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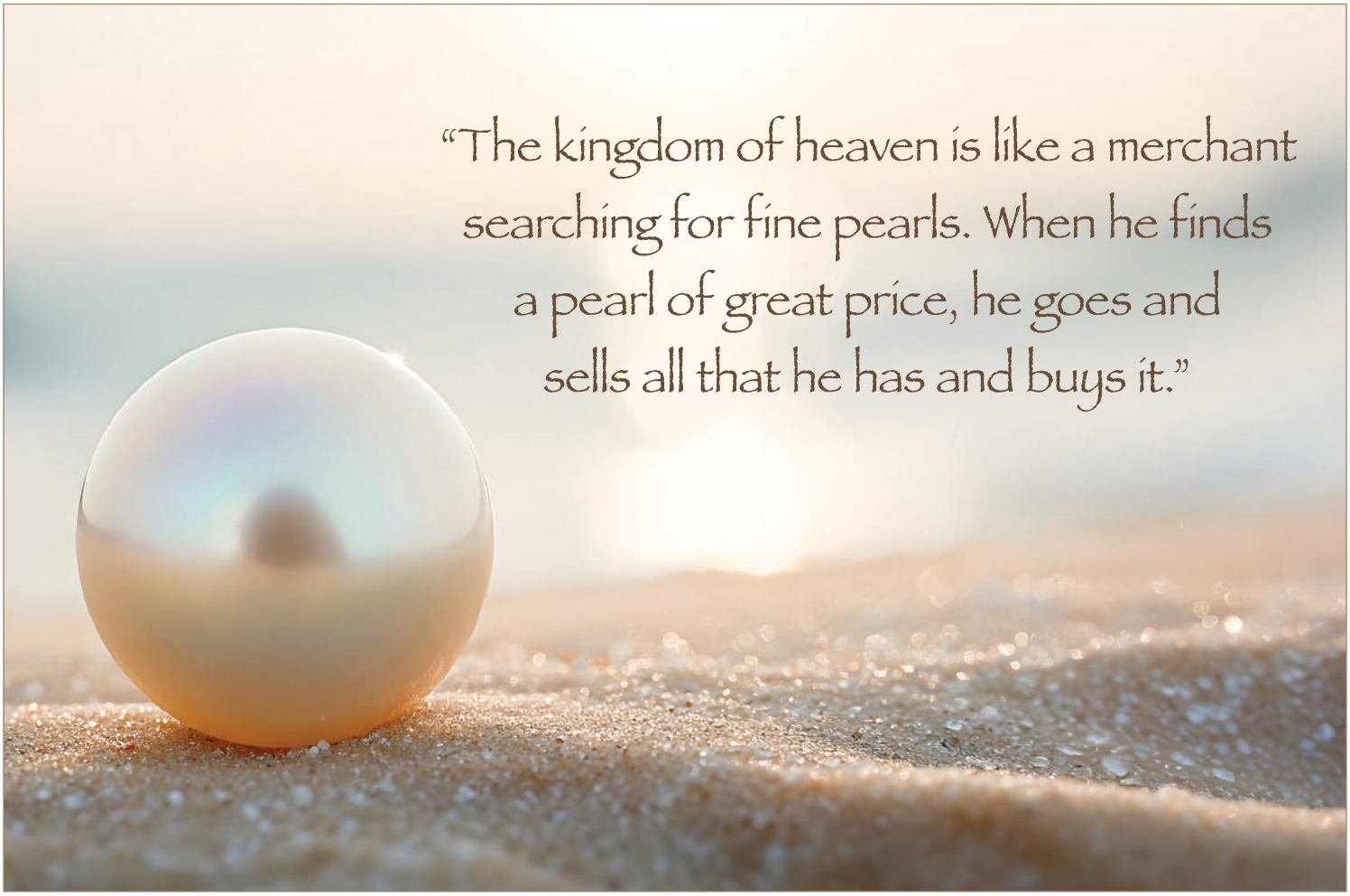
JULY 26, 2026 – 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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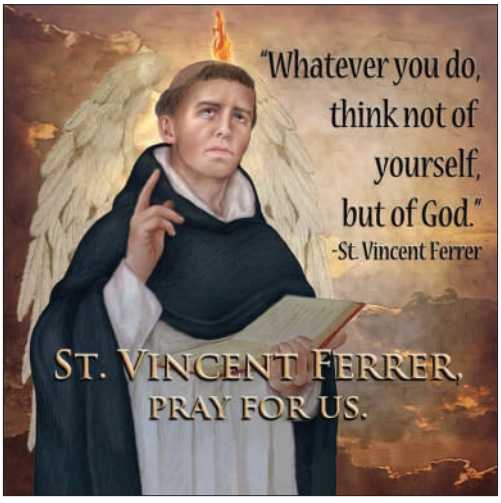

MASS SCHEDULE

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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25 **5:00 p.m.**
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Magaritte Suzette Pierre-Louis — In Memoriam
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Sunday, July 26 **8:00 a.m.**
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Odette Gouchard — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Marjory, Ali and Hannah

