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OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Welcome to Our New Pastor

Rev. Father Michael J.S. Bruno, S.T.D.

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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 19th — 5:00 p.m.
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
James and Rosemary. Feron — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, October 12th — 8:00 a.m.
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Parishioners of Saint Vincent Ferrer
— In Thanksgiving for Your Gracious Gifts
Requested by Father Gopaul

11:00 a.m.
Nichole Cherie — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Kerlene Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Richard Mahabir — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Jill Morgan

Sybill Allen — Blessings and Healing
Lester and Marcia Harrison — Blessings
Kim and Quentin McKeney — Blessings

Monday, October 20th — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Father Gopaul

Tuesday, October 21st — 9:00 a.m.
Elaine St. Jean — In Memoriam
Requested by Guerda Toussaint

Wednesday, October 22nd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint John Paul II, Pope
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — Birthday Memoriam
Requested bySaint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, October 23rd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
Rev. Father John J. O'Sullivan — In Memoriam

Friday, October 24th — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Blair R. Brookes — In Memoriam
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul and Family

Saturday, October 25th — 9:00 a.m.
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Jean Souffrant — Blessings and Healing

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Elaine St. Jean — In Memoriam

Altar Flowers
Elaine St. Jean — In Memoriam

Altar Candles
Elaine St. Jean — In Memoriam

Sanctuary Candle
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners of Saint Vincent Ferrer,

Thank you for your prayers and your gracious gifts and loving support.

May we keep each other in our prayers and thoughts.

God Bless You!

— Father Antonius P. Gopaul

SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER 19-20

The second collection this weekend (October 19-20) is for
World Mission Sunday
to benefit The Pontifical Mission Societies, which includes
The Propagation of the Faith, The Missionary Union,
The Missionary Childhood Association and
The Society of Saint Peter the Apostle
Please be generous.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My name is Father Michael Bruno, and I am truly humbled to have been appointed by Bishop Brennan as your new pastor! First, please allow me to express my sincerest gratitude to Father Gopaul for his kind welcome, and most especially for his tireless devotion and pastoral zeal so evident in every aspect of our parish! His care, attention, and leadership, especially in the renewal of our parish plant, are incredible gifts that will benefit St. Vincent Ferrer Church for generations to come. Please join me in praying for Father Gopaul as he begins his new ministry to the people of St. Matthew's Parish. It is my hope that he will allow us to show our gratitude to him for all of his work on our behalf in the near future.

I am sure that you are wondering who Bishop Brennan has sent to be your new pastor, and so allow me briefly to introduce myself. I am the son of Rosalie and the late Michael Bruno, and I grew up and heard the Lord's call in my home parish of St. Rosalia-Regina Pacis in Brooklyn. I was ordained to the priesthood for our diocese on June 26, 2010, and after completing graduate studies served as parochial vicar of St. Luke's Church in Whitestone, NY. For the past decade, I have been a faculty member and formator at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY where I had the privilege of working with seminarians, deacon candidates, and lay men and women studying Catholic theology. This past June, Bishop Brennan asked me to return to the diocese to serve as Associate Vicar for Clergy and Consecrated Life, and most recently as the eighth pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer.

Having the opportunity this week to meet our wonderful parish staff and already a number of parishioners, I am grateful to Almighty God for the opportunity to serve this parish community. A Catholic parish is truly a family of faith united and nourished by the Lord Jesus to give witness to the Gospel in a particular corner of His vineyard. Please know of my gratitude, therefore, for all the ways that you build up and support our parish family here at St. Vincent Ferrer! I look forward in the weeks and months ahead to getting to know you, to meeting our different parish ministries and societies, and most especially to listening to all the ways the Lord is at work in this vibrant family of faith!

May our parish patron, St. Vincent Ferrer, continue to intercede for us, and may Our Lady, especially in this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, offer each one of us her maternal protection and intercession! God bless you all!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Bruno

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 18:1-8.

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 told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. What are the biggest obstacles in my prayer life? How do I combat weariness and dryness in prayer?

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? What injustices do I see in my community and in the world? What can I do to help secure the rights of my brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable?

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? When have I experienced doubt and despair most strongly? What resources do I have to address doubt and despair?

Closing Prayer

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going,
both now and forever. (From Psalm 121)

DAILY READINGS FOR 29TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 19
Romans 17:8-13 Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Timothy 3:14–4:2 Luke 18:1-8
Through incessant prayer, we open ourselves more fully to understanding God's will. Through faith in the power of prayer (3), we experience God's love and assistance (1, Ps). Our Christian life is nourished by the scriptures we read and by our received tradition (2).

Monday, October 20
Romans 4:20-25 (Psalm) Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Luke 12:13-21
Abraham relied on God (1) and his holy covenant (Ps). What foolishness it is to rely on worldly possessions (2).

Tuesday, October 21
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Luke 12:35-38
Through the obedience (Ps) of Jesus, all have been justified (1). Let us always be watchful for his return (2).

Wednesday, October 22
Romans 6:12-18 Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Luke 12:39-48
Through Jesus' death, we have been rescued (Ps) from sin to become servants of justice (1, Ps).

Thursday, October 23
Romans 7:18-25a Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Luke 12:49-53
Baptism frees us from sin and calls us to the ways of justice (1, Ps). Consequently, we may experience conflict on account of our faith (2).

