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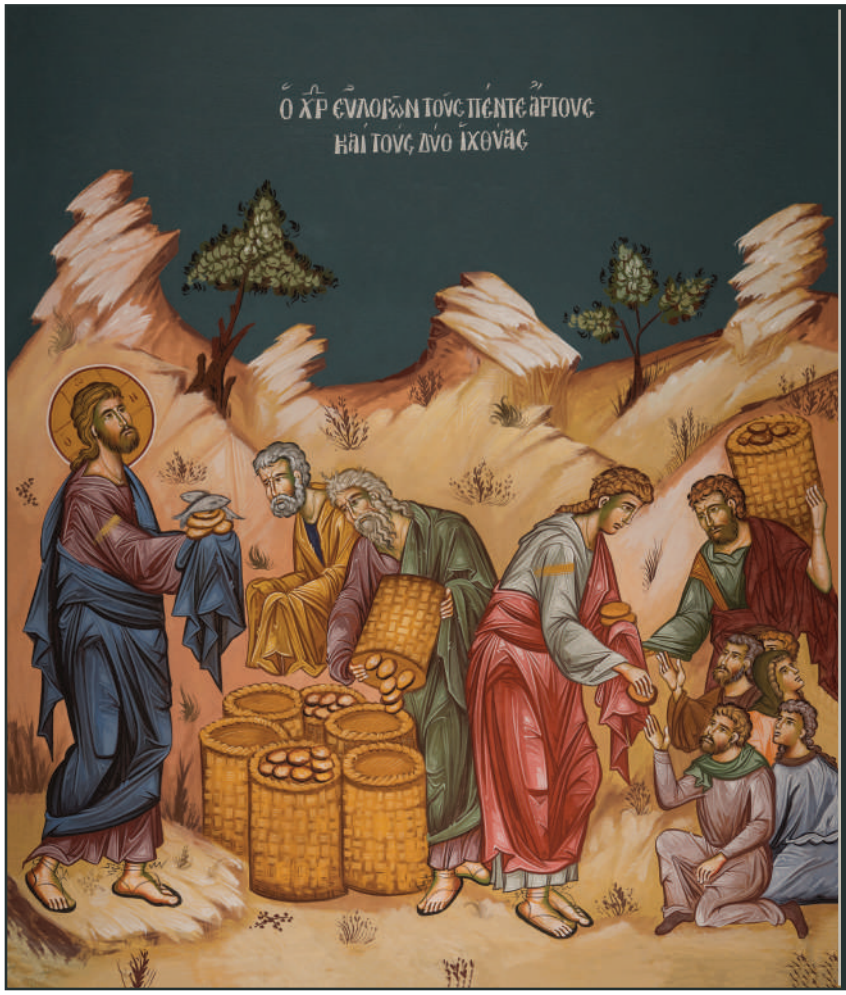
AUGUST 2, 2026 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

OUR STAFF:

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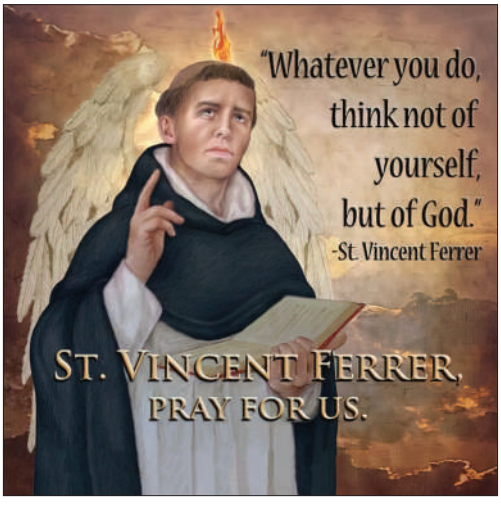

MASS SCHEDULE

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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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1 **5:00 p.m.**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cecilia L. Wong — In Memoriam — 22nd Anniversary
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, August 2 **8:00 a.m.**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Phyllis Harris — Blessings and Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean —Blessings and Thanksgiving
Marjory Cham — Birthday Blessings

Monday, August 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Gladys Builes — Blessings and Healing

Tuesday, August 4 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Vianney, Priest
Muzaf and Joyce Nasir — In Memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Wednesday, August 5 **9:00 a.m.**
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Nesly Lubin — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Yvette Lubin

Thursday, August 6 **9:00 a.m.**
Transfiguration of the Lord
Ronald Almor — Birthday Blessings

Friday, August 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs
Saint Cajetan, Priest
Terrance Redhead — In Memoriam
Requested by The Redhead Family

Saturday, August 8 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Dominic, Priest
All Religious Who Taught in Saint Vincent Ferrer School

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Serge Numa — In Memoriam
Requested by Diane Martin Numa

Sanctuary Candle
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

August 1-2: **Utilities Assistance (Air Conditioning)**
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MASS INTENTIONS

THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your name and phone number, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a Donation of $20 as set by the Diocese of Brooklyn with each request.

