



Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena

February 23, 2025 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Stoning of Saint Stephen," Luigi Garzi, 1682, Private Collection

St. Vincent Ferrer

869 Lexington Avenue | New York, NY 10065

MASS TIMES

Weekday 8 AM | 12:10 PM | 6 PM
Saturday 8 AM | 9:30 AM (Dominican Rite) | 6 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 8 AM | 9:30 AM | 12 NOON (Solemn) | 6 PM

CONFESSION

Monday - Saturday 5:15 - 6 PM + Wed. 7:15 - 7:55 PM
Sunday 7:45 - 8 AM | 9:15 - 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM - 12 NOON
5:15 - 6 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 6:30 - 8 PM

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MASS TIMES

Weekday 7 AM | 11:45 AM | 5:15 PM
Saturday 9 AM | 4 PM (Vigil)
Sunday 10 AM | 5 PM

CONFESSION

Weekday 4:40 - 5:05 PM
Saturday 3 - 3:50 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday 3 - 4:30 PM (September 14 through Corpus Christi)
Thursday 5:45 - 7 PM

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"The Mass of Saint Gregory" Simon Bening, 1535 - 1540, Getty Museum

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

To learn more about children's First Holy Communion or Confirmation, email Lisa Harrelson, Director of Religious Education, at LHarrelson@svsc.info.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the church or at home (for those who are homebound). Email parish@svsc.info or call (212) 744-2080 to set up an appointment.

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SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

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OFFICE HOURS

9 AM - 1 PM and 2 PM - 4 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS & OTHER PRAYERS

Weekday	7:25 AM 5:25 PM	Matins and Lauds Rosary and Vespers
Saturday	8:30 AM 5:25 PM	Matins and Lauds Rosary and Vespers
Sunday	8:45 AM 5:25 PM	Matins and Lauds Rosary and Vespers

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OFFICE HOURS

10 AM - 3 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS & OTHER PRAYERS

Mon, Wed, Friday	8 AM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Lauds Rosary Vespers
Tuesday	8 AM 4:45 PM 6 PM	Lauds Rosary Vespers
Saturday	8:40 AM 9 AM	Rosary Lauds and Mass
Sunday	7 PM	Vespers

Freedom to Forgive

ROCKS IN THE GROUND

As I have mentioned before, I really hated weeding the garden when I was young. Whether or not it resulted from a punishment for something I did wrong, I always saw it as such. Regardless of the specific thing that led me to our front or back yard gardens, the one really challenging thing was that we had a lot of clay and rocky soil. Very often while trying to pull up the weeds and get their roots, I realized that there was something else going on. The weeds might be stuck in the clay or under some small rocks. Over and over again, those sad findings made the whole project drag on even longer. I just wish I had the wisdom at that age to see it as a very fruitful way to offer up suffering and to atone for my sins.

ROCKS IN OUR HEARTS

This same sort of thing can happen in our hearts, and we can see this so clearly when it comes to hatred and unforgiveness. Old wounds, new wounds, fresh wounds, and hidden wounds are all like those rocks or that clay that make weeding out hatred and unforgiveness all the more complicated. We might know intellectually that we need to forgive, but the reality is that forgiveness can be buried under the roots of the weed and stuck in the clay of our memories. It can be really hard to extricate. Sometimes, it can even be painful to do so.

This is what makes this Sunday's Gospel so challenging. Jesus instructs us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, and to pray for those who mistreat us (cf. Luke 6:27-28). A priest once told me about another priest who gave a homily on forgiveness. This was a village where the tribes had been warring. During the homily, several people left because the topic hit too close to home and was too challenging for them to hear at the time.

FREEDOM IN OUR HEARTS

While we might not all have that sort of experience, we do know what it is like to struggle to forgive. Yet, grace is real, and forgiveness is possible. Just look at St. Stephen who, while he was being stoned, prayed, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60). Similarly, St. Peter Martyr and St. Maria Goretti famously forgave their killers. Now, St. Stephen and St. Paul, St. Peter Martyr and Bl. Carino, and St. Maria Goretti and Ven. Alessandro Serenelli all share in the heavenly kingdom together.



"The Death of Saint Peter Martyr," Bernardino da Asola, ca. 1540s, The National Gallery, London

While this is challenging, it is not impossible. Forgiveness does not mean that we need to like the other person, but it does mean that we need to love the other person and desire what is best for them. In other words, it does mean that we need to pray for those who mistreat us. We should pray that the Lord will do whatever He needs to do in their hearts to transform their lives.

Similarly, the path to forgiveness can take time. It starts with a desire to forgive. Then, it progresses to praying for the grace to be able to forgive. It then continues with praying to God with forgiveness in our hearts. Finally, sometimes there is an opportunity to forgive the other person face-to-face.

It is also important to remember that this sort of forgiveness does not mean that we have to let the person back into our lives in the same way that they were previously. Reconciliation does not automatically rebuild trust. Trust needs to be earned once again, and this happens over time when people do trustworthy actions over and over again. This can be particularly challenging in families, especially between spouses. Yet, it is important to remember that if God ever asks anything of us, such as forgiving others, He always gives us all the graces that we need to carry out what is asked of us. A newfound trust is achievable. While this can be really difficult, all things are possible with God (cf. Matthew 19:26).

