothy is reminded of his responsibilities as a leader of the faith community (1). God has sent deliverance to his people (Ps). The mystery of his love and forgiveness is revealed in Jesus (2).

Friday, September 19
1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Psalm 49:6-10, 17-20 Luke 8:1-3
Paul reminds Timothy of the values which should animate his ministry (1, Ps). Women join the Twelve in following Jesus (2).

Saturday, September 20
1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:1b-5 Luke 8:4-15
Serve the Lord (Ps) and keep his commandments until the Day of Jesus Christ (1). His word has been planted in our hearts to bear fruit in faith and love (2).

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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

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.

Diocese of Brooklyn Wedding Anniversary Mass Registration Form - September 27, 2025

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School of Religion 2025-2026 Registration has begun for new and returning students. Classes begin on September 21st.

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.

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Diocesan Pilgrimage
October 25th, 2025

We cordially invite you to join the Diocese of Brooklyn on an inspiring pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.
As Pilgrims of Hope, we will unite to seek spiritual renewal and foster a community.
This pilgrimage holds special significance as it coincides with the Jubilee Year 2025, during which the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence.

If you have any questions please email pilgrimage@diobrook.org

Scripture Reflection

The Goodness of God

The truth that Jesus came to reveal to us is not concerned with our sinfulness or the inevitability of death or any other discouraging reality. We can discover all those things on our own. He came to reveal to us something that we have great difficulty in believing, that is, that God loves us so much that, if we really understood it, we would not fear anything that could possibly happen to us. Of course, it is easy to say that God is good and loving and merciful. But saying it and knowing it in the depths of one's being are quite different matters. And if there is one thing that is of overriding importance in John's Gospel, it is the desire to lead us from a merely verbal and superficial form of faith to a deeply personal experience of the love of God.

The goodness of God means that he wishes to share his eternal life with us. Of course, this is our own most earnest wish. However, this cannot happen unless we believe in Jesus and embrace the message that he gives us. It is crucial that we understand what believing in Jesus means. It does not mean simply to believe that he existed or that he worked miracles and preached eloquently in Galilee. Nor does it mean to believe that he died on the cross and rose from the dead. One can accept the truth of all these statements without really changing one's life. Rather, to believe in Christ means that we accept, not only the facts about his life and death and resurrection, but also the significance of these facts for our own lives. In other words, we must come to understand that we need to be committed to the same unselfish love that we see in Jesus and that found its most perfect expression in his dying for us on the cross.

— Fr. Demetrius Dumm,
adapted from *A Mystical Portrait of Jesus*

Demetrius Dumm, OSB (d. 2013), was a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and a professor of New Testament studies at St. Vincent Seminary for almost fifty years.

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025		
Saturday 5PM Mass	**Sunday 8AM Mass**	**Sunday 11AM Mass**
September 13	**September 14**	**September 14**
Pat	Roxanne	Lydia
September 20	**September 21**	**September 21**
Mary	Brenda	Geralda
September 27	**September 28**	**September 28**
Margaret	Camille	Lester

MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025			
	Saturday 5PM Mass	**Sunday 8AM Mass**	**Sunday 11AM Mass**
	September 13	**September 14**	**September 14**
Lector # 1	Mattheus	Daisy	Aiden
Lector # 2	Cynthia	Anna	Donald
	September 20	**September 21**	**September 21**
Lector # 1	Fritz	Carolle	Gloria
Lector # 2	Allison	Lester	Marcia
	September 27	**September 28**	**September 28**
Lector # 1	Jocelynne	Lancine	Geralda
Lector # 2	Alana	Anna	Elaine

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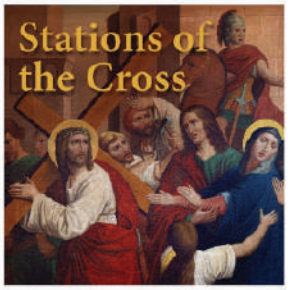
This Week on Formed

Week of September 14, 2025

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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The Lost Coin

Circle how many she had.

A woman had 2 5 10 coins.

She lost one coin.

How many does she have now? _____

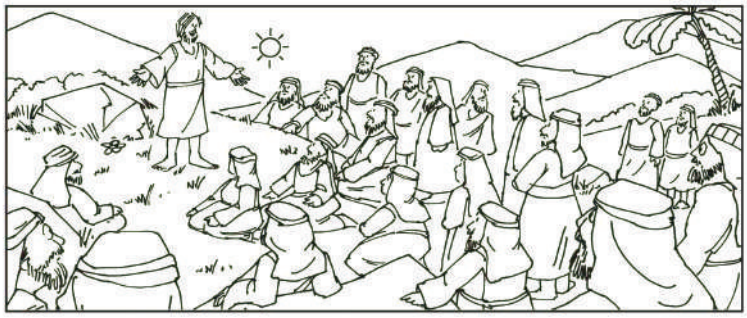
She looked and looked and she found the lost coin. Then she was happy.

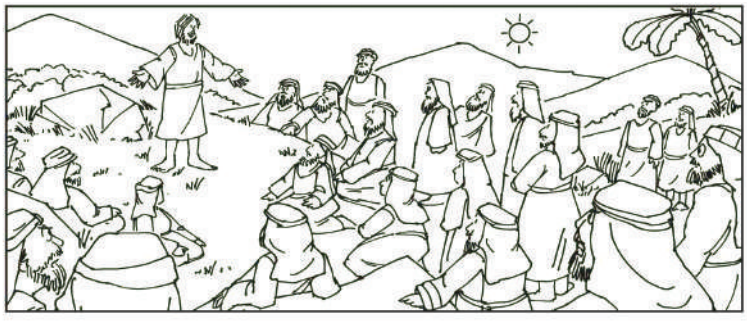
Draw her coins now.

The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin

Many different people were gathering around Jesus to hear Him teach. Some did not like what He said.

Find 16 differences in the pictures below.





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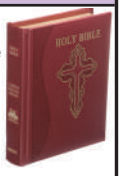

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