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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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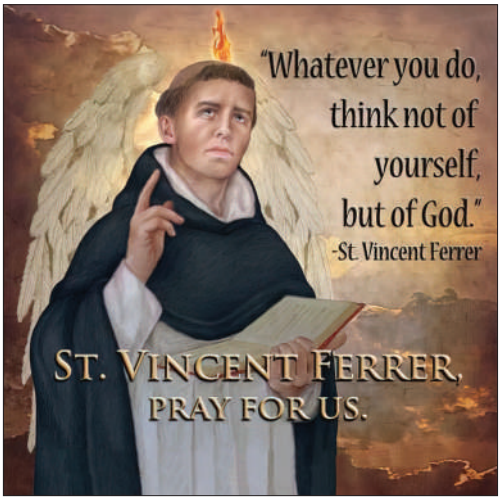

MASS SCHEDULE

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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12 **5:00 p.m.**
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosemary and James Feron —In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, September 13 **8:00 a.m.**
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Victims of the September 11 Attacks
— In Memoriam

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Charles Redhead—In Memoriam
Requested by The Redhead Family
Kerlene Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Eugenia Jarvis — In Memoriam
All Victims of the September 11 Attacks
— In Memoriam

Monday, September 14 **9:00 a.m.**
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Kishisa Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Tuesday, September 15 **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of Sorrows
Salima Khillawan — Thanksgiving

Wednesday, September 16 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Reverend Mother Doreen Pearline Forbes
— In Memoriam
Requested by The Forbes Family

Thursday, September 17 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Firefighter Karl H. Joseph — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, September 18 **9:00 a.m.**
Lillia Fattore — In Memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Saturday, September 19 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
All the Souls in Purgatory

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Firefighter Karl H. Joseph — In Memoriam

Bread and Wine
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Lucienne Previl — 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

September 19-20: Second Collection:
The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust Fund

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Please register at the Rectory at least 6 weeks before. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at registration.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should speak to the priest at least 6 months before the desired date. For complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese, visit: www.pre-cana.org.

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. in the church or by appointment.

Sick Calls: In case of emergency – any time.

Scripture Reflection

Today, the Gospel talks to us about forgiveness (cf. Mt 18:21-35). Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (v. 21).

Seven, in the Bible, is a number that indicates completeness, and so Peter is very generous in the assumptions of his question. But Jesus goes further, and answers him: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven" (v. 22). He tells him, that is, that when one forgives, one does not calculate; that it is good to forgive everything, and always! Just as God does with us, and as those who administer God's justice are required to do: forgive always. I say this a lot to priests, to confessors: always forgive, as God forgives.

Jesus then illustrates this reality through a parable, which again has to do with numbers. A king, after being implored, forgives a servant the debt of 10,000 talents. It is an excessive, immense value, ranging from 200 to 500 tons of silver: excessive. It was an impossible debt to settle, even by working a lifetime: yet this master, who recalls our Father, forgives it out of sheer "pity" (v. 27). This is God's heart: he always forgives, because God is compassionate. Let us not forget how God is: he is close, compassionate and tender. This is God's way of being. Then, however, this servant, whose debt has been forgiven, shows no mercy towards a fellow servant who owes him 100 denarii. This too is a substantial sum, equivalent to about three months' wages — as if to say that forgiving each other costs [money]! — but not at all comparable to the previous figure that the master had forgiven.

Jesus' message is clear: God forgives incalculably, exceeding all measure. This is how he is; He acts out of love, and gratuitously. God is not bought, God is free, he is all gratuitousness. We cannot repay him, but when we forgive a brother or a sister, we imitate him. Forgiving is not, therefore, a good deed that we can [choose to] do or not do; forgiving is a fundamental condition for those who are Christians. Every one of us, in fact, is "forgiven": let us not forget this, we are forgiven, God gave his life for us, and in no way can we recompense him for his mercy, which he never withdraws from his heart. However, by corresponding to his gratuitousness, that is, by forgiving one another, we can bear witness to him, sowing new life around us. For outside of forgiveness there is no hope; outside of forgiveness there is no peace. Forgiveness is the oxygen that purifies the air of hatred. Forgiveness is the antidote to the poisons of resentment, it is the way to defuse anger and heal so many maladies of the heart that contaminate society.

