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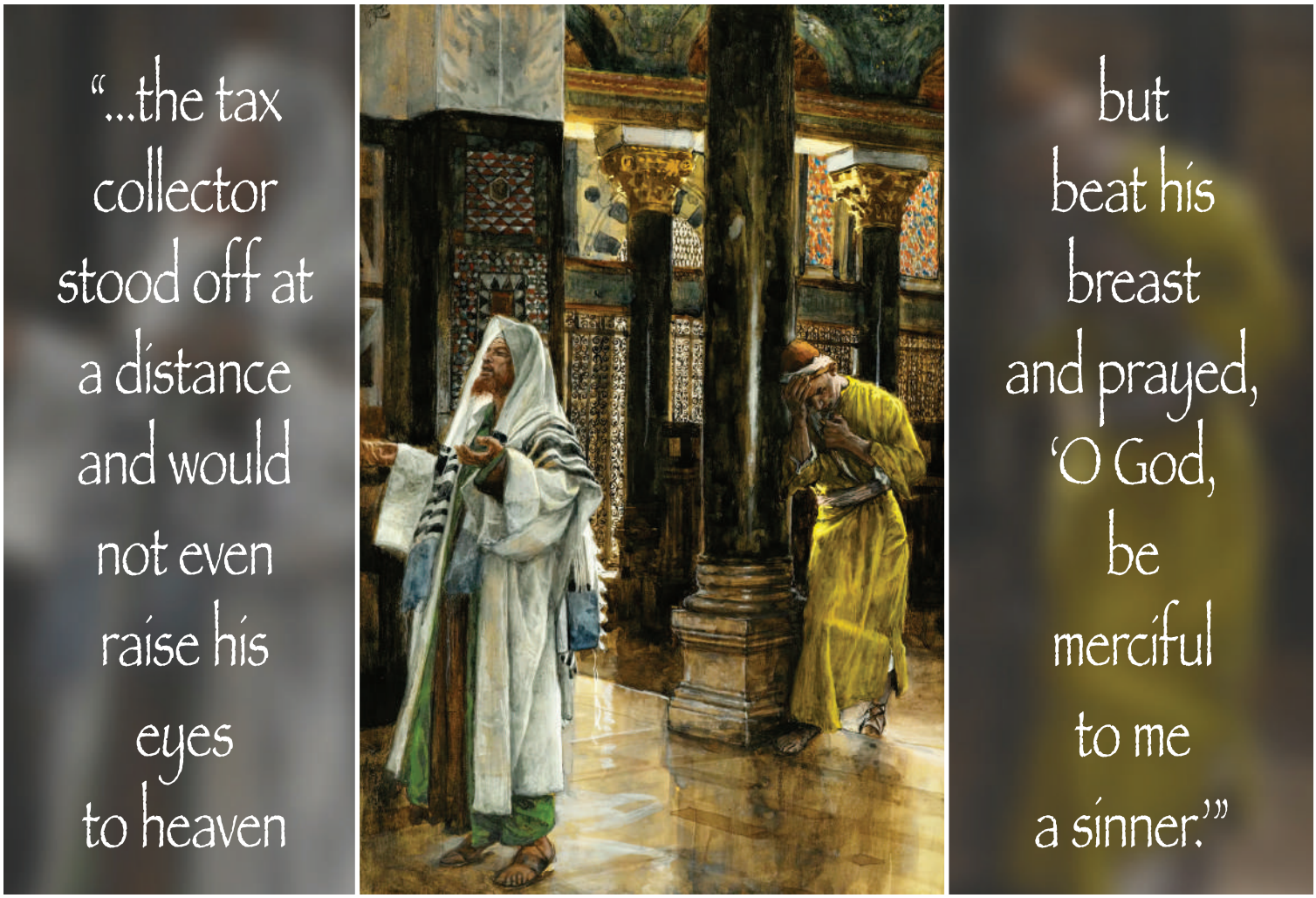