Friday, October 24
Romans 7:18-25a Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
Luke 12:54-59
Orientation toward sin and death is overcome by Christ (1) and his law of love (Ps). Be reconciled in his love as you await his return (2).

Saturday, October 25
Romans 8:1-11 Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Luke 13:1-9
Those who are in Christ Jesus are intent upon the Spirit (1), desiring not what is vain (Ps). The Lord is patient and forgiving, awaiting our repentance (2).

Scripture Reflection

Praying Together

I've heard it said that "the Gospel is simple, but not easy." Jesus' teaching on prayer exemplifies this truth. His instruction to the disciples is simple: Pray always without becoming weary, and God will bring about justice. Yet anyone engaged in the work of prayer knows this directive is far from easy. How often our attention to God wavers. How frequently we become distracted. How discouraged we become as we wait for God's response. Bound to falter in our attempts to pray without ceasing, what are we contemporary disciples to do?

Our Jewish forebearer, Moses, provides a useful and inspiring model. Like Jesus' disciples, Moses takes on a simple task—one that is daunting, too. When his raised arms grow tired, Moses does not resign in failure as we might be tempted to do. Instead, the faithful leader joins with others to persevere. Offering a place for Moses to sit and for their own strength to support each of his hands, Moses' companions enable him to carry out a task he is unable to do on his own.

Because our individual limitations make some weariness in prayer an inevitability, we are wise to follow Moses' example by persevering with others. After all, Jesus never identifies unceasing prayer as an individual undertaking. How, then, might our prayer benefit from the support of others—from friends, family, spiritual writers, companions, or mentors? Might we find comfort in the knowledge that others continue to pray during times when we are weary? And when our prayer is especially strong, how can we find ways to support others whose outstretched arms grow weary?

— Jessica Coblentz

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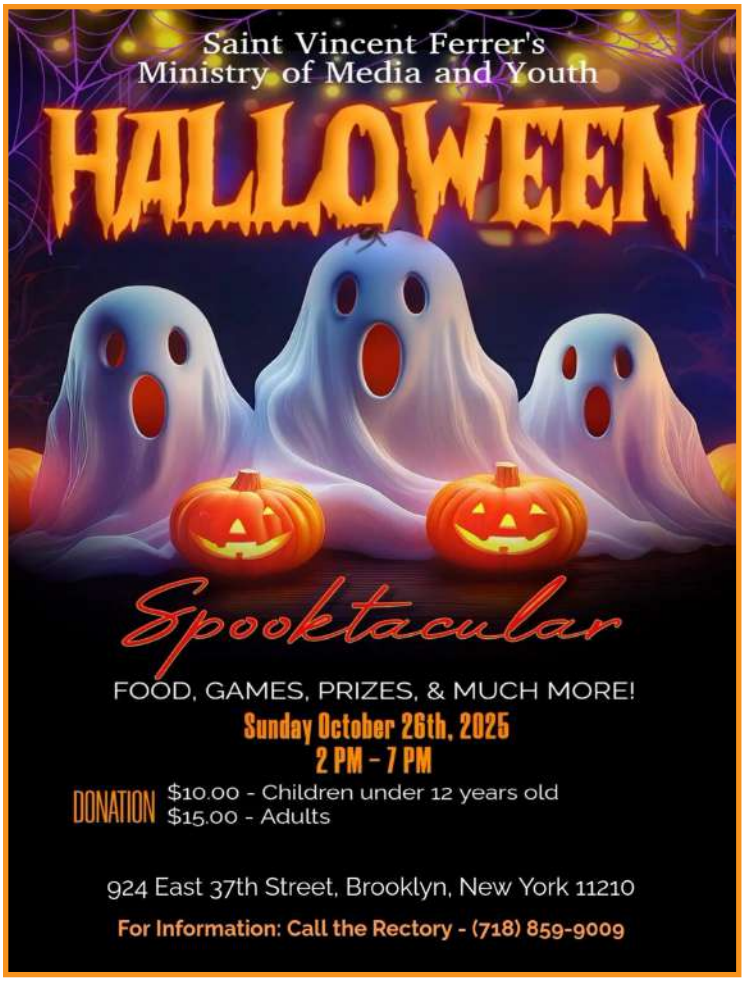

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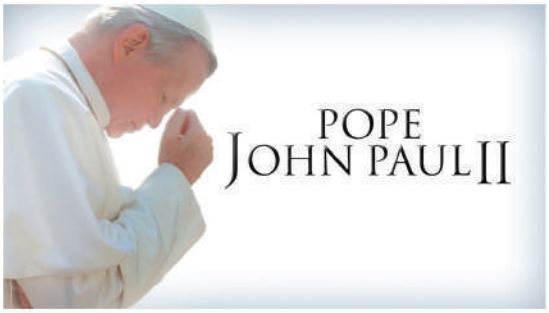

Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare—Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain—this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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If even an unfair judge will finally listen, then so will God.

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will receive what is right.

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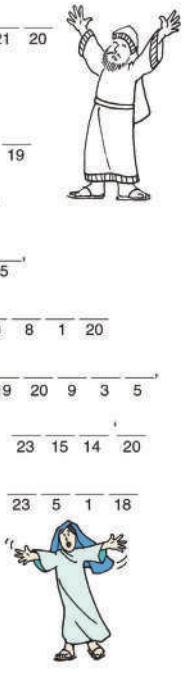

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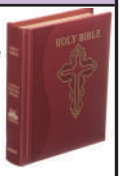

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