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Dennis and Stephen Bernard — In Memoriam
Requested by The Bernard Family
Fitzroderick R. Kerr — In Memoriam
Requested by Dawn Kerr
Therese Ancion — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Dawn Kerr
Cheryl-Ann Subero — Healing and Protection
Requested by Gayle Walker
Mr. Stephen J. McAteer — Blessings

Monday, July 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Martin Fiasconaro — In Memoriam
Requested by Jamie Bambara

Tuesday, July 28 **9:00 a.m.**
John L. Schaffer — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Jamie Bambara

Wednesday, July 29 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Margaret F. Bambara — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Thursday, July 30 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Anthony Harris and Family
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Friday, July 31 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ida Ferrero — In Memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin

Saturday, August 1 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Serge Numa — In Memoriam
Requested by Diane Martin Numa

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION TO AID THE VICTIMS OF THE VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES
July 25th & 26th

Bishop Brennan has approved a voluntary second collection in all parishes within the Diocese of Brooklyn to support the victims of the recent earthquakes in Venezuela. Please be as generous as your means permit. Thank you.

"In an effort to give aid and support to our Venezuelan brothers and sisters in need, I ask that every parish in the Diocese take up a voluntary second collection as soon as possible. The monies collected will be sent by our Diocese to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is working through Caritas Venezuela, for distribution and direct assistance with shelter, food and other humanitarian aid to the affected in Venezuela. I thank the faithful of Brooklyn and Queens for their continued compassion."

— Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

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

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Scripture Reflection

Today the Gospel narrates the parable of a merchant in search of precious gemstones, who, Jesus says, "on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Mt 13:46). Let us pause a little on the actions of this merchant, who first seeks, then finds and finally buys.

The first action: to seek. He is an enterprising merchant, who does not stand still, but leaves his house and sets out in search of precious pearls. He does not say: "I am satisfied with the ones I have"; he looks for more beautiful ones. And this is an invitation to us not to close ourselves up in habit, in the mediocrity of those who are complacent, but to revive desire, so that the desire to seek, to go on, is not extinguished; to cultivate dreams of good, to seek the newness of the Lord, because the Lord is not repetitive. He always brings newness, the newness of the Spirit. He always makes the realities of life new (cf. Rev 21:5). And we must have this attitude: to seek.

The merchant's second action is to find. He is an attentive person who "has a keen eye" and knows how to recognize a pearl of great value. This is not easy. Let us think, for example, of the fascinating oriental bazaars, where the stalls, filled with goods, are crowded along the walls of streets filled with people; or of some of the stalls one sees in many cities, full of books and various objects. Sometimes if one stops to look closely in these markets, one can discover treasures: precious things, rare volumes that, mixed in with everything else, one does not notice at first glance. But the merchant in the parable has a sharp eye and knows how to find, he knows how to "discern" to find the pearl. This too is a teaching for us: every day, at home, on the street, at work, on holiday, we have the possibility of glimpsing good. And it is important to know how to find what counts: to train ourselves to recognize the precious gems of life and to distinguish them from junk. Let us not waste time and freedom on trivial things, pastimes that leave us empty inside, while every day life offers us the precious pearl of the encounter with God and with others! It is necessary to know how to recognize it: to discern in order to find it.

And the merchant's last action: he buys the pearl. Realizing its immense value, he sells everything, he sacrifices all his goods just to have it. He radically changes the inventory of his warehouse; there is no longer anything other than that pearl: it is his only wealth, the meaning of his present and his future. This too is an invitation for us. But what is this pearl for which one can renounce everything, the one of which the Lord speaks to us? This pearl is Him: it is the Lord! Seeking the Lord and finding the Lord, encountering the Lord, living with the Lord. The pearl is Jesus: He is the precious pearl of life, to be sought, found and made one's own. It is worth investing everything in him because, when one encounters Christ, life changes. If you meet Christ, your life changes.

Let us then return to the merchant's three actions: seeking, finding and buying — and ask ourselves some questions. Seeking: am I searching, in my life? Do I feel fine, accomplished, do I settle for things, or do I exercise my desire for good? Am I in spiritual retirement? How many young people are in retirement! The second action, finding: do I practise discerning what is good and comes from God, knowing how to renounce what leaves me with little or nothing? Finally, buying: do I know how to spend myself for Jesus? Is he in first place for me, is he the greatest good in life? It would be nice to say to him today: "Jesus, You are my greatest good". Each one of you in your heart, say now: "Jesus, you are my greatest good".

May Mary help us to seek, find and embrace Jesus with all of ourselves.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30, 2023

Daily readings for the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, July 26
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday, July 27
Jeremiah 13:1-11
(Psalm) Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29
Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
John 11:19-27

Thursday, July 30
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1
Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

THANK YOU!

The In His Light Charismatic Prayer Group extends its warmest thanks and prayerful good wishes to all who participated in our Food/Bake Sale last weekend.

Your continued support helps us to prepare for our Annual Prayer Breakfast/Revival in the Fall.

Thank you again,
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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.
If you have any questions, please call
Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009, ext. 4.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY LAST CALL TO SIGN UP!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

All are invited to join us for our Back-to-School Family Mass to ask God's blessings for the coming school year.