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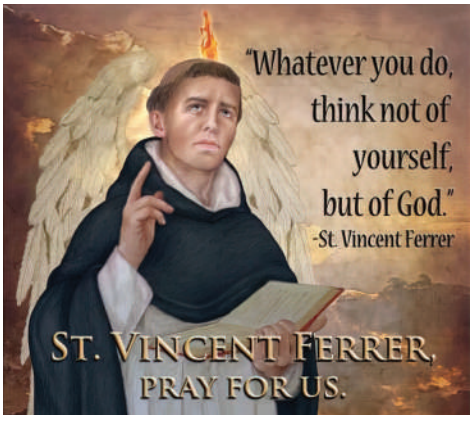

MASS SCHEDULE

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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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, October 25th **5:00 p.m.**
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Barbara Gillespie — In Memoriam

Sunday, October 26th **8:00 a.m.**
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Jean Claude Merisier — Blessings and Healing
Requested by the School of Religion

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Conroy Anthony — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Mrs. Anthony
Nichole Cherie — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Kerlene Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Gordon Lyken — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Margaret Bambara
Sybill Allen — Blessings and Healing

Monday, October 27th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Hans Coutard — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Marie Coutard

Tuesday, October 28th **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Shirley Mercury — Blessings

Wednesday, October 29th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Keith Caroly — Blessings and Healing

Thursday, October 30th **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Bernadine Lewis — In Memoriam
Requested by Janice Lewis

Friday, October 31st **9:00 a.m.**
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
Nathalie Duclair — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Marie Coutard

Saturday, November 1 **9:00 a.m.**
All Saints Day
Novena for the Souls in Purgatory
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Elaine St. Jean — In Memoriam

Sanctuary Candle
Keith Caroly — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

SECOND COLLECTION: ALL SOULS DAY OFFERING

The second collection this weekend (October 25-26) is for the annual **All Souls Day Offering**.
The second collection (November 8-9) is **My Thanksgiving Offering**.
Please be generous.

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

1st Friday: Devotion to the Sacred Heart
2nd Friday: Prayers for the Protection of All Life
3rd Friday: Devotion to Saint Andrew for Vocations
4th Friday: Saint Vincent Ferrer 4th Friday Devotion

NEXT WEEKEND
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
DON'T FORGET TO
Fall Back
SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR
NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 18:9-14.

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 addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. How often do I compare myself to others? How can I develop a healthy self-esteem as a child of God?

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven. How have my sinful behaviors separated me from God? What will help to bridge this divide?

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. When have I been selfish, arrogant, and full of pride? How can I grow in the virtue of humility?

Closing Prayer

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the Lord hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

(From Psalm 34)

DAILY READINGS FOR 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, October 26
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
Humility is the recognition that no matter what our accomplishments, we still stand in need of the Lord (3). God hears the cry of the poor (Ps) and the oppressed, especially those who acknowledge their dependency upon him (1). Having heard Paul's cries for help, the Lord crowned him with eternal salvation (2).

Monday, October 27
Romans 8:12-17 Psalm 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21
Luke 13:10-17
We have received the Spirit of adoption (1) and have been saved from the power of death (Ps). The Sabbath cannot set boundaries on the law of love (2).

Tuesday, October 28
Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 Luke 6:12-16
The Twelve are chosen (2) to preach (Ps) the good news. They form the foundation of a temple with Jesus himself as the cornerstone (1).

Wednesday, October 29
Romans 8:26-30 Psalm 13:4-5, 6 Luke 13:22-30
We have been called and justified in the Spirit (1). Let us rejoice in our salvation (Ps) at the eschatological banquet (2).

Thursday, October 30
Romans 8:31b-39 Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31
Luke 13:31-35
God's love is the assurance that we an resist trial and be freed from all alienation (1, Ps). Jesus remains faithful, accomplishing his mission by enduring suffering and death (2).

Friday, October 31
Romans 9:1-5 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Luke 14:1-6
Paul experiences the pain of separation from his fellow Jews (1) to God has revealed his covenanted love (Ps). This love must be the foundation of our lives (2).

Saturday, November 1
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a
Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of he Lord (3), who celebrate the heavenly liturgy (1). They stand in God's holy place (Ps) and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them (2) through the blood of the Lamb.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION

School of Religion 2025-2026 Registration is now open for new and returning students. **Classes began 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.

