27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” - Lk 17:5-6
SAINT VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

27th Week in Ordinary Time
First Saturday, October 5—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners
Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Mary, James & Elizabeth Welch by Dave & Mary Welch

Sunday, October 6—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am Deceased members of the Festa & Budzilek families
by Tom & Christine Festa
10:30am †Regina Mezzo by her Family
4:30pm †Robert Hellauer by Gaylene, Tricia, Chris & Allison
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10

Monday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary
7:30am Living & deceased members of the Scheer, Futerman,
Chessin & Santomassino families by John & Barbara Suo

Tuesday, October 8—Weekday
7:30am †Deceased Priests & Religious and the Souls in Purgatory by
John & Barbara Suo

Wednesday, October 9—Weekday
7:30am Living & deceased members of the Pope, Spillane & Levanski
Families by John & Barbara Suo

Thursday, October 10—Weekday
7:30am †John A. Mikulak, Jr. by Tom Festa

Friday, October 11—Weekday
7:30am †Jose Azeveda by Maria Azevedo

Saturday, October 12—Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Intentions of the Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00—3:30pm
4:00pm †Paul McKinney by Dave & Mary Welch

Sunday, October 13—28th Sunday in Ordiname Time
8:00am Sarah Baker (1st anniversary remembrance) by Parish
10:30am Patricia Manriquez (living) by her family
4:30pm †Joseph Reilly IV by his family
2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Bernard Snopkowski, Sr.
by Dorothy & Family

Rest in Peace

Juliann C. Murphy
To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.

“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”
Caring for and Sharing with Each Other
“G I F T S”
Giving In Faith Through Stewardship
Discover your God-given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service.

Treasure (Resources): Financial Report
$ 2,085.00 Envelope Offertory for September 29, 2019
$ 589.00 Loose Offertory for September 29, 2019
$ 1,018.00 LED Lighting
$ 1,516.00 Previous weeks & other donations
$ 5,208.00 Sub-total
$ 365.00 Cathedraticum
$ 4,843.00 Total that stays in the parish for our use.

Thank you for giving your “first fruits” back to the Lord! May God return your generosity to you 100-fold!

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Our Lady’s Guild Co-Presidents: Mabel Herring and Jackie Duman
This week as we enter into the month of October, we look at the Holy Rosary. During the month we will consider the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary.

1. Pick a set of mysteries. The mysteries of the Rosary are the Joyful Mysteries, the Luminous Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. The Joyful Mysteries are typically prayed on Monday and Saturday, the Luminous Mysteries on Thursday, the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesday and Friday, and the Glorious Mysteries on Wednesday and Sunday.

2. Relax. It is easy to fall into the trap of trying so hard to do it all right, using the right prayers, speaking the right words, reflecting well on the mysteries, and all the other aspects of the Rosary. But remember, it is the disposition of our heart that matters most. Don’t miss out on the peace that Jesus and Mary want to flood our hearts with during the Rosary.

3. Let Mary guide you. Place your heart in the loving presence of Mary. Allow her to comfort you and love you. Your mind will follow your heart. And remember, Mary offers a unique perspective as Jesus’ mother. Nobody sees the life of a child the way the child’s mother does—not even the father. This is Mary’s perspective on Jesus’ life. In the Rosary we ponder the life of Jesus through the eyes of his mother. This is an incredibly powerful experience if we enter into it fully.

4. Let the words float by. As you meditate on the mysteries, allow the words of the prayers to float by subconsciously. This is where many people become discouraged praying the Rosary. They try to pray the words and meditate on the mystery at the same time. Impossible! We must decide between the two.

5. Get lost in the scene. Imagine yourself there, at Jesus’ side. Place yourself in the scene, not as a fly on the wall, but as a very specific person so you can fully immerse yourself into the situation and explore what you would have been thinking and feeling if you were there.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation. This is Mary’s moment, the moment when her “yes” changed the world. Imagine the monumental courage that would have required. Think about it. An angel appeared to Mary, and told her she would be the mother of the savior, the mother of God. She was a teenager, only a child. And what the angel said made no earthly sense. What was Mary thinking? What would have happened if she had said no?

The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation. God turned Mary’s world upside down. What did Mary do? She rushed off to serve her cousin, Elizabeth, who was pregnant in her old age. It was Mary’s first reaction. Too often our first reaction is one of selfishness: “I don’t feel like it,” “I’ll do it later,” “Can’t someone else take care of it?” But Mary had an instinct to serve, an entrenched humility.

