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MARCH 1, 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"And he was transfigured before them…"

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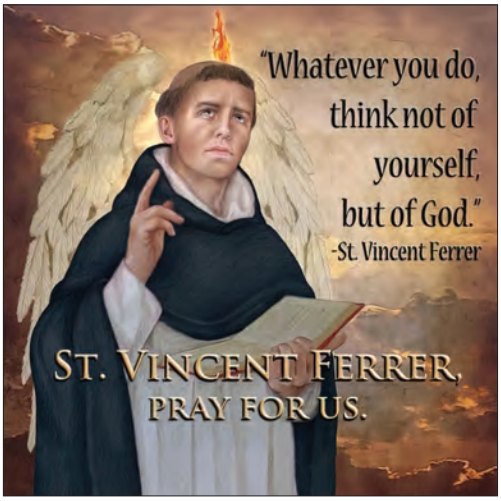

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 28 **5:00 p.m.**
Second Sunday of Lent
Loretta Cadet and Bellequard Romain — In Memoriam

Sunday, March 1 **8:00 a.m.**
Second Sunday of Lent
Kerelene Paulson — Blessings and Perpetual Help
Requested by Shirley Mercury

11:00 a.m.
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Meriza Jean Louis — In Memoriam

Aasira Muhammad — Birthday Blessings

Joseph Carter — In Memoriam

Monday, March 2 **9:00 a.m.**
Reuben T. Nurse — In Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies

Tuesday, March 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Shawn Maynard — In Memoriam
Requested by Shaunder Maynard (Mom)

Jontay Noriega-Bell — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Bernadette and Floyd Bell

Wednesday, March 4 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Casimir
The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Thursday, March 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Mitzi Brown — Blessings and Healing

Friday, March 6 **9:00 a.m.**
First Friday
Olga Morgan — In Memoriam
Requested by Jill, Ronda and Jarde Morgan

Saturday, March 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
All the Souls in Purgatory

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
June Goggin— Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Roy Redhead — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Alison Matthew

Mary's Chapel
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 1: **Easter Mass Remembrance**
March 8: **Easter Flowers Offering**
March 15: **Catholic Relief Services**
Please be generous.

SPECIAL NOTE

The envelopes for a few of the upcoming second collections are incorrectly dated for Easter Sunday, April 5.

The correct schedule is:

March 15: **Catholic Relief Services**

April 5: **Retired Priests**

April 11/12: **Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day Novena**

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Scripture Reflection

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed. Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him up the mountain and is revealed to them in all his beauty as Son of God (cf. Mt 17:1-9).

Let us pause a moment over this scene and ask ourselves: Of what does this beauty consist? What do the disciples see? A spectacular effect? No, that is not it. They see the light of God's holiness shining on Jesus' face and clothes, the perfect image of the Father. God's majesty, God's beauty is revealed. But God is Love. Therefore, the disciples saw with their eyes the beauty and splendour of divine Love incarnate in Christ. They had a foretaste of paradise. What a surprise for the disciples! They had had the face of Love before their very eyes for a long time without ever being aware of how beautiful it was! Only now do they realize it, and with great joy, with immense joy.

In reality, through this experience, Jesus is forming them, preparing them for an even more important step. Soon after that, in fact, they will have to recognize the same beauty in him when he is placed on the cross and his face is disfigured. Peter struggles to understand: he would like to stop time, "pause" the scene, stay there and prolong this marvellous experience. But Jesus does not allow it. Indeed, his light cannot be reduced to a "magical moment"! It would thus become something false, artificial, something that would dissolve into the fog of passing sentiment. On the contrary, Christ is the light that orients our journey like the pillar of fire for the people in the desert (cf. Ex 13:21). Jesus' beauty does not alienate his disciples from the reality of life, but gives them the strength to follow him all the way to Jerusalem, all the way to the cross. Christ's beauty is not alienating. It always brings you forward. It does not make you hide. Go forward!

