



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

May 11, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Easter



"The Parable of the Good Shepherd," Philip Galle after Pieter Bruegel the Elder, 1565, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

St. Vincent Ferrer

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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

St. Catherine of Siena

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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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For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email rcia@svsc.info to ask about our RCIA program.

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OFFICE HOURS

9 AM - 1 PM and 2 PM - 4 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS & OTHER PRAYERS

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| 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

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| 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 |

Mary Our Mother

A CROWN FOR A QUEEN

Mother's Day came a little early for the Blessed Mother this year. As you might have noticed, after we unveiled the statues at St. Vincent Ferrer at Easter, the Porta Caeli (Gate of Heaven) statue of Mary had a refurbished crown and lily. The gilding on the crown and lily had deteriorated over the course of the last 50 years (the last time they were restored was when Fr. Joseph Allen was here for his first assignment), and it was time to restore them. Thanks to the generosity of some parishioners, the crown is now gold-plated and is adorned with diamonds and ivory roses. Mary wears a crown now even more fitting for a queen.

In looking closely at Mary's crown, it is striking how there are similarities between it and the crown above the tabernacle. The artistry is obviously intentional in its shapes and details. The turquoise jewels on Mary's crown and the metalwork on the base of the tabernacle's crown reveal a special artistic unity. Even more than that, though, there is a deeper theological reality at play.

A CROWN OF FAITH

The statue of the Porta Caeli stands at the edge of the sanctuary. The choice of that particular Marian statue, as opposed to any other, is significant because that statue stands at the place where the sanctuary and the nave are joined. Mary stands at the edge of the space where the sacred liturgy is most particularly celebrated and sung. Yes, the people in the nave and transepts do have a real offering they can make during the sacrifice of the Mass. Yet, there in the sanctuary, where the bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Jesus and where the Paschal Mystery is presented to us once again at the altar, there is a particular holiness. The Porta Caeli stands there, ushering us toward her Son who breaks through the heavenly realm to come to us in this place.

How beautiful is it that there is a unity between her crown and His! It is so remarkable that the intricate designs of the tabernacle's and Mary's crowns visibly reveal this relationship. For having passed by her statue into the heavenly space, we draw even nearer to Him when we get closer to the tabernacle. There, the Lord rests, drawing us who have faith both to recognize His true presence among us and to behold His presence in the heavenly realm beyond this world. There in



*Crowns of the Porta Caeli and the Tabernacle
St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York*

the tabernacle, the God who was carried in the arms of the Porta Caeli beckons us to be crowned with faith so that we can see that He has truly come to dwell among us and to be carried in our minds and hearts.

In other words, the unity of the two crowns reveals the depth of faith that is meant to be cultivated. God is present in the liturgy, God is present in the Eucharist, and God is present in heaven. We are meant to live with faith in His presence and to come to Him in each of these ways.

As we continue this Easter season, may the intercession of Our Lady, who is the Gate of Heaven and also our Mother, lead us all to more deeply love her Son, so that one day we may come to Him in the fullness of heaven.

In the Son of God, the Divine Architect,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.



Parish Prayer *Intentions*

"Christ Healing the Blind," El Greco, 1570

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Mary Condra,
Michael Davis, Concepcion De La Cruz,
Terry Dinan, Ellen Gaine, Eloise Gehring,
Tobias Houghton, Frederick J. Jinks,
Maura Mackenzie, Brenda McGowan,
Margaret Mckeeon, Janice Merrill,
Okike Nywankwor, Joseph Refsnes,
Josephine Rotolo, Helen Skoratowicz,
Annabel Strife, Ivonne Vega,
Edward Williams

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Erica Andradde Figueiredo,
Francis Clarke, Annette Cunningham,
Fernando Treviño Espinosa, Jess Espinosa,
Denis Guerin, Frederick Jinks Sr.,
Vilma M. Kane, Frederick Marks,
Daniel Mergulhão de Carvalho,
Emmanuel Orjiugo, Noah Pastor,
Patrick Penne, Dennis Potter,
Carina Quintian, Gabrielle Ann Rehder,
Virgilio Romero Ventura, Rosalia Suarez,
Stathy Tripis, Christopher Williams,
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

This Sunday

Missa Vinum bonum
Surrexit pastor bonus
Regina caeli á 6 (1585)
Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Next Sunday

Missa Brevis, Op. 102
Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

Adoro te devote, Op. 31
Pierre Villette (1926-1998)

Haec dies
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 11

6 PM (Vigil) Lucy and John P. McGrath

8 AM Sarojini Bruschi (D)

9:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

12 NOON Our Lady of Fatima Novena

6 PM Elizabeth Regan (D)

MONDAY, MAY 12

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 Our Lady of Fatima Novena

6 PM Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY, MAY 13

8 AM Mother's Day Novena

12:10 PM Our Lady of Fatima Novena

6 PM For the needs and intentions of the Parish Staff

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

8 AM Mother's Day Novena

12:10 PM Infant of Prague Shrine

6 PM Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

8 AM Sophia M d'Antoine (D)

12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena

6 PM Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, MAY 16

8 AM Mark Flesher (D)

12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena

6 PM Dr. Herbert Weitzman (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 17

8 AM Mother's Day Novena

9:30 AM Sylvia Irizzary (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 11

4 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

10 AM Mother's Day Intentions

5 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 12

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 Matilde and Constance Carghill (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7 AM Special Intention

11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare Ministry Intention

5:15 PM John Nash (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

7 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude

11:45 AM M2PACU Healthcare Worker

5:15 PM Living & Deceased Parish Priests

THURSDAY, MAY 15

7 AM Sister Marie Therese Dural (D)

11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare Ministry Intention

5:15 PM Riccardo and Romola Vicchi (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 16

7 AM Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena

11:45 AM Ben Garcia, JR.

