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AUGUST 30, 2026 – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

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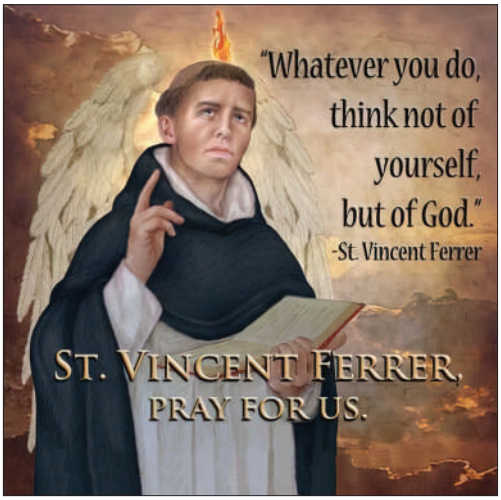

MASS SCHEDULE

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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29 **5:00 p.m.**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jacqueline Barker — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Margaret & James Bambara

Sunday, August 30 **8:00 a.m.**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Waterloo Paul — In Memoriam
Requested by The Saint Vincent dePaul Society

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Irmin Payne — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Kim & Quentin McKeney
Millicent Evelyn Henderson — In Memoriam
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy
Brianna Viera —In Memoriam
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy
Marie Lina Duplessy — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Antonius P. Gopaul
Méré and Odette Adrien — In Memoriam
Requested by Jean Adrien
Kerlene Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Shirley and Troy Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Monday, August 31 **9:00 a.m.**
Irmin Payne — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Jasmine Lewis

Tuesday, September 1 **9:00 a.m.**
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Edith and Maurice Ferrus — In Memoriam

Wednesday, September 2 **9:00 a.m.**
Janice Lewis — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Jasmine Lewis

Thursday, September 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Callistus Fredrick Sandy — In Memoriam
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy

Friday, September 4 **9:00 a.m.**
Mannie Francisco Volcy —In Memoriam

Saturday, September 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Teresa of Calcutta
All Those Who Have No One to Pray For Them

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing
Bread and Wine
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing
Altar Flowers
Judith Gullap — Blessings and Healing
Altar Candles
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing
Saint Joseph Candle
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing
Mary's Chapel
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing
Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

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August 29-30: **Utilities Assistance (Air Conditioning)**
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September 5-6: **Catholic University of America**
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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

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 16:21-27) is linked to that of last Sunday (cf. Mt 16:13-20). After Peter, on behalf of the other disciples as well, has professed his faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, Jesus himself begins to speak to them about his Passion. Along the path to Jerusalem, he openly explains to his friends what awaits him at the end in the Holy City: he foretells the mystery of his death and Resurrection, of his humiliation and glory. He says that he will have to "suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16:21). But his words are not understood, because the disciples have a faith that is still immature and too closely tied to the mentality of this world (cf. Rom 12:2). They think of too earthly a victory, and therefore they do not understand the language of the cross.

At the prospect that Jesus may fail and die on the cross, Peter himself rebels and says to Him: "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you!" (v. 22). He believes in Jesus — Peter is like this — he has faith, he believes in Jesus; he believes; he wants to follow him, but does not accept that his glory will pass through the Passion. For Peter and the other disciples — but for us too! — the cross is an uncomfortable thing, the cross is a "hindrance", whereas Jesus considers the "hindrance" escaping the cross, which would mean avoiding the Father's will, the mission that the Father has entrusted to him for our salvation. For this reason Jesus responds to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men" (v. 23). Ten minutes earlier, Jesus had praised Peter. He had promised him he would be the base of his Church, its foundation; ten minutes later he says to him, "Satan". How can this be understood? It happens to us all! In moments of devotion, of fervour, of good will, of closeness to our neighbour, we look to Jesus and we go forward; but in moments in which we approach the cross, we flee. The devil, Satan — as Jesus says to Peter — tempts us. It is typical of the evil spirit, it is typical of the devil to make us stray from the cross, from the cross of Jesus.

