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SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Andrei Mironov, Parable of the Two Sons, 2013, Oil on Canvas, Vanderbilt Divinity Library

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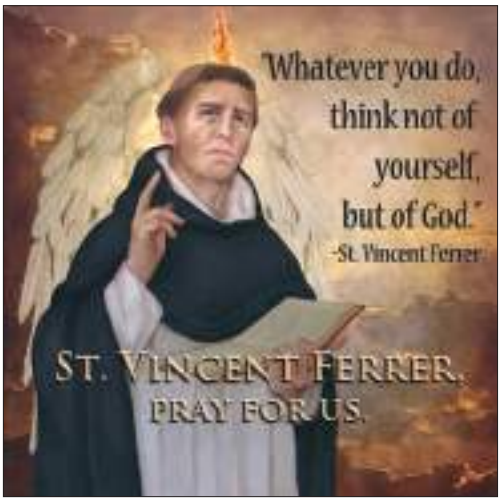

MASS SCHEDULE

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26 **5:00 p.m.**
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fritz Philogene — Blessings

Sunday, September 27 **8:00 a.m.**
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Steven Jacob — Birthday Blessings

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Pauline Martin — In Memoriam
Requested by the Aird Family
Santiago Rodriguez — In Memoriam
Requested by Cristina Rodriguez-Gillies
Kerlene Paulson — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Shirley Mercury
Maria Anthony —Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Mrs. Anthony
Conroy Anthony, Jr. — In Memoriam
Requested by Mrs. Anthony

Monday, September 28 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Wencelsaus, Martyr,
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
In Thanksgiving to the Archangels
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Tuesday, September 29 **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Rev. Father Dennis J. Farrell — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Wednesday, September 30 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Troy and Shirley Paulson — Blessings

Thursday, October 1 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
John McAlinden — Blessings

Friday, October 2 **9:00 a.m.**
The Holy Guardian Angels
Emile Pswarayi
Requested by Jocelyn Myrthil

Saturday, October 3 **9:00 a.m.**
Joan Williams — Birthday Blessings

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
Lucienne Previl — 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

YOU'RE INVITED!

The **Parish of Saint Jerome** cordially invites you to join them in celebrating the **Feast of Saint Jerome** and the **Opening of its 125th Anniversary Jubilee** on **Wednesday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. Mass.**

Saint Jerome is located at 2900 Newkirk Avenue

All Are Welcome!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Every second Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Please register at least 6 weeks before the baptism date. The child's original birth certificate must be presented at the time 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: dioceseofbrooklyn.org/marriage-and-family/getting-married/.

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

Sick Calls: In case of emergency – any time.

Scripture Reflection

Today, the Gospel speaks about two sons, whose father asks them to go to work in the vineyard (cf. Mt 21:28-32). One of them responds "yes", right away, but then does not go. The other one instead, says "no", but then repents and goes.

What is there to say about the behaviour of these two? What quickly comes to mind is that going to work in the vineyard requires sacrifice, and making sacrifices is demanding. It does not come naturally, even with the beauty of knowing they are sons and heirs. But the problem here is not so much linked to a resistance to going to work in the vineyard, as much as it is to sincerity, or lack thereof, with the father and with themselves. Even though neither of the sons behaves impeccably; one lies, while the other one makes a mistake but remains sincere.

Let us look at the son who says "yes", but then does not go. He does not want to do the father's will, but neither does he want to get into a discussion or talk about it. Thus, he hides behind a "yes", behind a false compliance that conceals his laziness, and he saves face for the time being. He is a hypocrite. He gets by without conflict, but he cheats and disappoints his father, disrespecting him in a way that is worse than if he had responded with a blunt "no". The problem with those who behave this way is that they are not only sinners, but also corrupt, because they lie without difficulty to cover up and disguise their disobedience, rejecting any honest dialogue or feedback.

The other son, instead, who said "no" but then went, is sincere. He is not perfect, but sincere. Certainly, it would have been nice to hear him say "yes" right away. That did not happen, but at least he shows his reluctance honestly and, in a certain sense, courageously. That is, he takes responsibility for his behaviour and acts out in the open. Then, with this basic honesty, he ends up questioning himself until he understands he has made a mistake and retraces his steps. We could say he is a sinner, but he is not corrupt. Pay close attention to this: this son is a sinner, but he is not corrupt. And there is always hope of redemption for a sinner. For the corrupt on the other hand, it is much more difficult. In fact, the corrupt person's false "yeses", elegant but hypocritical façades and habitual false pretenses, are like a thick "rubber wall", behind which to take cover from qualms of conscience. And these hypocrites do so much evil! Brothers and sisters, sinners yes — we all are — corrupt no! Sinners yes, corrupt no!

Let us now look at ourselves and, in the light of all this, ask ourselves some questions. When faced with the difficulty of living an honest and generous life, of dedicating myself to the Father's will, am I willing to say "yes" each day, even if it is demanding? And when I fail, am I sincere before God about my difficulties, my failings, my weaknesses? And when I say "no", do I turn around after? Let us speak with the Lord about this. When I make a mistake, am I willing to repent and retrace my steps? Or do I pretend everything is okay and go through life wearing a mask, concerning myself only with appearing good and righteous? Finally, am I a sinner, like everyone, or is there something corrupt in me? Do not forget: sinners yes, corrupt no.