Let us ask ourselves, then: do I believe I have received from God the gift of immense forgiveness? Do I feel the joy of knowing that he is always ready to forgive me when I fall, even when others do not, even when I am not even able to forgive myself? He forgives: do I believe that he forgives? And then: can I in turn forgive those who wrong me? In this respect, I would like to propose a little exercise to you: let us try, now, each one of us, to think of a person who has hurt us, and ask the Lord for the strength to forgive them. And let us forgive them out of love for the Lord: brothers and sisters, this will do us good; it will restore peace to our hearts.

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us to accept the grace of God and to forgive each other.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 17, 2023

Daily readings for the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 13
Sirach 27:30–28:7
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday, September 14
Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

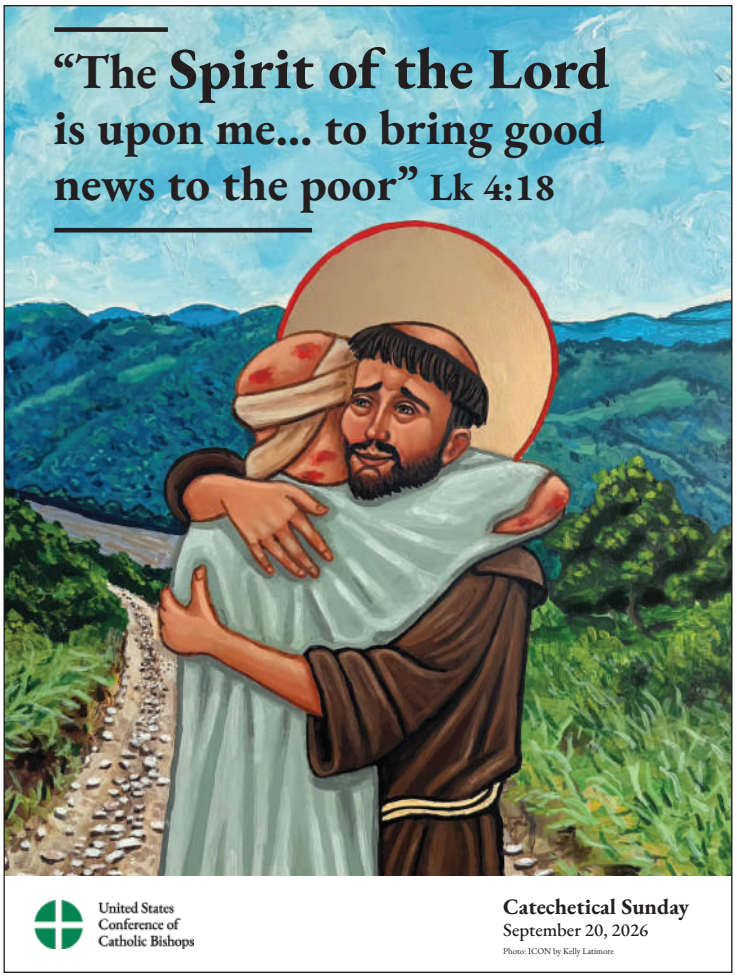
Tuesday, September 15
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
John 19:25-27 (alt. Luke 2:33-35)

Wednesday, September 16
1 Corinthians 12:31–13:13
Psalm 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 18
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19
1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49
Psalm 56:10c-12, 13-14
Luke 8:4-15



SCHOOL OF RELIGION CATECHISTS' TRAINING SESSIONS

Two mandatory ongoing formation sessions for Catechists will be held the next two Saturdays, **September 19th** and **September 26th**. The 9:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by our guest speakers, followed by a workshop in the Lower Church until 11:30 a.m.

The September 19th session will focus on The Creed with Father John Cush, and the September 26th topic with Father Charles Caccavale is The Moral Life.