In Christ,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.



"Christ Healing the Blind," El Greco, 1570

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Annette Cunningham,
Concepcion De La Cruz,
Margaret Mckee, Brenda McGowan,
Annabel Strife, Joseph Refsnes,
Cheryl Langer

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Fernando Treviño Espinosa,
Frederick Jinks Sr., Vilma M. Kane,
Daniel Mergulhão de Carvalho,
Daniel Olivas Jr., Patrick Penne,
Michael Privitello, Gabrielle Ann Rehder,
Virgilio Romero Ventura, Rosalia Suarez,
Lucille Witty, and the souls of all our
recently deceased.

HOSPITAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for the sick, the
dying, and their families in Memorial
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New
York-Presbyterian Hospital, Hospital for
Special Surgery, Rockefeller University
Hospital, Residents of the Mary Manning
Walsh Home, and the Intentions of the
Dominican Healthcare Ministry.

MUSIC NOTES

The text for this Sunday's Communion Motet, *Quaesumus omnipotens et misericors Deus*, was adapted from a prayer for King Henry VII (1457-1509). He was first monarch of the House of Tudor, and was King of England and Lord of Ireland. He won his throne in battle against Richard III as part of the War of the Roses (1455-1487), which pitted two branches of the House of Plantagenet against each other: the Houses of York and Lancaster. English conductor Jeremy Summerly remarks, "Tye gave music lessons to Edward VI, Henry VII's grandson, and the fact that the text had originally been designed as an intercession for the young King's grandfather goes some way towards explaining the composition and tolerance of Tye's Latin motet in rampantly Protestant times."

This Sunday

Tribue Domine
William Byrd (c. 1540 -1623)

Quaesumus omnipotens et misericors Deus
Christopher Tye (c. 1500 -1573)

Next Sunday

Laudate Dominum
Orlando di Lasso (1532 -1594)

Ave verum corpus
Josquin des Prez (c. 1450 -1521)

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

6 PM (Vigil) Edward C. Perry (D)
8 AM Natalie Yeh
9:30 AM Leah Van Penvanage on her birthday
12 NOON Charles H. Drew (D)
6 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8 AM For the deceased of the Parish, the deceased parents of members of the Order, and the deceased brothers, sisters, familiars, and benefactors of the Order
12:10 PM Gloria & Fernando Alvarado (D)
6 PM Rene Concepcion (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8 AM Jack Allen (D)
12:10 PM Ana Cristina Lemus (D)
6 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8 AM Donna Landau Hardiman (D)
12:10 PM Infant of Prague Shrine
6 PM John Patrick Foye (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8 AM Adolfo Sardina (D)
12:10 PM Nuria Sagrera (D)
6 PM Nancy & Luke A Foye Sr. (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8 AM John & Mary Mulvey
12:10 PM Oswaldo Cisneros (D)
6 PM Jean Javan

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8 AM Nick Shkreli Family & Patty Shkreli Family
9:30 AM Gilberto & Gloria Rosado (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

4 PM (Vigil) Carmina & Jeff Levine (D)
10 AM Regelio Ascuncion (D)
5 PM Rosendo G. Bautista (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
11:45 AM For the deceased of the Parish, the deceased parents of members of the Order, and the deceased brothers, sisters, familiars, and benefactors of the Order
5:15 PM John Jordan (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7 AM Gary Pasco
11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare Ministry Intention
5:15 PM Andrew Jordan (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
11:45 AM Adelaide Sharry (D)
5:15 PM Stanley Nadel (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7 AM Christine Tablang
11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare Ministry Intention
5:15 PM Thomas & Josephine Huddy & Family (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7 AM Franziska Koestner (D) & John R. Koestner (D)
11:45 AM Manuel Vargas-Maroto (D)
5:15 PM Franziska Koestner (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9 AM Robert Padavano (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez, Michael Privitello (D), For Deathbed Conversions, For the People of the Parish, Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention, Special Intention

St. Joseph Candle

Michael Darling

St. Patrick's Candle

For the homeless

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Purgatorial Candle

Renato S. Ventigan (D); Rosa J. Silan (D); Marie E. Litrenta (D); Olga Rose Litrenta (D); Pedro Litrenta, Sr. (D); and Pedro Litrenta, Jr. (D)

Blessed Mother Shrine, Sanctuary Lamp

Priscilla Ventigan

St. Martin de Porres Shrine,

St. Thomas Chapel, St. Dominic, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Margaret of Costello, Priory Chapel and St. Jude Shrine

Maria Marta Litrenta

Rosary Altar

Maria Marta Litrenta; Letty Dolan

St. Lorenzo Ruiz,

Infant Jesus of Prague

Letty Dolan

St. Anne, St. John Vianney, St. Padre Pio

Menada Wind-Anderson

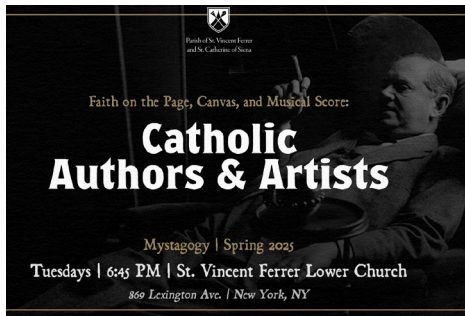
Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 1 PM and 2 PM - 4 PM, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 3 PM.

Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7 PM

New York Purgatorial Society Mass

A sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. All are welcome.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 6:45 PM

Mystagogy | Spring 2025

We will consider the lives and works of various modern writers and artists who conveyed the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith through their work.

Location: St. Vincent's Lower Church

This Week's Discussion:
Southern Gothic Catholicism:
Flannery O' Connor



FRIDAY, MARCH 7 - SUNDAY, MARCH 9

The Forty Hours' Devotion

One of the best-known popular devotions in Catholic churches for decades has been the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, observed over the course of three days, which we call the Forty Hours' Devotion. It is recommended that this practice be held annually with the utmost solemnity.

We resumed this tradition last year, and it bore many fruits in the lives of our parishioners. **Sign-ups are now open at St. Vincent Ferrer—join us during this time of prayer and adoration!**

QR Code to sign-up for Forty Hours



Full Program:

O taste and see
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 -1958)

Lo, the full, final sacrifice, Op. 26
Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Adoro te devote
Richard Lloyd (1933 - 2021)

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us
Sir Stanley Marchant (1883 -1949)

Eternal Father, Op. 135, No. 2
Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 -1924)

ONGOING EVENTS

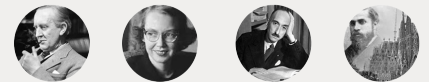
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Weekly Parish Coffee Hour

Join us for our weekly parish coffee hour in St. Vincent's Lower Church after the 12 NOON Mass. All are welcome! Interested in volunteering? Email coffee@svsc.info.

MYSTAGOGY | SPRING 2025

TUESDAYS, 6:45 PM



February 25

Southern Gothic Catholicism:
Flannery O' Connor

March 4

Doctor, Philosopher, Novelist:
Walker Percy

BREAK FOR PARISH STUDY AND EASTER

April 29

NO CLASS

Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena

May 6

Part I of Liturgical Music:
Attend 7 PM Dominican Rite Mass

May 13

Part II: The Music of the Liturgy,
by James Wetzel

May 20

Faith in Two and Three Dimensions:
Painter Georges Rouault and
Architect Antonio Gaudi

The Parish's Forty Hours' Devotion will conclude on Sunday, March 9 at 4 PM with 30 minutes of choral music followed by Solemn Benediction. Among other works, the Schola will sing Gerald Finzi's *Lo, the full, final sacrifice, Op. 26*. This 15-minute masterwork of the Anglican tradition sets two poems by Richard Crashaw (c. 1612-1649) which are themselves translations of Latin Eucharistic hymns by St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. The imagery of manna, bread, and redemption run throughout the text.

PARISH
WOMEN'S RETREAT

THEME
**ALL TIMES
BELONG
TO THE LORD**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Come join us for a day of reflection on how the Lord speaks to us in different ways at different times in our lives. Each of these ways is meant to lead us on the path to sanctity, and we see this in the lives of the saints. With St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Giana to guide us, the Lord can use this time to foster a life of holiness.

Open to all women 18 years and older.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
COMING SOON

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be a **Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.**

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 - SUNDAY, MARCH 9

The Parish will offer its annual **Forty Hours Devotion over the first weekend of Lent** which will include the usual First Friday adoration as well as Stations of the Cross. On Sunday, March 9 at 4 PM, the Schola will offer 30 minutes of choral music featuring Eucharistic texts of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.

For more information, visit www.svsc.info/fortyhours2025

MONDAYS, MARCH 10 - APRIL 7, 6:45 PM

Lenten Parish Study: Praying the Mass

Join us for a Parish Study on "Praying the Mass." During this five-week course, we will plumb the depths of the Mass, reflecting on what it is and how to pray through its various aspects. We will also examine the nature of liturgical music and how to pray well during Holy Week. **These sessions will take place on Mondays from March 10 - April 7, at 6:45 PM in St. Vincent's Lower Church.** *Mediator Dei and Sacrosanctum Concilium will be helpful background documents.*

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, MARCH 15

PARISH
WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, MARCH 22

PARISH
MEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 13 - 23, 2025

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Italy

Our Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage in October to **Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome.** This will be the context of the **2025 Jubilee Year**, and the pilgrimage will include the opportunity to pass through the **Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican!** Visit St. Vincent's Parish Office (*located next to the church*) to pick up a brochure and reservation form.

Join Our Parish



We invite you to join our Parish community, rooted in the rich Dominican tradition. Visit svsc.info/join-our-parish or stop by the Parish office to register. To stay informed, sign up for Parish emails on our website or contact us at parish@svsc.info.



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