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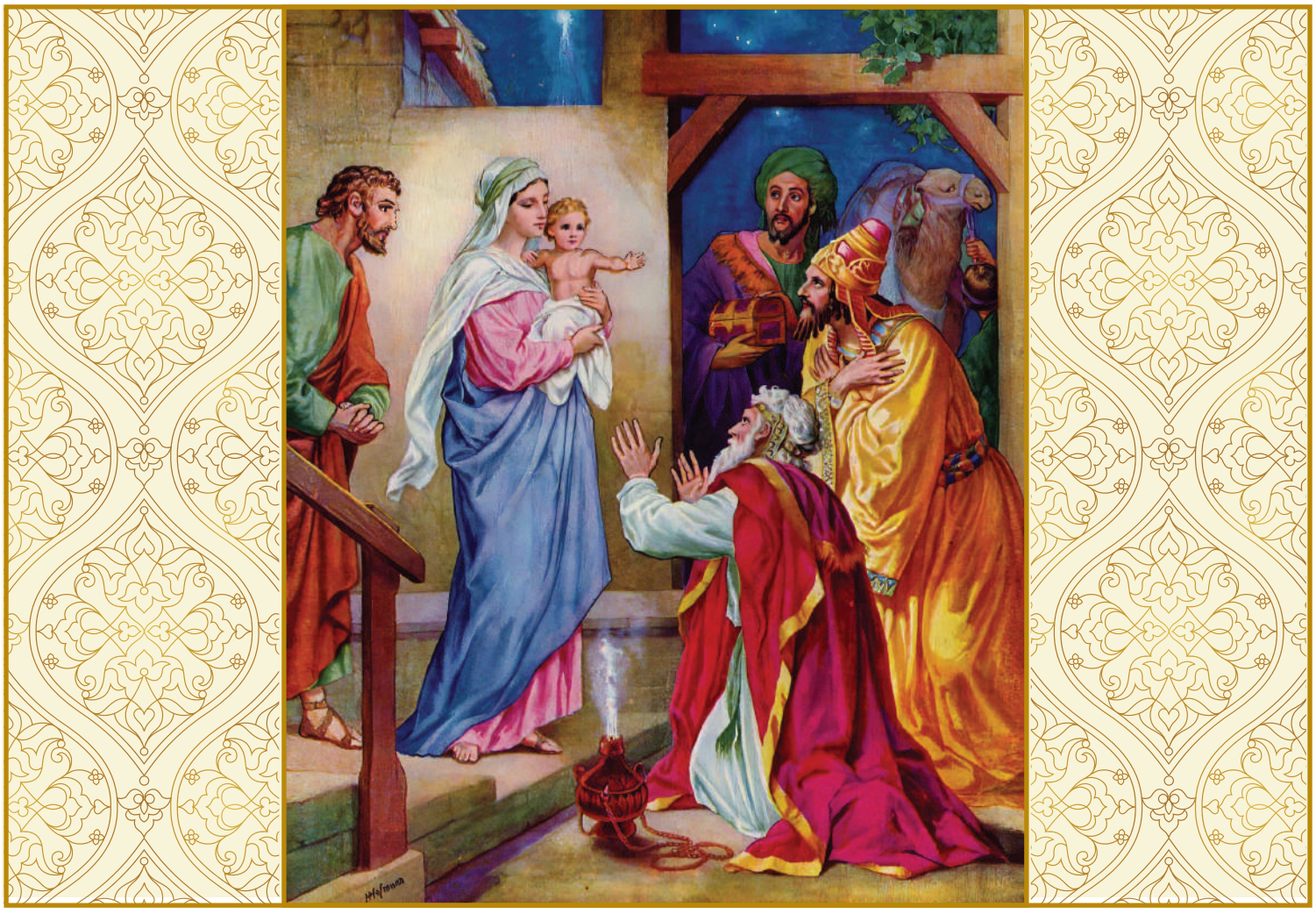

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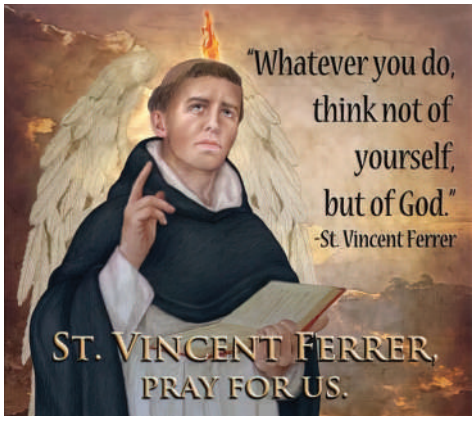

MASS SCHEDULE

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 Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 3 **5:00 p.m.**
The Epiphany of the Lord
Joyce and Muzaf Nasir — In Memoriam
Requested by Their Daughter

