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AUGUST 9, 2026 – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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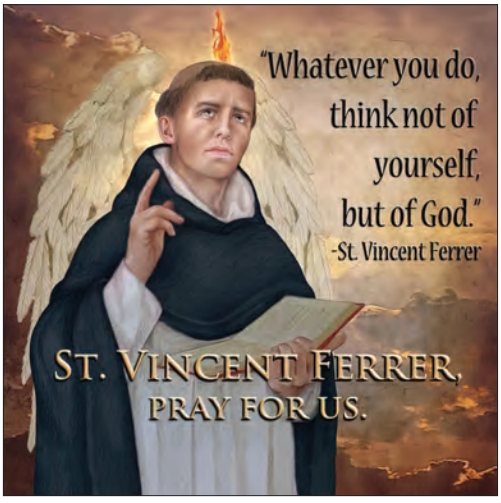

MASS SCHEDULE

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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 9, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8 **5:00 p.m.**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Greta Lopez-Smith — In Memoriam
Requested by Doris and Allison Gullap

Sunday, August 9 **8:00 a.m.**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Kelson Fleary — In Memoriam
Requested by Diana Donald

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Kayla Forbes — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Gillian and Sean Forbes
Miracia Audain — In Memoriam
Requested by Jocelyn Myrthil
Manuel and Dolores Begawen — Blessings

Monday, August 10 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
The Jenkins Family — In Memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin

Tuesday, August 11 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Clare, Virgin
Shani Bellegarde — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, August 12 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
William Reed — In Memoriam
Requested by Ketty Numa

Thursday, August 13 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
Lidia Patricia Solarte — In Memoriam

Friday, August 14 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Helen Matthew — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Allison Matthew

Saturday, August 15 **9:00 a.m.**
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Andrea Marguerite Veriquain — In Memoriam — 20th Anniversary
Requested by Marie Carmel Veriquain

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Lyn Duplessy — In Memoriam

Sanctuary Candle
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

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

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 passage (see Mt 14:22-33) speaks of Jesus walking on the water of the stormy lake. After feeding the crowds with five loaves and two fish – as we saw last Sunday – Jesus commands the disciples to get into the boat and return to the other shore. He dismisses the people and then climbs the hill, alone, to pray. He immerses Himself in communion with the Father.

During the crossing of the lake by night, the disciples' boat is hindered by a sudden wind storm. This is normal on a lake. At a certain point, they see someone walking on the water, coming toward them. Upset, they think it is a ghost and cry out in fear. Jesus reassures them: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear". Then Peter – Peter who was so decisive – answers: "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water". A challenge. And Jesus tells him: "Come". Peter gets out of the boat and takes a few steps; then the wind and waves frighten him and he begins to sink. "Lord, save me", he cries, and Jesus grasps him by the hand and says to him: "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?".

This Gospel narrative is an invitation to abandon ourselves trustingly to God in every moment of our life, especially in the moment of trial and turmoil. When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, in life's difficult moments where everything becomes dark, we must not be ashamed to cry out like Peter: "Lord, save me" (v. 30). To knock on God's heart, on Jesus's heart. "Lord, save me." It is a beautiful prayer! We can repeat it many times. "Lord, save me." And Jesus's gesture, who immediately reaches out His hand and grasps that of His friend, should be contemplated at length: this is Jesus. Jesus does this. Jesus is the Father's hand who never abandons us, the strong and faithful hand of the Father, who always and only wants what is good for us. God is not in the loud sound, God is not the hurricane, He is not in the fire, He is not in the earthquake – as the narrative about the Prophet Elijah also recalls today that says God is the light breeze – literally it says this: He is in the " thread of melodious silence" – that never imposes itself, but asks to be heard (see 1 Kgs 19:11-13). Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments He is well aware that our faith is weak – all of us are people of little faith, all of us, myself included, everyone – and that our faith is weak our journey can be troubled, hindered by adverse forces. But He is the Risen One! Let's not forget this: He is the Lord who passed through death in order to lead us to safety. Even before we begin to seek Him, He is present beside us lifting us back up after our falls, He helps us grow in faith. Maybe in the dark, we cry out: "Lord, Lord!" thinking He is far away. And He says, "I am here." Ah, He was with me! That is the Lord.

The boat at the mercy of the storm is the image of the Church, which in every age encounters headwinds, very harsh trials at times: we recall certain long and ferocious persecutions of the last century and even today in certain places. In situations like that, she may be tempted to think that God has abandoned her. But in reality it is precisely in those moments that the witness of faith, the witness of love, the witness of hope shines the most. It is the presence of the Risen Christ in His Church that gives the grace of witness unto martyrdom, from which buds new Christians and fruit of reconciliation and peace for the entire world.

