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FEBRUARY 22, 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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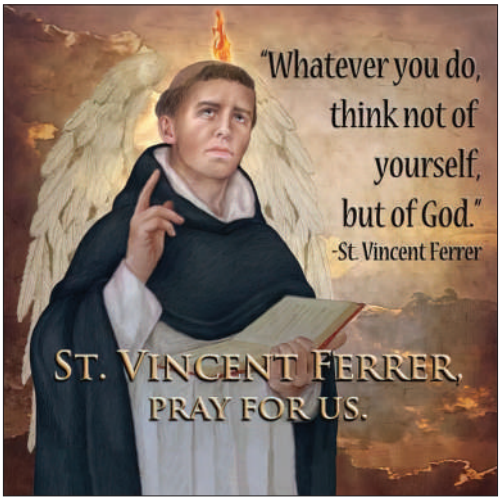

MASS SCHEDULE

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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First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, February 21 **5:00 p.m.**

The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Sunday, February 22 **8:00 a.m.**

First Sunday of Lent

Kerelene Paulson — Blessings and Perpetual Help
Requested by Shirley Mercury

11:00 a.m.

Shirley Mercury — Peace and Blessings

Ambrosio S. Daniel — First Anniversary Memorial
Requested by the Nurse and Gillies Families

Fabiola Lamarque-Dalexis
— Healing and Thanksgiving
Requested by The Saint Vincent Ferrer Senior Choir

Reverend Mother Doreen Pearline Forbes
— In Memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin McKeney

Gale C. Logan-Mulliings — In Memoriam
Requested by Kim and Quentin McKeney

Verne Farray — Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving

Monday, February 23 **9:00 a.m.**

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Eugenia Jean-Baptiste — In Memoriam
Requested by Armelle Jean-Baptiste

Tuesday, February 24 **9:00 a.m.**

The Sick and Homebound of the Parish
— Blessings and Healing

Wednesday, February 25 **9:00 a.m.**

The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Thursday, February 26 **9:00 a.m.**

Joseph Eustache — In Memoriam
Requested by The Eustache Family

Friday, February 27 **9:00 a.m.**

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Angelina Bongiorno — In Memoriam
Requested by The Bruno Family

Saturday, February 28 **9:00 a.m.**

All the Souls in Purgatory

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Shirley Mercury — Blessings

Altar Candles
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

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Congratulations to all of our winners; thank you again to everyone who participated and contributed in any way. Your support truly made this event memorable.

May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

With gratitude,
Ministry of Media

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECT IONS

February 22: **Black and Indian Missions**
March 1: **Easter Mass Remembrance**
March 8: **Easter Flowers Offering**
Please be generous.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 4:1-11.

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?

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. For what do I hunger? How does God satisfy the hungers of my heart?

One does not live on bread alone,/ but on every word that comes forth/ from the mouth of God. How often do I read and reflect on the word of God? How can I listen to God's word more attentively?

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence. What worldly things distract me from God? How can I minimize these distractions?

Closing Prayer

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight."

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

(From Psalm 51)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, February 22
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11
Like Adam and Eve (1), Jesus was tempted, but did not sin (3). Our sinfulness (Ps) is acquitted through one man, Jesus Christ, in whom we are justified (2).

Monday, February 23
Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46
The command of the Lord (Ps) is clear: love one another (1), for "what ever you do to these least ones, you do it to me" (2).

Tuesday, February 24
Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Matthew 6:7-15
May God's Spirit always inspire us how to pray (2) and be open to the Word (1) that the Father may be glorified (Ps).

Wednesday, February 25
Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32
Nineveh heard the preaching of Jonah (1) and repented (Ps). The Word calls us to repentance as well (2).

Thursday, February 26
Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12
If we petition in faith (Ps), we shall be heard (2), as was Esther (1).

Friday, February 27
Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Matthew 5:20-26
The Lord forgives us (Ps) in the conversion of our hearts (1) and rejoices in the reconciliation of one to another (2).

Saturday, February 28
Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48
We are called to love even our enemies (2), and thus walk in God's ways (1), following the law of the Lord (Ps).