Sunday, January 4 **8:00 a.m.**
The Epiphany of the Lord
Dawn Kerr — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

11:00 a.m.
Stephanie and Stacey James — Birthday Blessings
Requested by The James Family

Eric Vincent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gertrude Vincent

Monday, January 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
Christmas Weekday
Oliver Lopez — In Memoriam
Requested by Pamela Mohammed

Joy Guy — Birthday Blessings and Healing
Requested by Jean Guy

Tuesday, January 6 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint André Bessette, Religious
Christmas Weekday
The Living and Deceased Members of the Supreme Anchor Club of NY
Requested by Father Bruno

Wednesday, January 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Christmas Weekday
Rev. Father Michael Bruno — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, January 8 **11:00 a.m.**
Christmas Weekday
Allison Gullap — Birthday Blessings
Desmond Forsythe — Birthday Blessings

Friday, January 9 **9:00 a.m.**
Christmas Weekday
Christmas Wreath Dedication Intentions

Saturday, January 10 **9:00 a.m.**
Christmas Weekday
All Clergy and Religious Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
All the Sick and Homebound of the Parish

Mary's Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

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

THANK YOU

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our parish staff and all the volunteers who worked so hard on the many preparations for my Installation Mass and reception. I am also sincerely grateful to the liturgical and music ministers, our parish choir, and all the members of our parish who helped make the Mass so special. I also wish to thank all who offered me their prayers and congratulations, as I am truly blessed to be part of this parish family of St. Vincent Ferrer! Please know of my daily prayers for you and your families! May St. Vincent Ferrer, our patron, pray and intercede for us always!

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Bruno

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 11: **Diocesan Mission**
January 25: **Churches in Need**
Please be generous.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 2:1-12.

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?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. How do I show God reverence and homage? How do I show respect for holy things, including God's holy name?

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. What people, events, or situations disturb my faith? What resources can I rely on to bring me peace and calm?

Go and search diligently for the child. Where do I go to be in God's presence? How can I become more aware of the presence of God?

Closing Prayer

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. (From Psalm 72)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 4
Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises (1, Ps) for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.

Monday, January 5
1 John 3:22–4:6 Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
We are called to reform our lives (2), to believe in Jesus Christ come in the flesh (1), and to pay him homage (Ps).

Tuesday, January 6
1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44
God, the source and model of love (1) and justice (Ps), is perfectly mirrored in the Incarnation of the Son (2).

Wednesday, January 7
1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52
Those who abide in love will have no cause for fear (1) for Jesus is God-with-us, the epiphany of divine love (2), who saves us when we cry out (Ps).

Thursday, January 8
1 John 4:19–5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
Luke 4:14-22a
Jesus proclaims the gratuitous love of God (2). Let every nation (Ps) respond to this grace by keeping God's commandments (1).

Friday, January 9
1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Luke 5:12-16
By believing in the Son of God (1), the leper is cured of his disease (2) and God is praised (Ps).

Saturday, January 10
1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
John 3:22-30
The Lord loves us (Ps) for he hears our prayer and keeps us in his care (1). John rejoices in hearing the voice of the Messiah (2).

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NYS Bishops' Statement on Gov. Hochul's Plan to Sign Assisted Suicide Bill

Following is a joint statement by Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the Bishops of New York State on Governor Hochul's announcement that she will sign the physician-assisted suicide bill passed earlier this year by the legislature:

We are extraordinarily troubled by Governor Hochul's announcement that she will sign the egregious bill passed by the legislature earlier this year sanctioning physician-assisted suicide in New York State. This new law signals our government's abandonment of its most vulnerable citizens, telling people who are sick or disabled that suicide in their case is not only acceptable, but is encouraged by our elected leaders.

Tragically, this new law will seriously undermine all of the anti-suicide and mental health care investments Governor Hochul has made through her tenure. How can any society have credibility to tell young people or people with depression that suicide is never the answer, while at the same time telling elderly and sick people that it is a compassionate choice to be celebrated?

While physician-assisted suicide will soon be legal here in New York, we must clearly reiterate that it is in direct conflict with Catholic teaching on the sacredness and dignity of all human life from conception until natural death and is a grave moral evil on par with other direct attacks on human life. We call on Catholics and all New Yorkers to reject physician-assisted suicide for themselves, their loved ones, and those in their care. And we pray that our state turn away from its promotion of a Culture of Death and invest instead in life-affirming, compassionate hospice and palliative care, which is seriously underutilized.

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To All the Parishioners and Families
Of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
From Father Bruno
and the Entire Parish Staff
2026

Scripture Reflection

Illuminated Faith

Today, the nations recognized God's grace through a star…The star signifies faith. For the star shines in the night, not in the day, because the rising brilliance of the sun conceals its brightness. You know that it is now the night, the night in which all the beasts of the forest prowl about. In truth, we often experience that it is night. We walk in darkness, and often we do not know what we ought to do, whether we must speak or keep silence; often we do not know what to pray for.

