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

March 9, 2025 | First Sunday of Lent



"The Temptation of Christ by the Devil," Peter Paul Rubens, Christoffel Jegher, 1633, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

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MASS	TIMES
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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

EUCHARISTIC 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

EUCHARISTIC 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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Lies and Truthfulness

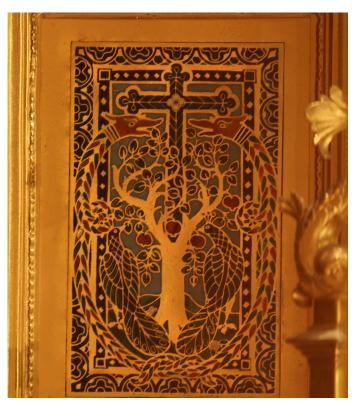
TWISTING TRUTH

The devil isn't that creative. As the prince of liars, he knows how to convince his hearers. People generally don't buy straight-up deceit. Yet, if there's a very clear element of truth mixed in with something deceitful, then people might be distracted or confused by the truthful element and buy the whole thing. For instance, God did say, "You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die" (Genesis 2:16-17). The devil knows that, so when he tempts Eve, he twists the truth. God didn't say that Adam and Eve would die instantly upon eating the fruit, just that they would die. The devil pulls this string in an attempt to unravel the ball, and Eve falls prey to it. She hears the devil's words and believes that God might be wrong about death. So, she bites the apple, and the rest is history.

Thousands of years later, the devil tries this same tactic with Jesus. "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me" (Luke 4:6-7). Here, the devil tries to argue from the perspective that he is the ruler of the world. If he were, then he would be able to hand over power and glory to whomever he wished. Yet, he's not the true ruler of the world. God is. Jesus sees through this lie and responds with the actual truth, "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve" (Luke 4:8). In each of the three temptations in the desert, Jesus sees through the lies and calls out the devil for trying to twist the truth.

EMBRACING TRUTH

We can draw two things from this comparison of the temptations of Eve and Jesus. The first concerns the recognition of the truth when the devil tries to lie to us. In Milton's Paradise Lost, the snake is punished by having his tongue forked because that's how he tricked Eve. His forked language, with its mix of truth and error, led her astray. Thousands of years after Jesus, the devil continues to use the same strategy. He whispers those words that twist truth and deceit together, hoping that we too will bite the fruit. Yet, he is a liar, and he will always be so. Every temptation that we encounter has deceit written all over it. On the one hand, there are things like, "If you buy this thing, you'll be happy." "If you do this, you won't be lonely anymore." On the other hand, there are the other lies, "You'll never break free from that sin." "You're worthless!" Those subtle half-truths mixed in with full-on deceit reveal the evil one's true colors, and we need to call him out for those lies. "No! I won't find true happiness in those worldly



"True Tree of Life," detail from the tabernacle, St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City

goods. I won't actually be satisfied if I cut another person down. I won't find complete companionship in the fleeting moments of passion. I am beloved by God." It is so important to see through the temptations and to see God waiting with His arms wide open. He is the one who will truly provide perfect happiness, deep meaning, and true companionship.

The second thing that we can draw from this concerns our use of truth. There are so many times when we take up the devil's tactics. "It's just a white lie." "No one will ever really be able to figure it out." "It's not really a big deal." And, we too twist the truth. Even in these little moments, in those little nibbles of the forbidden fruit, we end up cultivating the same end that Adam and Eve found by separating ourselves from God. It is so important to make sure that we are bearers of the whole truth. This takes humility, honesty, and integrity. Yet, when we can live in this way and when we can embrace the truth, we will live in the freedom of the Gospel and the love of God.

With Christ in the desert, Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.



"Christ Healing the Blind," El Greco, 1570

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Annette Cunningham,
Michael Davis, Concepcion De La Cruz,
Terry Dinan, Ellen Gaine, Eloise Gehring,
Maura Mackenzie, Brenda McGowan,
Margaret Mckeon, Janice Merrill,
Okike Nywankwor, Dennis Potter,
Joseph Refsnes, Helen Skoratowicz,
Annabel Strife, Edward Williams

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Fernando Treviño Espinosa, Denis Guerin,
Frederick Jinks Sr., Vilma M. Kane,
Frederick Marks,
Daniel Mergulhão de Carvalho,
Emmanuel Orjiugo, Patrick Penne,
Michael Privitello, Carina Quintian,
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 texts of the Minor Propers (Entrance, Offertory, and Communion Antiphons, as well as the Psalm and Alleluia/Tract) are usually excerpts from the Psalter. Those for the First Sunday of Lent are unique because they are all taken from the same psalm: Psalm 90 (91). Lent I is also unusual because the Offertory and Communion Antiphons set the exact same text, although the chant melodies are different. Occasionally, as is the case for Lent I, the Offertory Antiphon will be sung to a polyphonic setting rather than the chant.

This Sunday

Missa Brevis No. 2 in F minor Healey Willan (1880-1969) Salvator mundi Sir Frederick A.G. Ouseley (1825-1889)

Scapulis suis George Malcolm (1917-1997) Attende Domine: The Lent Prose James D. Wetzel (b. 1987)

Next Sunday

Missa sopra l'aria della Monica Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Pater noster á 8 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

In illo tempore: assumpsit Jesus Petrum Francesco Soriano (1548-1621)

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

Candle Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

6 PM (Vigil) Robert & Myriam Louise Helou

8 AM Victor Dosch (D)

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12 NOON Matthew Casamassima (D)
6 PM Jane Ann Amorosi

MONDAY, MARCH 10

8 AM For the deceased of the Parish, the deceased parents of members of the Order, and the deceased brothers, sisters, familiars, & benefactors of the Order
12:10 PM Murillo & Marianna
De Paula (D)
6 PM Lucy & John P. McGrath

