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AUGUST 23, 2026 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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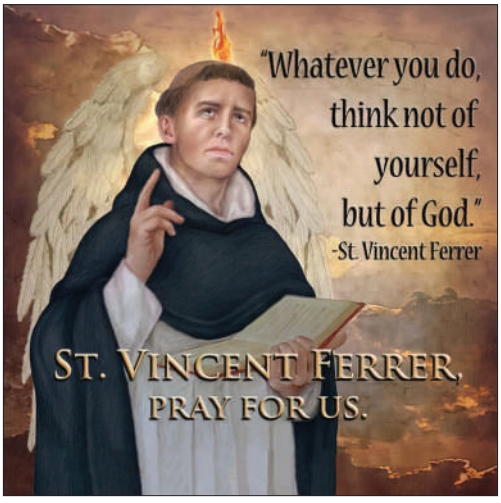

MASS SCHEDULE

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.

SCHOOL AFFILIATION

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www.midwoodcatholicacademy.org

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22 **5:00 p.m.**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sam Corbie — Birthday Blessings

Sunday, August 23 **8:00 a.m.**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Venetia William — In Memoriam
Requested by Veronica William

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Nugent — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Judy Pierre — In Memoriam
Requested by Gerald DeMaio
Kim and Quentin McKeney
— Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Ceyara Dickey — Blessings and Healing
Requested by Camille Dickey
Roberto C. Nurse— Blessings and Healing
Requested by Cristina Gillies
Maria Lina Duplessy — In Memoriam
Requested by Ketty Numa
Mona Juliana Phillips — In Memoriam
Requested by Cresta, Christine and Destinee Mentor and Family

Monday, August 24 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
James J. Feron — In Memoriam

Tuesday, August 25 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Keith Aird — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by The Aird Family

Wednesday, August 26 **9:00 a.m.**
All the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Monica
Lauraine Vercy — In Memoriam
Requested by Carline D.

Friday, August 28 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
The Sick and Elderly Priests of the Diocese of Brooklyn
— Blessings and Healing

Saturday, August 29 **9:00 a.m.**
The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing
Bread and Wine
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing
Altar Flowers
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing
Altar Candles
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing
Saint Joseph Candle
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing
Mary's Chapel
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing
Annunciation Chapel
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

August 29-30: **Utilities Assistance (Air Conditioning)**
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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

Today in the Gospel (cf. Mt 16, 13-20), Jesus asks the disciples a good question: "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" (v. 13).

It is a question we too can ask ourselves: what do people say about Jesus? In general, good things. Many see him as a great teacher, as a special person: good, righteous, consistent, courageous… But is this enough to understand who He is, and above all, is it enough for Jesus? It seems not. If He were simply a person from the past — just as the figures cited in the same Gospel, John the Baptist, Moses, Elijah and the great prophets were for the people — He would merely be a good memory of a bygone time. And for Jesus, this will not do. Therefore, immediately afterwards, the Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: "But who do you — you! — say that I am?" (v. 15). Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, of my today; not a distant prophet: Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!

Christ, brothers and sisters, is not a memory of the past, but the God of the present. If He were merely an historical figure, to imitate Him today would be impossible: we would find ourselves faced with the great chasm of time, and above all, faced with his example, which is like a very high, unscalable mountain; we want to climb it, but lack the ability and the necessary means. Instead, Jesus is alive: let us remember this. Jesus is alive, Jesus lives in the Church, He lives in the world, Jesus accompanies us, Jesus is by our side, He offers us His Word, He offers us His grace, which enlighten and refresh us on the journey. He, an expert and wise guide, is happy to accompany us on the most difficult paths and the steepest slopes.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are not alone on the path of life, because Christ is with us. Christ helps us to walk, as He did with Peter and the other disciples. It is precisely Peter, in today's Gospel, who understands this, and by grace recognizes in Jesus "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16): "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God", says Peter; He is not a character from the past, but the Christ, that is, the Messiah, the awaited one; not a deceased hero, but the Son of the living God, made man and come to share the joys and the labours of our journey. Let us not be discouraged if at times the peak of Christian life seems too high and the path too steep. Let us look to Jesus, always; let us look to Jesus who walks beside us, who welcomes our frailties, shares our efforts and rests his firm and gentle arm on our weak shoulders. With Him close at hand, let us also reach out to one another and renew our trust. With Jesus, what seems impossible on our own is no longer so; with Jesus we can go forth!

Today it will do us good to repeat the decisive question that comes out of his mouth: "Who do you say I am" (cf. v. 15). "Who do you — Jesus says to you — who do you say that I am?". Let us hear the voice of Jesus, who asks us this question. In other words: who is Jesus for me? An important figure, a point of reference, an unattainable model? Or is He God the Son, who walks by my side, who can lead me to the peak of holiness, that I cannot reach by myself? Is Jesus truly alive in my life, does Jesus live with me? Is He my Lord? Do I entrust myself to Him in moments of difficulty? Do I cultivate his presence through the Word, through the Sacraments? Do I let myself be guided by Him, together with my brothers and sisters, in the community?

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27, 2023

Daily readings for the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 23
Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, August 24
Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
John 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25
2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17
Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26
2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18
Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 28
1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Mark 6:17-29

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.

Annual Prayer Breakfast

"Take My Yoke Upon You"
(Matthew 11:22)

Saturday, October 3 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
In the Lower Church
925 East 37th Street, Brooklyn NY 11210

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Father Chinedu Achusim, STD (Cand.)

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

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!

Ministry of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island Saturday, July 26

The Feast of the Assumption Saturday, August 15

PROFILES OF THE SAINTS

Saint Monica — Feast Day August 27, and Saint Augustine — Feast Day August 28

Saint Augustine and Saint Monica

The Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Monica on August 27 and her son, Saint Augustine of Hippo, on August 28.

Saint Monica was born in A.D. 333, into a middle-class Christian family. She was born in Thagaste, North Africa, in what is now Algeria. As a young woman, she was given in marriage to an older pagan man named Patricius. He had an uncontrolled temper and mistreated Monica. Monica depended on her faith to keep her strong and calm. In time, both Monica's husband and her mother-in-law were converted to the Christian faith. She had at least three children (two sons and one daughter). Her most well-known child is her son, Augustine.

As a young man, Augustine was a talented scholar. He resisted the Sacrament of Baptism and chose to follow Manichaeanism, a quasi-Christian philosophy that believed the world was the creation of the powers of evil, not of God. Monica, however, never stopped praying for his conversion to the truth of Catholicism. After years of his mother's prayers, Saint Augustine responded to the grace of God and was baptized as a Christian at the age of 33 by his friend and mentor, Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan, Italy. Soon after her son's Baptism, Monica died. Her greatest hope was fulfilled.

Not long after his baptism, Augustine returned to Tagaste. He gathered a group of friends together who supported one another in living out their faith. In 391, he was ordained a priest and four years later was named the bishop of Hippo, a city in Northern Africa that was under the rule of the Romans. Augustine devoted himself to the spiritual care of his people as well as to writing. We still have a vast collection of his work today—113 books, 207 letters, and more than 500 sermons. He died in 430 and, along with his teacher, Saint Ambrose, was named a doctor of the church in 1298.

Saint Augustine came to know and believe in Christ after years of living a life of sin. He recognized that only God could make his life meaningful. Saint Augustine was always grateful for his mother, Monica, especially for her prayers.

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This Week on Formed

Week of August 23, 2026

The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said He would give Peter "keys." What were these keys to?

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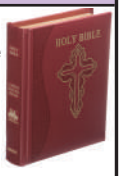

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