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SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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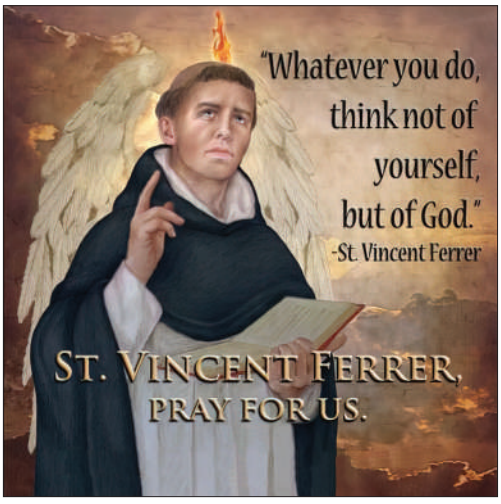

MASS SCHEDULE

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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5 **5:00 p.m.**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hugh Guy — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Jean Guy

Sunday, September 6 **8:00 a.m.**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mrs. Claudia Hooper — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Father Michael J.S. Bruno and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
Keither Mack —Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Irmin Payne and Family
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Sean and Gillian Forbes — In Thanksgiving
Marie Lina Duplessy — In Memoriam
Requested by The Ministry of Mercy
Kishisa Paulson — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Monday, September 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Carida Pierre Louis — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Delinois and Family

Tuesday, September 8 **9:00 a.m.**
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Carida Pierre Louis — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Delinois and Family

Wednesday, September 9 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Peter Claver, Priest
Kishisa Paulson — Blessings
Requested by Shirley Mercury

Thursday, September 10 **9:00 a.m.**
Eloime and Alix Celin — In Memoriam
Requested by Carline D.

Friday, September 11 **9:00 a.m.**
All Victims of the September 11 Attacks — In Memoriam

Saturday, September 12 **9:00 a.m.**
The Most Holy Name of Mary
All Victims of the September 11 Attacks — In Memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Firefighter Karl H. Joseph — In Memoriam

Bread and Wine
All Firefighters — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Altar Flowers
All Police Officers — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Altar Candles
All Paramedics — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Saint Joseph Candle
All First Responders — Blessings and Thanksgiving

Mary's Chapel
All Students and Teachers Returning to Class — Blessings

Annunciation Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

SECOND COLLECTION

September 5-6: Second Collection: Catholic University of America

This weekend the Diocese is taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America.

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

September 12-13: **Colombia Earthquake Relief**
Please be as generous as your circumstances allow.

Scripture Reflection

Today the Gospel speaks to us about fraternal correction (cf. Mt 18:15-20), which is one of the highest expressions of love, and also one of the most demanding, because it is not easy to correct others. When a brother in faith wrongs you, then you, without rancour, help him, correct him: help by correcting.

Unfortunately, however, often the first thing that is created around those who make a mistake is gossip, in which everyone comes to know the mistake, complete with details, apart from the person concerned! This is not right, brothers and sisters; this does not please God. I never tire of repeating that gossip is a plague on the life of people and communities, because it leads to division, it leads to suffering, it leads to scandal; it never helps improve, it never helps grow. A great spiritual teacher, Saint Bernard, said that idle curiosity and superficial words are the first steps on the ladder of pride, which does not lead upwards, but downwards, plunging man towards perdition and ruin (cf. The twelve steps of humility and pride).

Instead, Jesus teaches us to behave in a different way. This is what he says today: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone " (v. 15). Speak to him about it "face to face", speak about it fairly, to help him understand where he has erred. And do this for his own good, overcoming embarrassment and finding true courage, which is not to slander, but to say things to his face with meekness and gentleness.

But, we might ask, what if this is not enough? What if he does not understand? Then we must look for help. Beware, though: not from the group that gossips! Jesus says: "Take one or two others along with you" (v. 16), meaning people who genuinely want to lend a hand to this brother or sister who has erred.