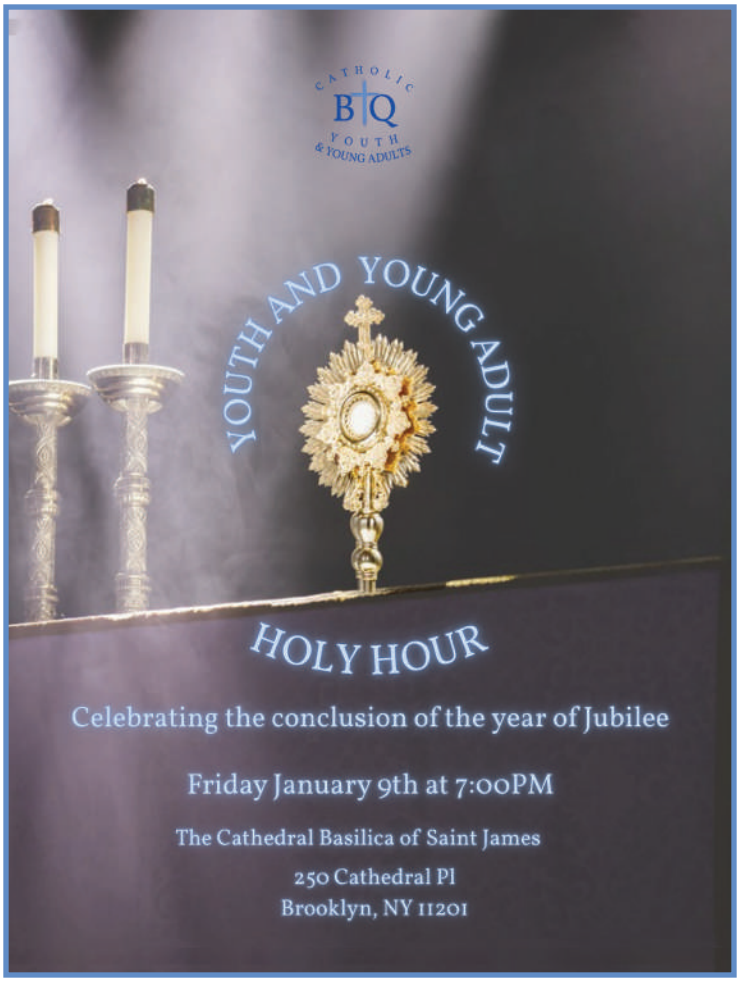
Therefore, as long as this night remains, let us walk in faith, as the apostle says, and not by sight. For faith is that star that leads us in this night, but afterward the day will come, and the true sun will rise, which will illuminate the things hidden in darkness and will reveal the thoughts of the heart. Then the brightness of that star will undoubtedly be hidden, because there was no faith, but sight. But whoever has faith in Christ must receive the sacraments of the holy gospel.

Therefore, we await a blessed hope that is not poor, nor perishable, nor transitory but remains forever like God. We await also the coming of God in great glory. Today our God appeared small and humble, but on that day he will appear great and awesome. Today his grace appeared, but on that day his glory will appear.

— Ælred of Rievaulx,
adapted from *The Liturgical Sermons*

Ælred of Rievaulx (1109–1167) entered the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx around 1133 and later became abbot. A master of the spiritual life, his most important works include The Mirror of Charity *and* Spiritual Friendship.

The month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus



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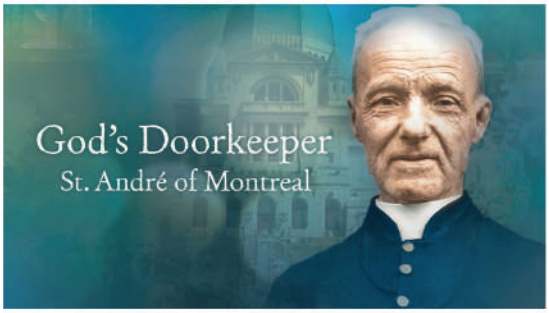
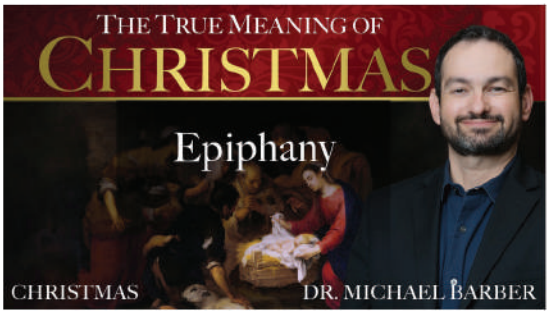


God's Doorkeeper

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

The Three Wise Men

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.



Epiphany

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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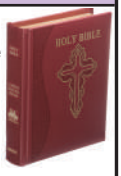

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