The Third Joyful Mystery: The Birth of Jesus. The world is a mess: war, poverty, corruption, greed, selfishness, violence, abuse, injustice. The face of evil torments ordinary people every day, and yet God chose to put himself in the middle of our mess. The humility of God is incredible. He places himself right in the middle of our mess as the solution to it. We don’t deserve it. We have no claim to it. God gives us a new beginning, a fresh start, freely and without merit.

The Fourth Joyful Mystery: the Presentation. Mary presented Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem, dedicating him to God according to the Jewish custom. As she did so, a man named Simeon said something astounding, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation” (Luke 2:29-30). Have you ever waited for something with great anticipation? Did you wait patiently? What are you waiting for in your life right now? Simeon had waited. He had waited patiently, and prayed patiently for the savior. Now, he took baby Jesus in his arms. Imagine the emotion as he pulled the child to his chest. His face filled with a strange combination of joy and anguish. Joy for the present, anguish for the future he knows the child will face.

The Fifth Joyful Mystery: The Finding of Jesus in the Temple. On their way home from celebrating the Passover in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph actually lost Jesus. God, the Creator of the universe, had entrusted Jesus the Messiah to Mary and Joseph’s care—and they lost him. Imagine what they were thinking and how they were feeling: grief, torment, distress, anguish, torture. So often we lose Jesus in our own lives and don’t even notice. [Dynamic Catholic]
October 6, 2019

Fr. Binny Issac is attending the Presbyteral Convocation called by the Archbishop of Hartford that will be held from Monday, October 14 through Wednesday, October 16. Please note that weekday Mass will not be celebrated on Tuesday the 15th or Wednesday the 16th.

The Confirmation Class is collecting items for Brian’s Bags. We are looking for items such as individual packages of tuna, cookies and crackers, socks, deodorant, wet ones, chap stick, dental floss, Slim Jims, toothbrush, toothpaste, first aid supplies, $5-$10 gift cards to KFC, McDonald's, Subway, Dunkin Donuts. Items collected will be packaged and donated to the Brian O'Connell Homeless Project to benefit homeless individuals in our area. Collection Boxes will be at Church Entrances until October 20. For more information, check http://www.brianoc.org. Thank you for your support.

October 16, 2019
At Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT
(860)677-8519 www.OurLadyofCalvary.net olcretreat@sbcglobal.net
Program: Simplicity: Clearing the Clutter in our Lives // Presenter: Sr. Joanne Fahey 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – includes lunch – cost $30.00

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held November 5 at 6:30pm. Please call the Office to sign up. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you must sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed.

Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish.

Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

MONEY COUNTERS

October 6 Pat Kurowski / Jeff Bingham
October 13 Sandy DeGennaro / Steve Shulick

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA
Public Rosary Rally: October 12 Noon
24000 public square Rosary Rallies are scheduled at the same time across the country.

St. Vincent Ferrer Church parking lot in front of church.
(If rain, we will pray inside the church.
Please be sure the bring a folding chair

OUR LADY’S GUILD will hold their annual Pot Luck Dinner on Monday, October 14th at 6:30pm in the Vern Maxwell Family Center. Members are asked to bring a meat dish, side dish, or a dessert.
We will be having our Pound Auction followed by a short meeting. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. New members are always welcome.

Parishioners in active ministries (lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled “Protecting God’s Children” is being offered at various locations throughout the Archdiocese.
Important: Register online only at: www.virtusonline.org

Blessed Sacrament School—Waterbury
Monday, October 7, 2019—6:00pm
St. Mary Magdalen School—Oakville
Wednesday, October 16, 2019—6:00pm
**LET US JOURNEY WITH CHRIST**  
**POPE FRANCIS**

**Tuesday**  
8:00am to 9:00am  
**Eucharistic**

**Wednesday**  
6:30pm to 7:30pm  
**Adoration**

**EVENT SUMMARY THIS WEEK AT ST. VINCENT FERRER**

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**REFLECTION ON THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today’s First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul. We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us.

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God’s enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn’t seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can’t let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today’s Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty words, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today’s Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism. As Paul tells us in today’s Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone. Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but “unprofitable servants,” we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master’s table. It is that day we anticipated with each celebration of the Eucharist.

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