Addressing everyone then, Jesus adds: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (v. 24). In this way he indicates the way of the true disciple, showing two attitudes. The first is "to renounce oneself", which does not mean a superficial change, but a conversion, a reversal of mentality and of values. The other attitude is that of taking up one's own cross. It is not just a matter of patiently enduring daily tribulations, but of bearing with faith and responsibility that part of toil, and that part of suffering that the struggle against evil entails. The life of Christians is always a struggle. The Bible says that the life of Christians is a military undertaking: fighting against the evil spirit, fighting against Evil.

Thus the task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's Love, it is a sign of Jesus' Sacrifice, and is not to be reduced to a superstitious object or an ornamental necklace. Each time we fix our gaze on the image of Christ crucified, let us contemplate that he, as the true Servant of the Lord, has accomplished his mission, giving life, spilling his blood for the pardoning of sins. And let us not allow ourselves to be drawn to the other side by the temptation of the Evil One. Therefore, if we want to be his disciples, we are called to imitate him, expending our life unreservedly out of love of God and neighbour.

May the Virgin Mary, united to her Son unto Calvary, help us not to retreat in the face of the trials and suffering that witnessing to the Gospel entails.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2020

Daily readings for the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 30
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Monday, August 31
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Psalm 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 1 3cd-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Psalm 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 4
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Psalm 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
Luke 6:1-5

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.)

Followed by a Revival October 5–7
starting with the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

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Come join in prayer, praise and worship, and nourish on the Word!

Thank you,
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School of Religion Registration is open for new and returning students for the school year 2026-2027.

Classes begin on Catechetical Sunday, September 20.

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
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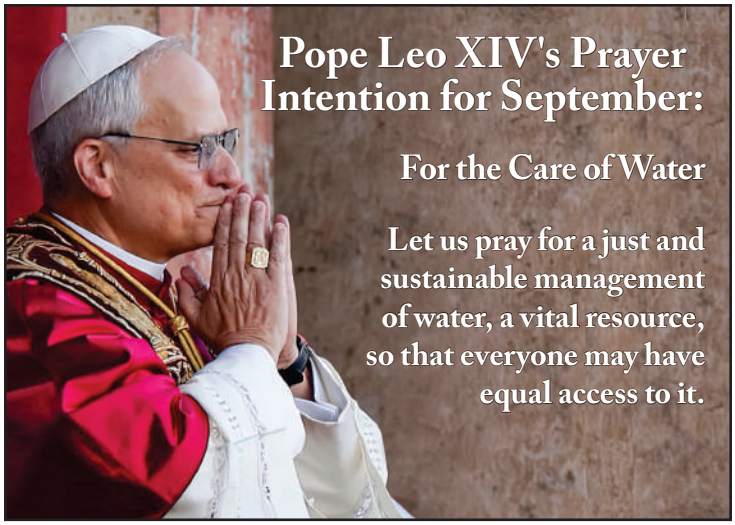

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

1st Friday: Devotion to the Sacred Heart

2nd Friday: Prayers for the Protection of All Life

3rd Friday: Devotion to Saint Andrew for Vocations

4th Friday: Saint Vincent Ferrer 4th Friday Devotion

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!

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ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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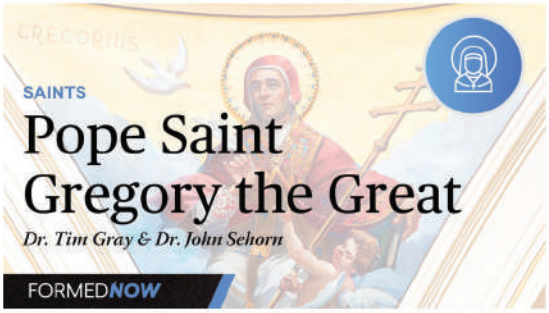
This Week on Formed

Week of August 30, 2026

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.

Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus told the disciples that He must suffer, be killed, and then be raised to life.

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Jesus explained to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things, be killed, and on the third day be raised to life.

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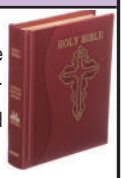

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