Join us for
Saint Vincent Ferrer's

Lenten Mission

Sundays:
March 1st, 8th and 15th

11:00 a.m. Mass

Followed by a
preached Holy Hour
beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Week 1: "Made in His image,
Grow Into His Likeness"

With Father John Cush, S.T.D.

All Are Welcome!

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

A New People Rising

Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit, where there was no activity of humans or animals. This happened by divine plan so that the malevolent tempter could carry out his wish and his temptations in Christ more freely, and the tempter would be frightened more greatly by the work of creation, and he could not accomplish his iniquities so freely. He was led by the Holy Spirit, from whom also he was conceived; so that he would be tempted by the devil, that is, tempted by hearing alone when the devil was speaking to him, not in another way. However, his very goodness so conquered the devil that neither before nor afterward was the devil vanquished in this way by a human. Hence, even the devil was ever afterward uncertain about Christ, because he found no appetite for human sin in him.

And when he had fasted by the power of the Holy Spirit he ate, drank, and slept not at all and did not show any human function in himself. Forty days and forty nights he demonstrated his power and the new institution of the faithful, his future people. Just as God demonstrated his power by the flood for forty days and forty nights and destroyed evil people, so that afterward a new people would rise up in purity, so also Christ manifested his power and defeated the devil, and made a new people rise up in the sanctification of faith.

— St. Hildegard of Bingen,
Homilies on the Gospels

Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) was a German Benedictine abbess and foundress of monasteries, musician and composer, poet and prophet, pharmacist and doctor. She was declared a Doctor of the Church in 2012.

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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Week of February 22, 2026

Foretold

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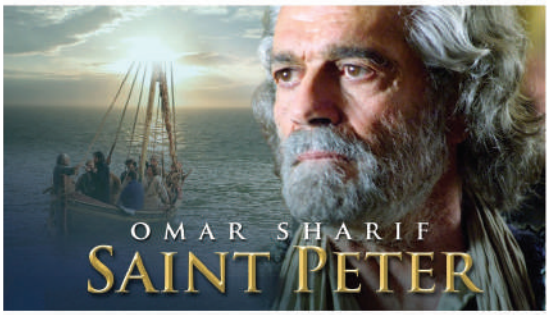

Saint Peter

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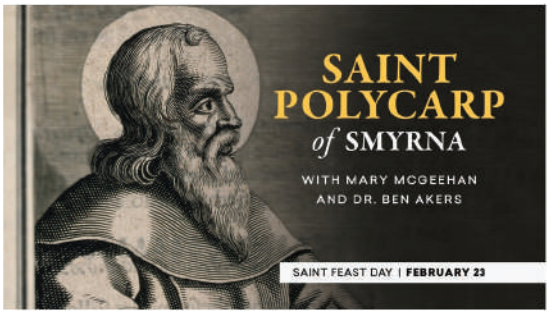

St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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It was Satan who tempted Jesus.
Jesus told him to leave.

Use the code to write the missing letters.

◆=a ★=e ☾=i
♥=o ●=u

Jesus quoted the Scriptures and said,

"W♥rsh☾p th★
L♥rd y♥●r G♥d

◆nd s★rv★
H☾m ♥nly."

The devil left and
angels attended to Jesus.

How did Jesus answer?

Fit the words from this list into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer the letters from the crossword to the numbered lines below.

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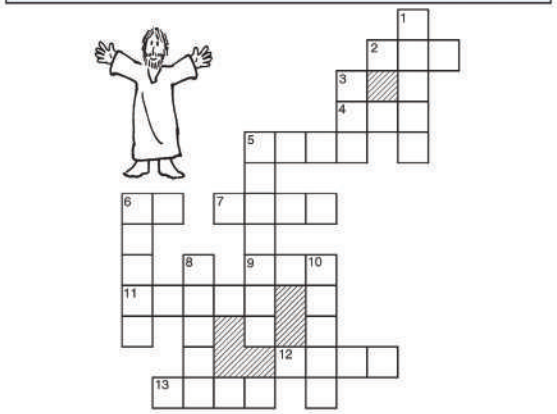

"It is _____, _____ does _____
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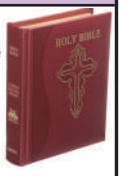

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