Backpacks containing school supplies along with rosaries and prayer cards from the School of Religion will be distributed, and there will be a Blessing of the Backpacks during Mass.

Children MUST be present to receive a backpack.

The sign-up sheet is located in the back of church near the statue of Saint Vincent Ferrer.

PROFILES OF THE SAINTS

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha — Feast Day July 14

Kateri Tekakwitha was born near the present-day town of Auriesville, New York, in the year 1656. Her mother, an Algonquin, was a Christian. Her father, a leader among his people, the Mohawk, was not.

When Kateri was four years old, a disease called smallpox struck her village. Kateri's mother, father, and baby brother all died from the disease. Little Kateri survived, but the disease scarred her face and left her partially blind. She was called, "Tekakwitha," "she who bumps into things" – a testimony to her impaired eyesight. She was adopted by her aunts and an uncle, a Mohawk chief.

When Kateri was a teenager, she asked permission from her uncle to receive religious instruction from a Jesuit missionary. Her uncle did not approve, but he allowed her to study the faith.

Kateri Tekakwitha statue by Estella Loretto, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On Easter Sunday, 1676, at the age of twenty, Tekakwitha was baptized "Kateri," the Mohawk form of the name "Catherine." After her Baptism, members of her family and others in the village began to shun Kateri and treat her harshly. Because of this, Kateri decided to leave her village and travel to a Catholic mission near Montreal, in Canada. In August 1677, with the help of some Christian friends, Kateri set out on the two-hundred-mile journey. She arrived at the mission in October. There, on Christmas Day in 1677, she received her First Holy Communion.

At the mission Kateri taught prayers to children and told them stories about the life of Jesus. She nursed the sick, gathered offerings for those in need, and helped the elderly with their daily chores. She and another young woman asked permission to start an order of religious sisters, but their request was denied. Kateri's health was beginning to fail.

Kateri died during Holy Week in 1680, at the age of twenty-four. Her last words, spoken in Mohawk, were Jesos Konoronkwa: "Jesus, I love you." Those present said that her face became radiantly beautiful shortly after her death, and that her smallpox scars disappeared. On her gravestone was written this epitaph: "Kateri Tekakwitha, Ownkeonweke Katsitsiio Teonsitsianekaron," "The fairest flower that ever bloomed among red men." She became known as "The Lily of the Mohawks."

In 1943 the Church declared her Venerable. Pope John Paul II declared her Blessed in 1980. On October 21, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI canonized Kateri. She is the first Native American to be named a saint.

When her life became hard, Kateri turned to God in prayer. She focused on helping others, sharing stories about Jesus, and doing everyday chores as acts of love.

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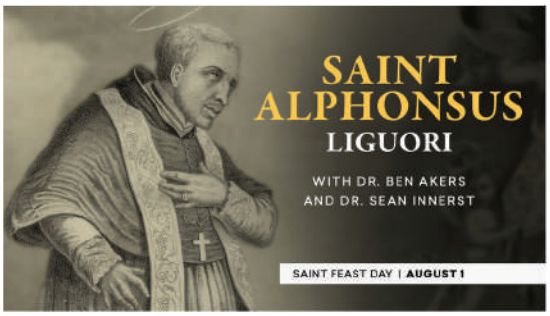
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.

Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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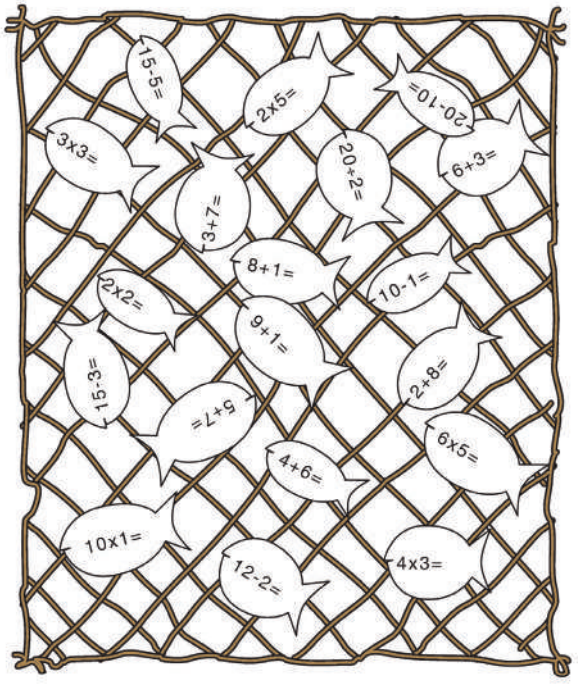
When the man finds a pearl of great value, he sells everything to buy it.

Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

The kingdom of heaven is like a net let down into the lake. It caught all kinds of fish. The fishermen pulled it up on the shore. They collected the good fish in baskets and threw the bad fish away.

Find the fish whose answers match this one 5+5= .
Color them.



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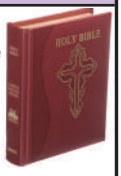

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