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JANUARY 25, 2026 – THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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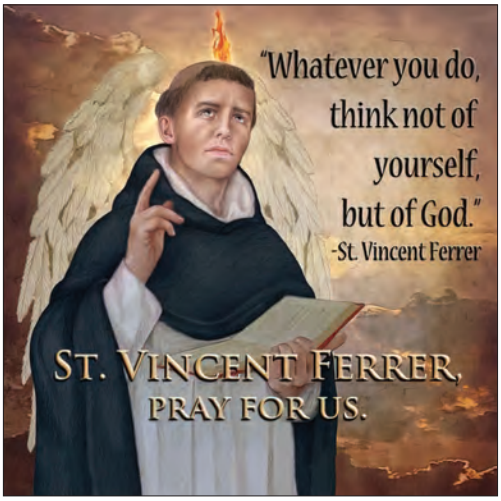

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Third Week in Ordinary Time
January 25, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, January 24 **5:00 p.m.**
Gerald DeMaio — Thanksgiving and Blessings
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Sunday, January 25 **8:00 a.m.**
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Michelle Williams
— Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Joan T. Williams

11:00 a.m.
Evelyn Depradine — In Memoriam

Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Gale C. Logan-Mullings — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Michael Bruno and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Carlos Santander — In Memoriam
Requested by Maria Santander

Monday, January 26 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops
Frank Bongiorno — In Memoriam
Requested by the Bruno Family

Tuesday, January 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
Marie Jacqueline Sajous — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie Senat

Wednesday, January 28 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Jean Charles Sajous — Heavenly Birthday
Requested by Marie Senat

Thursday, January 29 **9:00 a.m.**
Kerley Joseph — Blessings

Friday, January 30 **9:00 a.m.**
Jean-Luc and Patrick Chery Jr.
Requested by Marie Coutard

Saturday, January 31 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Bosco, Priest
Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Rectory Staff

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Members of the Riley, Galatola and Christensen Families
—In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candles
Michelle Williams — Thanksgiving and Blessings

Altar Flowers
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Eileen Morancie— Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

WELCOME TO SAINT VINCENT FERRER!

Our parish is happy to welcome **Father Basil Chinedu Achusim**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Onitsha in Nigeria, who has been assigned to us by Bishop Brennan as parochial vicar and part-time chaplain of NYU Langone-Brooklyn.

Father Basil has been completing graduate studies in Rome and has previously served in the Diocese of Brooklyn at the Basilica of Regina Pacis.

Welcome, Father Basil!

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 4:12-23.

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?

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. When have I withdrawn from God due to struggles and difficulties? How can I use these moments to rely on God more fully?

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. How can I participate more fully in the Church's mission? How can I help the people I meet to encounter Christ?

He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people. How am I called to serve my family, my parish, and my community? What obstacles keep me from serving?

Closing Prayer

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

(From Psalm 27)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, January 25
Isaiah 8:23–9:3 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23
We have seen a great light (1, Ps): Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin (3) and who is our unity and peace (2).

Monday, January 26
2 Timothy 1:1-8 (alt. Titus 1:1-5)
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mark 3:22-30
Timothy is reminded of the Spirit given him (1a), and Titus of the mission entrusted to him (1b) to proclaim the good news (Ps). A house divided against itself is not able to stand (2).

Tuesday, January 27
2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Mark 3:31-35
For the family of Israel, Jerusalem now assumes religious significance (1, Ps). The family of Jesus is constituted by faith expressed in love (2).

Wednesday, January 28
2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mark 4:1-20
David is reassured concerning the future of his dynasty and his people (1, Ps). Jesus describes obstacles to hearing his message (2).

Thursday, January 29
2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14
Mark 4:21-25
David prays for God's blessings upon himself and his dynasty (1,Ps). Let your light shine for all to see (2).

Friday, January 30
2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-111 Mark 4:26-34
We all stand in need of the Lord's mercy (Ps), for, like David, we are sinners (1). The kingdom, like a seed, grows slowly to maturity (2).

Saturday, January 31
2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17ds Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Mark 4:35-41
May our hearts be purified (Ps) and our faith strengthened (2) by seeking the Lord's forgiveness (1).

Black History Month Cultural Heritage Celebration February 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22

To help us celebrate the cultural heritage of our parish, the Ministry of Mercy invites all members of the parish to share the name of their country or countries of origin. This will help us obtain flags and banners representing each country and its Marian Patroness, which will be part of a procession at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, February 14.

Please write your country of origin on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the church. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, January 25, 2026.