May the intercession of Mary help us to persevere in faith and fraternal love when the darkness and storms of life place our trust in God in crisis.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2020

Daily readings for the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 9
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Monday, August 10
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11
Ezekiel 2:8–3:4
Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12
Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13
Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62
Matthew 18:21–19:1

Friday, August 14
Ezekiel 16:59-63
(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16
Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

THANK YOU!

The **Ministry of Mercy** would like to thank you for your support of the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island on Saturday, July 25, 2026. We had a great time. We would also appreciate any suggestions for future events. God bless you all!

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!

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
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Triumph of the Heart

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The New Eve | Lectio: Mary | Episode 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

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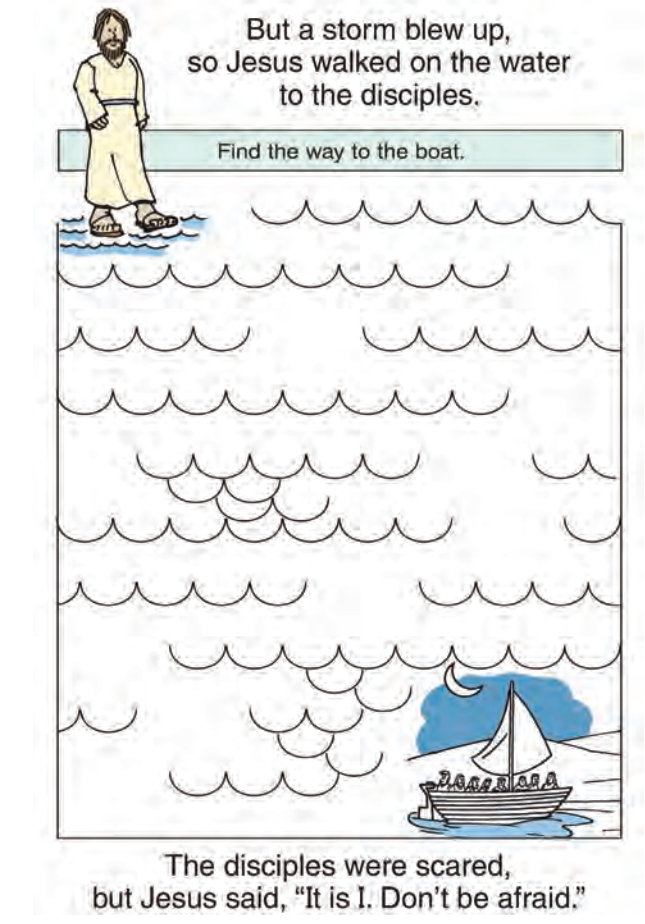

Jesus and the Disciples

Jesus sent the disciples ahead in a boat
and went up a mountainside by Himself to pray.
Later, while the boat was far from land, a storm blew up.

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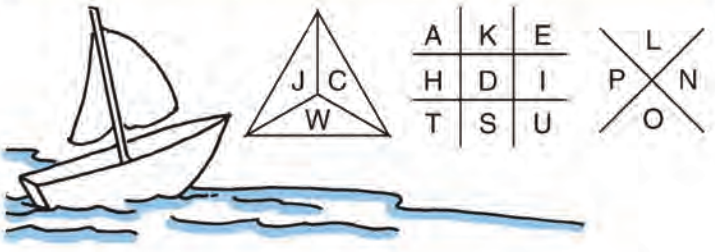

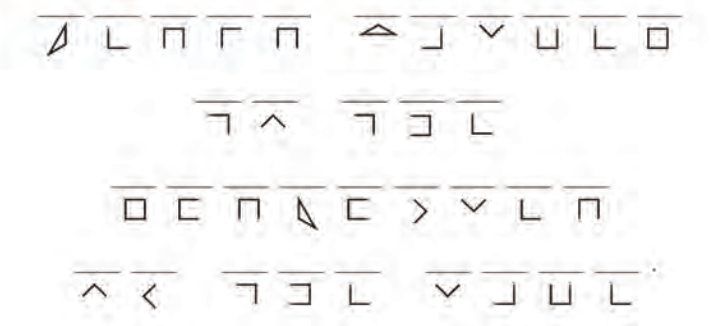

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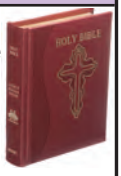

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