Scripture Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves (see Mt 14,13-21). The scene takes place in a deserted place, where Jesus had retired with His disciples. But the people found Him so as to listen to Him and to be healed: indeed, His words and His gestures restore and bring hope. At sundown, the crowd was still present and the disciples, practical men, invited Jesus to send them away so that they could go and find something to eat. But He answered: "You give them something to eat" (v. 16). We can imagine the disciples' faces! Jesus was well aware of what He was about to do, but He wanted to change their attitude: not to say, "send them away," "let them fend for themselves", "let them find something to eat", but rather, "what does Providence offer us to share?" These are two opposite ways of behaving. And Jesus wants to bring them to the second way of behaving because the first proposal is that of the practical person, but is not generous: "send them away so they can go and find, let them fend for themselves." Jesus thinks another way. Jesus wants to use this situation to educate His friends, both then and now, about God's logic. And what is God's logic that we see here? The logic of taking responsibility for others. The logic of not washing one's hands, the logic of not looking the other way. No. The logic of taking responsibility for others. That "let them fend for themselves" should not enter into the Christian vocabulary.

As soon as one of the Twelve says, realistically, "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish", Jesus answers, "Bring them here to me" (vv. 17-18). He takes the food in His hands, raises His eyes heavenward, recites the blessing and begins to break it and give the pieces to the disciples to hand out. And those loaves and fish did not run out; there was enough, and plenty left over for thousands of people.

With this gesture, Jesus demonstrates His power; not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father's generosity toward His weary and needy children. He is immersed in the life of His people, He understands their fatigue and their limitations, but He does not allow anyone to be lost, or to lose out: He nourishes them with His word and provides food in plenty for sustenance.

In this Gospel passage we can perceive a reference to the Eucharist, especially in the description of the blessing, the breaking of the bread, delivery to the disciples, and distribution to the people (v. 19). It is noteworthy how close the link is between the Eucharistic bread, nourishment for eternal life, and daily bread, necessary for earthly life. Before offering Himself to the Father as the Bread of salvation, Jesus ensures there is food for those who follow Him and who, in order to be with Him, forgot to make provisions. At times the spiritual and the material are in opposition, but in reality spiritualism, like materialism, is alien to the Bible. It is not biblical language.

The compassion and tenderness that Jesus showed towards the crowds is not sentimentality, but rather the concrete manifestation of the love that cares for the people's needs. And we are called to approach the Eucharistic table with these same attitudes of Jesus: compassion for the needs of others, this word that is repeated in the Gospel when Jesus sees a problem, an illness or these people without food… "He had compassion." "He had compassion". Compassion is not a purely material feeling; true compassion is patire con [to suffer with], to take others' sorrows on ourselves. Perhaps it would do us good today to ask ourselves: Do I feel compassion when I read news about war, about hunger…? So many things…Do I feel compassion toward those people? Do I feel compassion toward the people who are near to me? Am I capable of suffering with them, or do I look the other way, or "they can fend for themselves"? Let us not forget this word "compassion," which is trust in the provident love of the Father, and means courageous sharing.

May Mary Most Holy help us to walk the path that the Lord shows us in today's Gospel. It is the journey of fraternity, which is essential in order to face the poverty and suffering of this world, especially in this tragic moment, and which projects us beyond the world itself, because it is a journey that begins with God and returns to God.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2, 2020

Daily readings for the 18th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 2
Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, August 3
Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4
Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Psalm 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23
Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5
Jeremiah 31:1-7
(Psalm) Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Friday, August 7
Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
(Psalm) Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8
Habakkuk 1:12–2:4
Psalm 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 17:14-20

MISSION APPEAL APPRECIATION

The Marian Sisters of Eucharistic Love in Ghana send their heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Pastor and the Parish Family of St. Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church for the warm reception you gave our representative when he visited your parish for the mission appeal at the weekend of July 18th & 19th. We are grateful for your generous donations to support our mission of seeing Christ in the abandoned children we serve. Please keep the sisters and their apostolates in your thoughts and prayers. Be assured that the sisters will remember you and your loved ones in our prayers.