To enhance celebration, the Ministry of Mercy invites all men and young men of the parish to join a Men's Choir, which will sing at the 5:00pm Masses during the month of February. No matter your level of experience, your voice is welcome! It is a wonderful opportunity to come together in worship, fellowship and celebration through music.

To join, please see Carolyn Jack after the 5:00pm Mass, or contact her at 718-772-1742.

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Celebrate Black history, heritage, shared faith, diversity, and the contributions of the Black community at the 2026 liturgical celebration hosted by the Diocese of Brooklyn and its Vicariate Office for Black Catholic Concerns.

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Day of Prayer/Formation for Parish Ministers

Saturday, February 28th
9am-3PM

Mass at 9AM

Location: St. Edmunds, 1902 Avenue S

Speakers:
Msgr. Thomas G. Caserta

Lunch is provided

RSVP to your Parish Rectory by February 20th

Scripture Reflection

Caught

Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.

When I was caught, I was going about my business, the busyness of college life: taking classes, majoring in English, holding down a night job cashiering at a music venue's service bar in Chicago. Servers submitted drink orders to bartenders and handed me patrons' twenties to break. Everybody paid with cash back then. Everybody seemed to sweat gin.

In a writing class, I had met a young man who knew nothing of that dank, boozy world. He was bookish—and a Christian, I learned. I thought he'd outgrow that. Through his unspectacular decency and warmth, at a level deeper than my understanding, Jesus' invitation—Come after me—reached the part of me that had waited all my life to hear it.

You can't unhear it once it's hooked your heart. You can ignore it, sure. People do that every day, every hour. But you are caught, and once that's happened, it's hard to extricate yourself from the power of the invitation. I was caught off guard, unprepared to devote my life to going after some itinerant Palestinian rabbi who'd died and lived two millennia before. But there I was, quitting the bar job and going, of all things, to church—undergoing water at a font and saying who my Lord and Savior was, now that he had found me.

I find myself still going after him. Call me the Zebedee brothers' sister Rachel. Call me one of countless souls caught in the net of God's irresistible love.

— Rachel M. Srubas

Rachel M. Srubas is a Presbyterian clergywoman and Benedictine oblate. She is the author of numerous books, including The Girl Got Up *and* The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey.

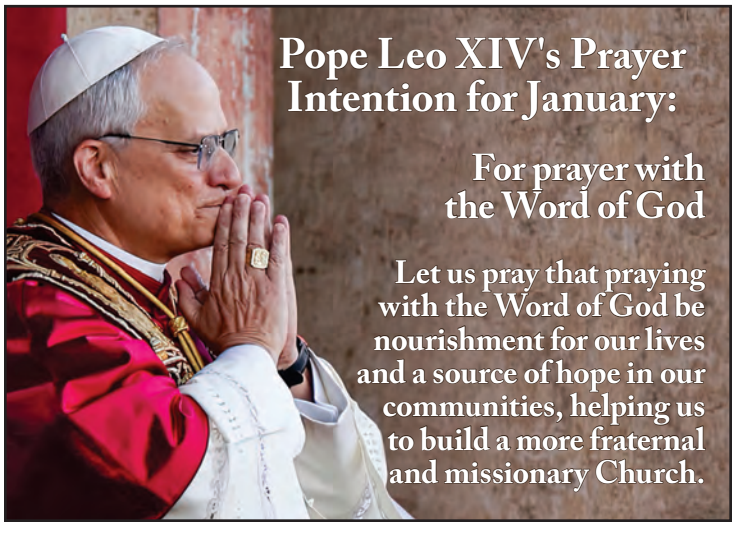
FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

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



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

A Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you,
I love you,
and with lively sorrow for my sins
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient,
pure and wholly obedient
to your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Amen.

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Week of January 25, 2026

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St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.

The Story of St. John Bosco

Learn the inspiring story of the life of St. John Bosco in this audio reflection intended for kids. We celebrate his feast day on January 31.

Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus went throughout Galilee.
He taught, He preached and He healed.

Find Jesus in each picture.

Then what happened?

Fill in the blanks with the words below.
Then match each picture to the statement that matches it.

two	John	Going	called	brothers	preparing
boat	left	James	father	followed	Immediately
from	nets	Jesus	Zebedee		

1) _____ on _____
there, Jesus saw _____
brothers, _____ son
of Zebedee and his brother
_____.

2) The _____
were in a _____ with
their _____
_____,
_____
their _____.

3) _____
_____ them.

4) _____
they _____ the boat
and their father and
_____ Him.

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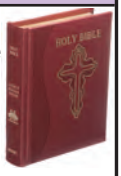

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