All parish ministers and volunteers are invited to attend these sessions as well. Please contact the Rectory or Margaret Bambara if you are seeking to attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Pray for all the souls in purgatory

SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20

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 Miss Margaret Bambara at 718-859-9009, ext. 4.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Please contact the Rectory Office if you are homebound or know of any parishioner who is homebound or anyone going for a medical procedure who would like to be anointed by a priest and/or receive the Holy Eucharist. 718-859-9009

VIRTUS TRAINING UPDATE

Dear Parish Ministers and Volunteers:

Thank you for being active members 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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Saturday, October 3, 2026 – 10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

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Theme: "*Take My Yoke Upon You*"
(Matthew 11:29)

Guest Speaker
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Parochial Vicar
Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Revival

October 5th, 6th, 7th
Beginning with the Rosary at 6:30 P.M.

Praise and Worship Session
Ending with Mass on October 7th, 2026

Come, let us Learn, Praise, Worship and be grateful together.

Great Thanks to God

For tickets or More Information: Contact

Ignatius (347) 248-2224 Charmaine (347) 268-8786 Christine (347) 618-2439

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This Week on Formed

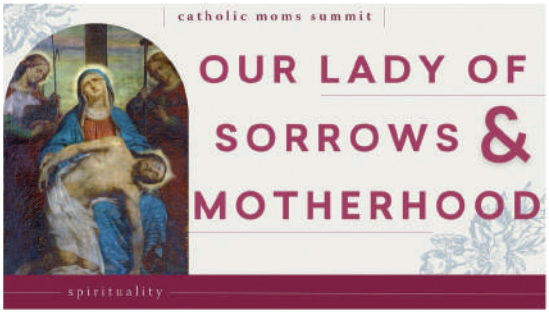
Week of September 13, 2026

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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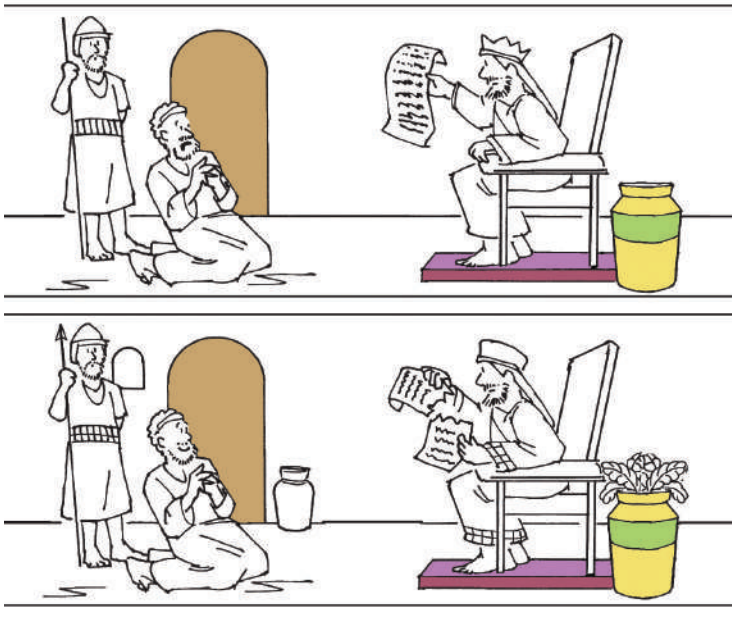
The Servant Who Would Not Forgive

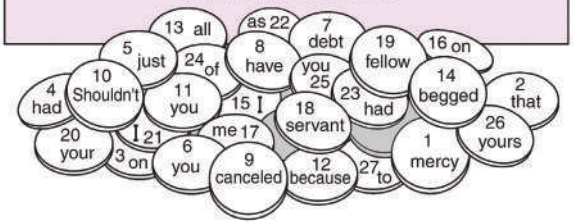
A king was collecting what was owed him. One man could not pay. The king forgave him his debt.

Circle the differences in the 2nd picture.



But the servant was not so kind to one of his debtors. The master called the servant in again. What did he say?

Use the numbers on the coins to find the correct words to write on the lines below.



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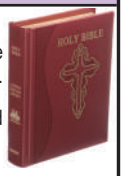

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