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

8 AM Dr. Rafael Urquia (D) 12:10 PM St. Joseph Novena 6 PM Sarojini Bruschi (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

8 AM For the Dadic & the Duarte Families

12:10 PM St. Joseph Novena **6 PM** Holiness for all vocations

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

8 AM In Thanksgiving for Our Lady of La Salette

12:10 PM St. Joseph Novena6 PM Fanny De la Cruz Medina (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

8 AM Michael & Mary Canning 12:10 PM St. Joseph Novena 6 PM Martin Joseph Foye (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

8 AM St. Joseph Novena 9:30 AM Josefina Quimosing (D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

4 PM (Vigil) Milagros & Jose Bernardo (D)10 AM John Nash (D)5 PM Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 10

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, & the deceased brothers, sisters, familiars, and benefactors of the Order 5:15 PM R & R Ventigan

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7 AM Vincent S. LaSpina (D)
11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare
Ministry Intention
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude11:45 AM Maurice Murphy (D)5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7 AM Sophie & Aldo Vecchio (D)
11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare Ministry Intention
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

7 AM Purgatorial Society of
St. Catherine of Siena
11:45 AM Julie Warmington (D)
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 9 AM St. Joseph Novena

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle Calla Crum

St. Patrick's CandleFor the Sick & the Homebound

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); & 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

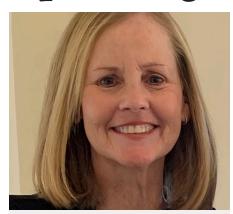
St. Lorenzo Ruiz, Infant Jesus of Prague Letty Dolan

St. Anne, St. John Vianney, St. Padre Pio Menada Wind-Anderson

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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



SUZANNE HAMMILL Business Manager

I am excited about joining the St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Parish community serving as the new Business Manager. As a cradle Catholic my faith has always been paramount in my life, and it is an honor to share my talents with this thriving parish in the Church and city I love. I am a native New Yorker and have lived in Manhattan for more than twenty-five years with a few international breaks living, working, and volunteering in Hong Kong, South Africa, and Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina for several years. I have been fortunate to combine my passion for contributing to the Church with my MBA and business skills honed while working in the private sector for multinational corporations for twenty years. After earning an MA in Theology I made the transition into service and worked for the Archdiocese of New York helping to build the Kingdom of God both in the Family Life Office and most recently as a Business Manager at two ADNY parishes. I feel truly blessed to now join the Parish team to continue ensuring good stewardship and sustainability for our Parish as we foster a foundation of prayer, study, and Christian community in our Parish. I look forward to meeting all of you, the People of God.

There will be a few weeks of overlap between Lee Ann and Suzanne prior to Lee Ann's retirement.



SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 4 PMMusical Conclusion to Forty Hours

St. Vincent'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.



MONDAY, MARCH 10, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses:
5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena and 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

We will be using the *The Way* of the Cross booklet published by Magnificat. Copies will be available in both Churches while supplies last. We are asking for a \$2 donation to cover the cost of the book.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 7:45 PMAcademy of Sacred Drama Concert

The Academy of Sacred Drama will present Noble Soul, their production of Tosi's 1701 oratorio Il martirio di S Caterina (The Martyrdom of St. Catherine) at St. Vincent Ferrer. Catherine of Alexandria, a brilliant and devout Christian, confronts the ruthless King Maxentius. Refusing to renounce her faith, Catherine denounces Maxentius' cruelty to Christians, converts members of the royal court, and earns a martyr's fate.

A cast of five singers is headed by mezzo-soprano Kim Leeds in the tile role and is accompanied by an ensemble of Baroque-style instruments including harpsichord and theorbo. The Academy's production is the Western Hemisphere premiere.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit **sacreddrama.org**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 -SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Parish Food Drive

Our annual Lenten Food Drive runs from Saturday, March 15 - Sunday, March 30. This is a meaningful way to practice Lenten almsgiving. Below is a list of specific items that the New York Common Pantry needs during this time of year: canned and dry beans, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruit and vegetables, brown and white rice, shelf-stable milk, pasta, peanut butter, and dry cereal.

PARISH

WOMEN'S RETREAT ALL TIMES BELONG TO THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 | 11 AM - 6 PM

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. The retreat ends with Mass at 6 PM.

Open to all women 18 years and older. Deadline to register is Tuesday, March 11.

A free-will donation is requested to help cover the cost of a light lunch.
Retreatants may submit their donation online in advance or contribute by cash, check, or scanning the QR code on the day of the retreat.

Retreat Sign Up



svsc.info/news

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Select One-Time Donation and include "Women's Retreat" in men

PARISH

MEN'S RETREAT FALLING INTO HOPE: THE LENTEN JOURNEY OF REDEMPTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 | 9 AM - 2 PM

We are God's creatures but also inheritors of the Fall. Lent gives us the tools of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to rise up from our individual falls on the way to Resurrection. In this Jubilee year of Hope we are drawn to the joy of redemption.

Coffee, bagels and lunch will be included. \$25 to be paid at the time of registration.

Open to all men 18 years and older. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 19.

For sign-up information, visit svsc.info/mensretreat2025

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 to pick up a brochure and reservation form.



THE MONTH OF MARCH Dedicated to St. Joseph

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the Current Discipline:

Laws of Days of Abstinence:

For all aged 14 and older, obligatory abstention from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

Laws of Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Laws of Days of Fast:

For all aged 18 to 59, inclusive, one full meal permitted and two other meals, which, when combined, are less than a full meal, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of the Eucharistic Fast:

Complete fast from all food and drink (excluding water and medicine) for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. This applies throughout the year.

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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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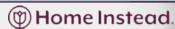
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