For more information on the work of the sisters go to:
www.SisterStansChildren.org

VIRTUS TRAINING UPDATE

Dear Parish Ministers and Volunteers:
Thank you for being an active member of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish. We are especially grateful that you volunteer your time and talent in service to God.

In compliance with Diocesan and State regulations, all parish ministers and volunteers are required to complete an annual online Virtus refresher. This year's module is, "Protecting God's Children from Maltreatment 4.1". It was e-mailed to your Virtus account.

You can either visit Virtusonline.org to complete the module online, or you can attend any of the online presentations sponsored by the Parish.

Thank you again for all that you do for Saint Vincent Ferrer!

Pray for all the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School of Religion Registration is open for new and returning students for the school year 2026-2027. Classes begin in September.

The registration forms can be found online at saintvincentferrer.org under the Education tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the registration form, please call the Rectory at 718 859-9009 and we will mail the form to you.

If you are registering a new student, please bring the original copies of the Birth and Baptism certificates along with the registration fee to the Rectory.

The registration fee is $50.00 per family and can be paid by cash or money order. Please bring the payment to the Rectory, 1603 Brooklyn Avenue. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are no evening or weekend office hours.

Please check the website and your email for further updates.

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The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

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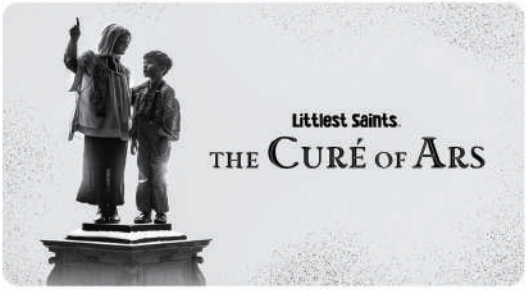
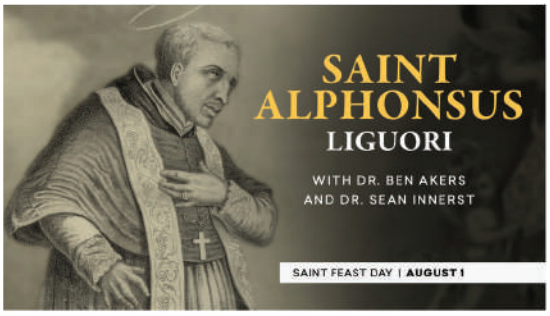


The Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney

The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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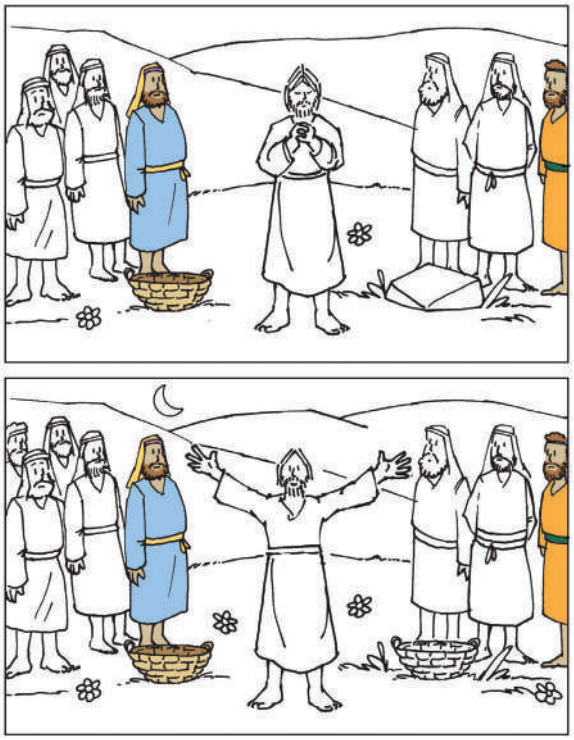

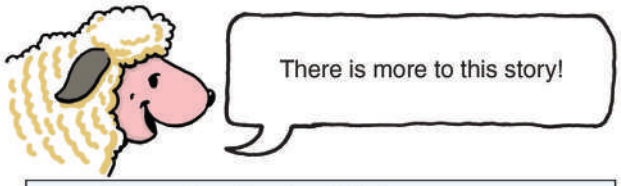

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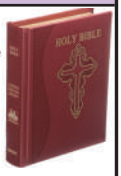

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