And if he still does not understand? Then, Jesus says, involve the community. But here too, let us be clear: this does not mean to pillory a person, putting him to shame publicly, but rather to unite everyone's efforts to help him change. Pointing the finger is not good; in fact, it often makes it more difficult for the wrongdoer to recognize his mistake. Rather, the community must make him or her feel that, while it condemns the mistake, it is close to the person with prayer and affection, always ready to offer forgiveness, understanding, and to start over.

And so, let us ask ourselves: how should I behave with a person who wrongs me? Do I keep it bottled up and accumulate resentment? "You will pay for it". Those words which come so often: "you will pay for it…". Do I talk about it behind their backs? "Do you know what he did?"; and so on… Or am I brave, courageous, and try to talk about it to him or her? Do I pray for him or her, ask for help to do good? And do our communities take care of those who fall, so that they can get back up and start a new life? Do they point fingers or open their arms? What do you do: do you point the finger or open your arms?

May Mary, who continued to love even as she heard people condemn her Son, help us to always seek the path of good.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September10, 2023

Daily readings for the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 6
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, September 7
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalm 5:5-6, 7, 12
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8
Micah 5:1-4a (alt. Rom 8:28-30)
Psalm 13:6ab, 6c
Matthew 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10
1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12
1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-18
Luke 6:43-49

Please join us on Friday, September 11 for the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Holy Hour as we remember in our prayers all of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks, and all those impacted.

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!

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 CATECHISTS' MEETING AND TRAINING SESSIONS

There will be a Catechists' Meeting on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Additionally, two mandatory ongoing formation sessions for Catechists will be held on the following 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.

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 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.

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Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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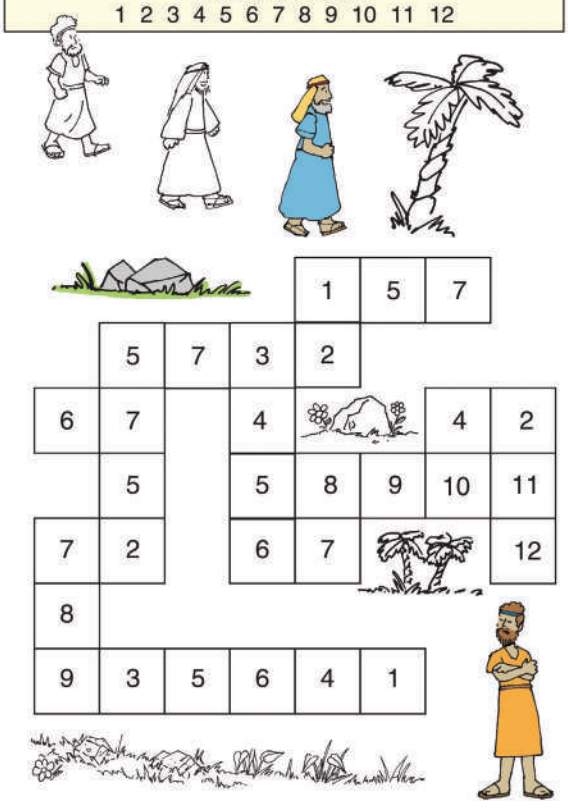

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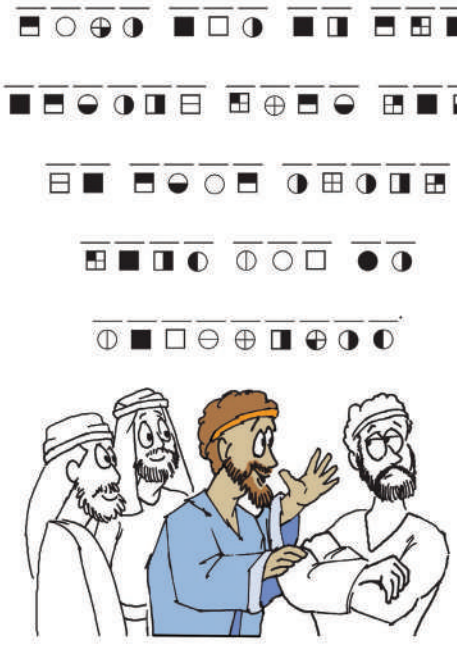

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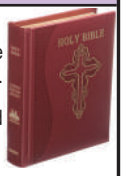

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