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FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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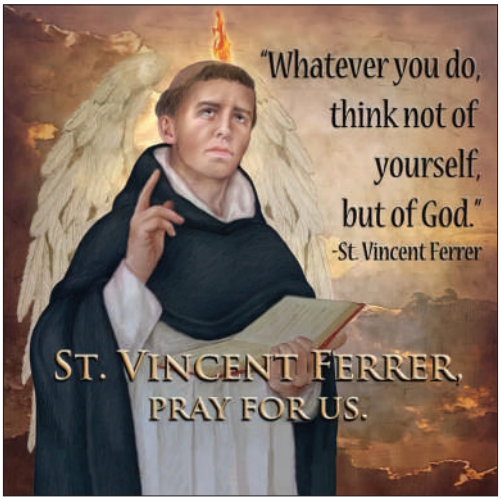

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
February 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 14 **5:00 p.m.**

Shironn Maynard— In Memoriam
Requested by The Maynard Family

Sunday, February 15 **8:00 a.m.**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kerelene Paulson — Blessings and Perpetual Help
Requested by Shirley Mercury

11:00 a.m.

Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio

Phyllis Martin Harris— Birthday Blessings
Requested by Anthony Harris

Doreen Pearline Forbes — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Monday, February 16 **9:00 a.m.**

Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Rectory Staff

Tuesday, February 17 **9:00 a.m.**

The Seven Founders of the Servite Order

Rev. Father Coman V. Brady — Birthday Memorial
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Wednesday, February 18 **9:00 a.m.**

Ash Wednesday

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings

Thursday, February 19 **9:00 a.m.**

All Those Who Have No One To Pray For Them

Friday, February 20 **9:00 a.m.**

All The Souls In Purgatory

Saturday, February 21 **9:00 a.m.**

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lidia Patricia Solarte — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Rectory Staff

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Mildred, Gerard and Francine Cottone — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Altar Candles
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Jean Souffrant — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Consecration to Saint Joseph
on the
Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 19, 2026

Preparation begins
February 15, 2026

Novena to Saint
Joseph: March 10-18

Please contact any member of the
Ministry of Mercy for information.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

February 22:

Black and Indian Missions

Please be generous.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 5:17-37.

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?

Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. When have I judged others and myself? How do I allow my prejudices to influence my interactions with the people I encounter?

Everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. When have I treated others like objects instead of beloved children of God? How can I foster greater mastery over my words, thoughts, and actions?

But I say to you, do not swear at all. When have I failed to keep my promises? When has my language been mean, hurtful, or rude?

Closing Prayer

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

You have commanded that your precepts
be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
of keeping your statutes!

Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.
Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
that I may exactly observe them.
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
and keep it with all my heart. (From Psalm 119)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February 15
Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37
In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom (2), a new law, a new way of living (3). Happy are they who choose to keep his commandments (1) and follow his ways (Ps).

Monday, February 16
Matthew 5:17-37 Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
Mark 8:11-13
James encourages Jewish Christians undergoing trial: The poor shall be exalted and the rich humbled (1, Ps), Jesus is the sign of the Father (2).

Tuesday, February 17
James 1:12-18 Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
Mark 8:14-21
Those who withstand temptation shall experience the Lord's comfort (Ps) and receive the crown of life (1). The disciples do not yet recognize Jesus as the bread of Life (2).

Wednesday, February 18
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17
2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Be reconciled (Ps, 2) and return to the Lord (1) by means of prayer, fasting and deeds of loving service (3).

Thursday, February 19
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 9:22-25
Choose not death, but life (1, Ps) by denying yourself and following in the footsteps of the Lord (2).

Friday, February 20
Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15
Fasting without love (1) and repentance (Ps) is meaningless as we await the return of the bridegroom (2).

Saturday, February 21
Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 5:27-32
We are called to a change of heart (2), to be renewed in the Lord by following his, not our ways (1, Ps).

Brooklyn Deanery 11

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Easter Duty– After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year.

Solemnities during Lent: The solemnities of Saint Joseph and the Annunciation should be observed with proper solemnity even though it falls within the season of Lent.

Reconciliation Monday: Our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on March 30, 2026, the Monday of Holy Week. As in recent years, this initiative provides generous opportunity for the faithful to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

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2026 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — March 29, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — March 30, 2026
3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 3, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 4, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
* NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 5, 2026
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.
Please be generous in the Special Collection on Easter to help our retired priests.

Scripture Reflection

Carrying the Light

In their grim sadness, how could followers of the Way believe they carried the light Jesus urged them to share? Grief broke apart their world, left them discouraged and heartbroken, with sparse energy to lift off "the bushel basket." We know from gospel memories that days and weeks passed before their enthusiasm revived. The love that burned in the disciples' hearts rebounded with vigor only when the Spirit of Love arrived, rekindling their hearts and bolstering their faith. Only then could they trust that, yes, they were "the light of the world." Yes, they could go forth, not in spite of the tremendous loss of the Teacher, but because of it.

Now they understood about the dying seed and the new life that would follow. Now they truly believed they were meant to be carriers of Jesus' message. They trusted they had the ability to do it. Their Guide did not abandon them. Instead, he was there as the Risen Seed, ever-present in an invisible and vibrant relationship. This Light would warm their faith-filled devotion to the Way and illuminate their path.

— Joyce Rupp, *Jesus, Guide of my Life*

Joyce Rupp is a writer, international retreat leader, and conference speaker. She is the author of numerous bestselling books, including Praying Our Goodbyes, Open the Door, and Fly While You Still Have Wings.

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Will Governor Hochul Opt-in To Support Kids & Schools?

Starting in 2027, the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit will let taxpayers redirect up to $1,700 of their federal income taxes to nonprofit scholarship organizations that provide tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools.

For example, a taxpayer owing $10,000 could direct $1,700 to scholarships instead of sending it to the federal government—directly helping families afford a Catholic education, and even additional services at public schools.

But New York families will miss out unless the governor opts in. Governor Hochul's participation would bring new scholarship dollars to Catholic schools, easing financial pressure on families and expanding access to faith-based education.

Tell Governor Hochul to opt in and support Catholic school families.

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Saturday, March 7, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

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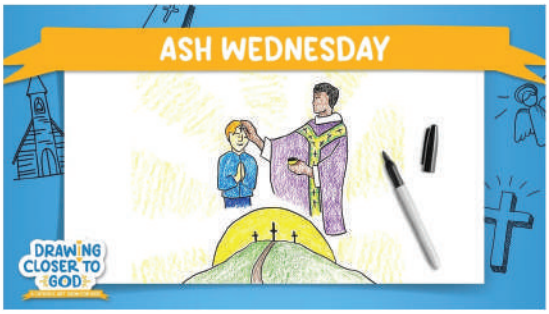
Week of February 15, 2026

Lent | What Catholics Believe

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



Ash Wednesday | Drawing Closer to God

Using the cross marked on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, Ms. Kim teaches kids about the Fall, our need for a savior, and God's plan to save us and give us life by sending his Son to die for our sins. In light of these truths, Ms. Kim discusses the phrases we hear on Ash Wednesday: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" and "Repent and believe in the gospel," relating them to the overarching Lenten theme of turning back to God.

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Transfiguration

Jesus led 3 disciples up a mountain.

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What happened next?

Use the code to find out.

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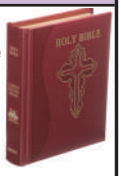

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