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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

God's Inbox

If only prayers could be edited before they are sent. That way, false pride and contempt for others could be deleted and God would receive only a pure, polished prayer. This would cut down greatly on God's "junk mail" — all those prayers that are really just self-advertising with no interest in God or neighbor. But God gets every message and sees people as they really are, with no editing, no makeup.

Jesus told a story about God's inbox. If the story weren't so serious, it could almost be a joke. Perhaps it is just that — a serious joke. In Luke 8:9-14, Jesus tells the story of two men who go to the temple to pray. The first man is devout, clean living, and respected in the community. What's more, he is a Pharisee. The second man is a tax collector, hated by the people for helping the Romans exact taxes from them. As the Pharisee parades his accomplishments before God, the tax collector lingers at the temple door. He does not dare to come any closer or even to look up to heaven. The tax collector does not compare himself with others. He does not remind God of good deeds done. He makes no pretense, calls in no favors. In a gesture of remorse, he beats his breast and cries, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (Luke 18:13).

Here's the punch line: Jesus says that it is the tax collector who goes home "justified," right with God, not the Pharisee. For "all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted" (18:14).

Jesus told this story to deflate proud people and lift up humble people. Like a needle in a medicine kit, the story both wounds and heals. It punctures and deflates false pride, but for those whose hearts are torn, it mends with the promise that God hears a plea from the heart.

— Nancy Koester,
adapted from *Journeying Through Lent with Luke*

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The Month of October is Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rosary Society 1st Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass **Mary's Apostolate** 3rd Sunday after 11:00 a.m. Mass	**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass ***In His Light* Charismatic Prayer Group** *Rectory basement* at 7:00 p.m. **St. Vincent de Paul** 1st Monday *Rectory* at 7:30 p.m.		**Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena** after 9:00 a.m. Mass **Jeanne Mance Guild** *Rectory basement* after 9:00 a.m. Mass **Wednesday Faith Sharing Group** *Rectory basement* at 7:00 p.m.	**Mary's Apostolate Prayers for Reconciliation** 8:00 a.m.	**Exposition and Holy Hour/ Friday Devotions** after 9:00 a.m. Mass	**St. Vincent de Paul sandwich making** *Rectory basement* at 9:00 a.m. **Divine Mercy Chaplet** *Mary's Chapel* after 9:00 a.m. Mass

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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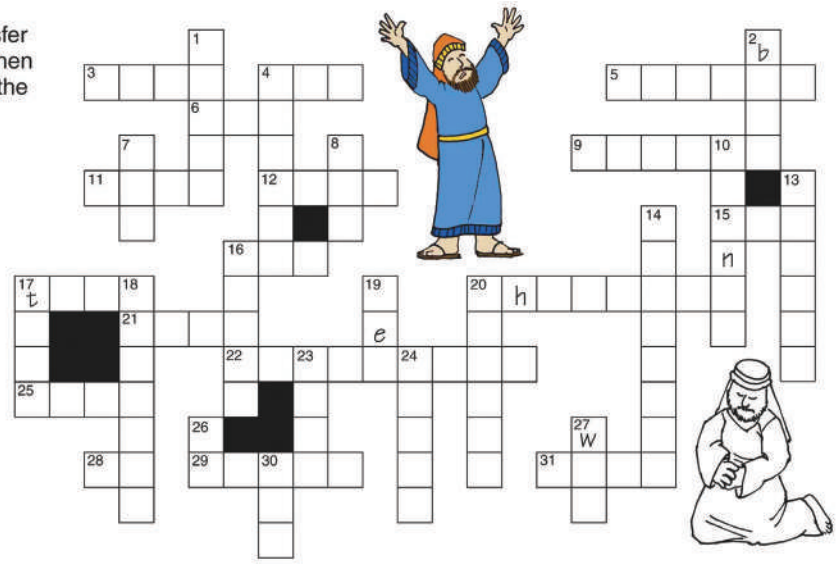

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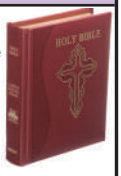

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