5:15 PM Filomena Serrano Yuson (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 17

9 AM Michelle Coloma (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez, Peter & Aquila Zacharilla (D), Julio Vega (D)

Madonna Candle

Linda Dayrit (D)

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

Milagros Dolores

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

EASTER DUTY

"Easter duty" is the obligation of Catholics to receive Holy Communion during Eastertide. It is one of the Precepts of the Church, the others being attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation; confession of serious sin at least once a year; observance of the days of fast and abstinence; and providing for the needs of the Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - SUNDAY, MAY 18

Little Sisters of the Poor Food & Supplies Drive

Each spring our Social Concerns Committee requests donations of items for the elderly in the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx. Our drive will be during the two weeks surrounding Mother's Day (May 3-18). This year the Sisters have asked for specific items that they are in need of:

- Liquid Soap
- Facial Tissues
- Juice (Large Bottles)
- EPA Sanitizing Wipes
- Copy Machine Paper
- Eco-friendly Paper Cups, Plates, & Napkins
- Snacks & Candy (Individually Wrapped)
- Gift Cards
- Stamps

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year, a passage from the Johannine Gospel is read in which the relationship of Jesus and his followers is compared to that of a shepherd and his sheep.

SUNDAY, MAY 11

May Crowning

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Sunday, May 11, at the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer and the 10 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena, there will be a May Crowning of the Blessed Mother's statue.

The second Sunday of May is also Mother's Day. There will be a Remembrance Book for all deceased mothers at the Rosary Altar at both Churches.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 6:45 PM

Mystagogy

Join us for a follow-up talk about 20th century music in the Catholic Church given by our Parish Director of Music, James D. Wetzel. While the discussion will largely focus on the music heard at last week's Dominican Rite Mass for the Anniversary of Dedication, you need not have attended that Mass to attend this Tuesday's lecture. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 6 PM

Feast of St. Matthias

For the Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle, there will be a **Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer**. St. Matthias had been a follower of Jesus since the Baptism by John in the Jordan and witnessed the Ascension (Acts 1:21-22). He was chosen by lot to become the new twelfth apostle, in place of the betrayer Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:24-25) and was likely one of the 72 disciples sent in pairs by Jesus to preach the Gospel.



DOMINICAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

The Dominican Healthcare Ministry (DHM) provides daily pastoral and sacramental care and **24/7 availability** to patients and their families at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Hospital for Special Surgery, and provides New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center with emergency and overnight Catholic pastoral care. The DHM serves the local healthcare community by prayer, special Masses, and support groups, as well as providing ethical consultations and education in pastoral care.

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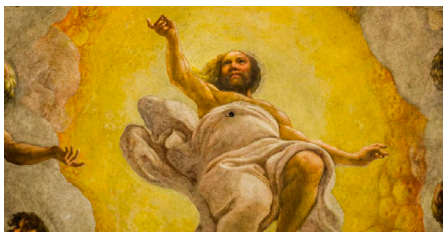
Upcoming Special DHM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church

Friday, May 16, 6:30 PM

St. Gianna Mass for couples suffering infertility and miscarriage

The Dominican Healthcare Ministry will sponsor a special Mass in honor of St. Gianna at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena for which the Most Reverend Edward Whalen, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will be the celebrant and homilist and for which the Schola Cantorum will sing.

Physicians and practitioners from the Gianna Center will be available at a reception after Mass to meet with couples.



THURSDAY, MAY 29, 6 PM

Ascension Day

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a **principal feast of the year and a Holy Day of Obligation**.

There will be a **Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer** for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa sopra la Battaglia; Omnes gentes plaudite; and Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus* by Giovanni Croce.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a 10 AM School Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. The 11:45 AM Dominican Healthcare Mass at St. Catherine of Siena will be offered as usual. The evening Masses on Wednesday, May 28 will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity and will satisfy the obligation. The Wednesday evening Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer and the Thursday evening Holy Hour at St. Catherine of Siena will take place as usual.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to those who received First Communion on Saturday! It is a joy to increase the number of the baptized who receive the body and blood of the crucified Lord. These students have been preparing for the last year and we thank them for their witness to the Christian faith. Our prayers are with them as they prepare, over the next few years, for the sacrament of confirmation.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 7:30 PM

Pentecost Vigil

There will be a Pontifical Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost at 7:30 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Vigil Mass, similar in form to the Easter Vigil (but much more brief), includes readings and prayers added by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. It will fulfill the Sunday obligation for Pentecost. At this Mass, the Most Reverend Gerardo Colacicco, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will offer the Sacraments of Initiation. The Schola will sing *Missa Ecce nunc benedicite Dominum and Hodie completi sunt dies Pentecostes – Misit eos* by Orlando di Lasso; and *Dum complerentur* by Franciscus de Rivulo.

ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1 PM

St. Vincent's Weekly Coffee Hour
Join us for our weekly **parish coffee hour in St. Vincent's Lower Church after the 12 NOON Mass today**. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 3 PM

Weekly Sunday Adoration at St. Catherine's
The weekly Sunday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's will continue all through spring. Come and spend some time with God Himself!

OCTOBER 13 - 23

Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Italy

Our Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage from October 13-23 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.

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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