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel traces a path for us too. It teaches us how important it is to remain with Jesus even when it is not easy to understand everything he says and does for us. In fact, it is by staying with him that we learn to recognize on his face the luminous beauty of love he gives us, even when it bears the marks of the cross. And it is in his school that we learn to glimpse the same beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day — family, friends, colleagues who take care of us in the most varied ways. How many bright faces, how many smiles, how many wrinkles, how many tears and scars reveal love around us! Let us learn to recognize them and to fill our hearts with them. And then let us set out in order to bring the light we have received to others as well, through concrete acts of love (cf. 1 Jn 3:18), diving into our daily affairs more generously, loving, serving, and forgiving with greater earnestness and willingness. The contemplation of God's wonders, the contemplation of God's face, of the Lord's face, must move us to the service of others.

We can ask ourselves: Do we know how to recognize the light of God's love in our lives? Do we recognize it with joy and gratitude on the faces of the people who love us? Do we look around us for the signs of this light that fills our heart and opens it to love and service? Or do we prefer the straw fires of idols that alienate us and lead us to withdraw into ourselves? The great light of the Lord and the false, artificial light of idols. Which do I prefer?

May Mary, who kept the light of her Son in her heart even in the darkness of Calvary, accompany us always on the way of love.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Second Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023

Daily readings for The Second Week of Lent

Sunday, March 1
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, March 2
Daniel 9:4b-10
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 4
Jeremiah 18:18-20
Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 6
Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, March 7
Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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 2: "St. Francis of Assisi:
Rebuild My Church"

With Father James Kuroly

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.

ENSURING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The next Virtus training class will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Church.

Please call the Rectory to register.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent
7:00p.m. in Church

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Why does your participation matter?

As disciples of Jesus at we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

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The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at **St. Vincent Ferrer Church.** Our parish goal is **$62,945**. Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office St. Vincent Ferrer Church at (718) 859-9009.

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This Week on Formed

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Lent and New Life in Christ

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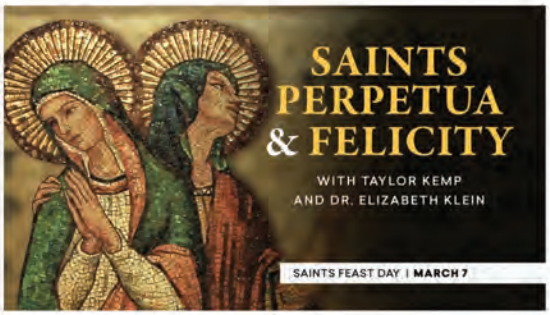

Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.

The Total Gift: A Katharine Drexel Story

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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The disciples fell to the ground.
Jesus said, "Do not be afraid."

Connect the dots.
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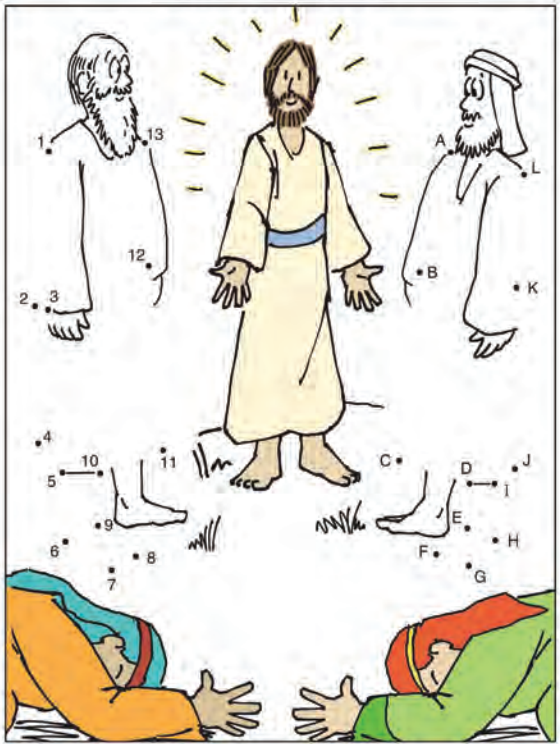

The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James and John
up a high mountain.

Read what happened next.
Then find the underlined letters in the picture below.

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His clothes became as white as the light.

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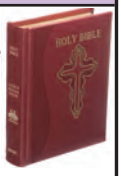

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