May Mary, mirror of holiness, help us be sincere Christians.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 1, 2023

Daily readings for the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 27
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Monday, September 28
Job 1:6-22
Psalm 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
(alt. Rev 12:7-12ab)
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30
Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Psalm 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1
Job 19:21-27
Psalm 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14
Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 2
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Psalm 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Luke 10:17-24

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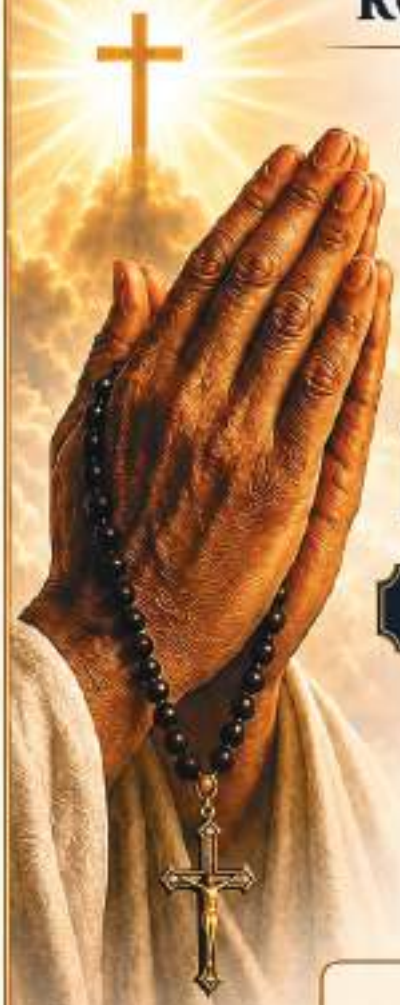

In His Light

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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
Reverend Father Chinedu Achusim S.T.D. (cand.)
Parochial Vicar
Saint Vincent Ferrer Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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$35.00 (Adults)
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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

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Or reach out to a member on the In His Light Charismatic Prayer Group

Or Contact the Rectory at (718) 859-9009

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year commemorating the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Since this year's celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis falls on Sunday, October 4, 2026, which is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Bishop Robert Brennan has granted permission for all parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Brooklyn to celebrate the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours of Saint Francis on that day.

Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish will mark the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi at all Masses the weekend of October 3-4, concluding with a Family Gathering for the Blessing of the Animals at 12:45p.m. in the Church Yard (in case of bad weather, we will move indoors to the back of Church).

All pets (including stuffed animals!) are welcome to receive a blessing.

Please join us!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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Each year, **St. Vincent Ferrer Church** partners with the Diocese of Brooklyn in the Annual Catholic Appeal, which funds essential ministries and programs serving countless individuals and families across Brooklyn and Queens. This initiative benefits our parish while also sustaining works of mercy and faith that no single parish could carry out on its own.

Why does your participation matter?

As disciples of Jesus at we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

We invite you to stand with us as One Church, with Many Ministries, United in Mission across Brooklyn and Queens. Make your pledge today at **AnnualCatholicAppeal.org or by texting DONATE to 917-336-1255.**

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund essential ministries across the Diocese while supporting parish initiatives here at **St. Vincent Ferrer Church.** Our parish goal is **$62,945.** Once we reach it, every dollar raised above the goal is returned directly to our parish. To learn more or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Office St. Vincent Ferrer Church at (718) 859-9009.

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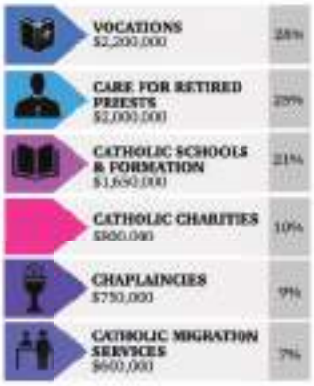

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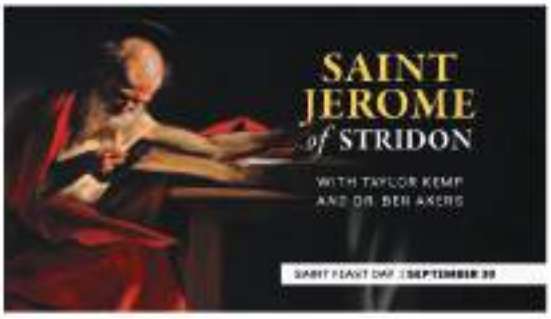
This Week on Formed

Week of September 27, 2026

St. Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The 2 Sons

Jesus told a parable:
A father had 2 sons. He asked them both to work in his vineyard.

Connect the dots.
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Jesus told a parable: A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard."

Use the code to finish the "Parable of the Two Sons."

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The son said ...

Then the father went to the other son, and said the same thing. The son said ...

Jesus asked, "Which of the two did as the father wanted?"

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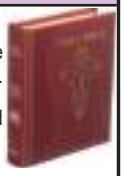

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