



THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

Today, Sunday, January 12, there will be a second collection to help the Parish's Deficit Reduction.

Members of the Social Concerns Committee will collect donations for Food Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PARISH COFFEE

Join us for coffee, tea, and conversation today, January 12, following the 10 AM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena

FRASSATI DINNER AND HOLY HOUR

Sunday, January 12

Frassati Fellowship invites all young adults (20s and 30s) to our monthly Dinner and Holy Hour. Come and join us for a home cooked meal, \$10 suggested, followed by Holy Hour with a talk, praise and worship led by the Frassati Music Ministry, intercessory prayer and confession available. We will be accompanied by the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal, Dominican Friars, and the Sisters of Life. We will gather on Sunday, January 12, 6 – 9 PM. Dinner will be from 6 – 8 PM, followed by Holy Hour from 8 – 9 PM Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer. More info at *frassati.nyc* or email: *contact@frassati.nyc*.

PARISH STUDY

This Winter, Fr. Walter Wagner, O.P. will lead our Parish Study series. This semester he will continue his study on the Book of Genesis. Sessions will begin on Tuesday, January 14 and meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 20. There will be regular Mass and confession schedules.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Saturday, January 25 is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. There will be a Sung Mass at 12 NOON at St. Vincent Ferrer.

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, O.P.

Tuesday, January 28 is the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar and Doctor of the Church known as the *Doctor Angelicus*. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

CANDLEMAS

Sunday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. The 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will include a Procession and blessing of candles.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

12:00 NOON, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,

6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY:

8:50 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (SUNG VESPERS)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:25 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS
AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY:

3:00 PM (EUCHARISTIC ADORATION)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 5:45 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

St. Catherine of Siena
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Office Hours: Monday–Friday:
10 AM–3 PM

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.
Vicar

Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.
Sacristan

Bro. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.
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ST. VINCENT FERRER

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ST. JUDE

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PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

For general information about the Parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, and how to become more involved in our common life, please take a green Parish Handbook.

For information about the music program, please take a Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching'. Both of these booklets are available in the narthex and online.

To register as a parishioner, please use the form found at the back of the Handbook or online. Follow us on facebook @StVincentAndStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

PARISH CALENDAR

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

JANUARY 18 – 25 – OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 2 – NOVENA OF THE INFANT OF PRAGUE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 – CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

12 NOON Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Blessing of Candles at St. Vincent Ferrer

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – PRESIDENTS' DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Regular Mass and Confession Schedule with

10 AM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

12:10 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet Service

at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
6:00 PM (Vigil) Mary O'Brien
Heller (D)
8:00 AM Ellen Keane & Family
9:30 AM Vincent Ferrer Morris (D)
12 NOON Ofelia Gamusaren (D)
6:00 PM John F. Dorrian (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Charles Febles (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Patricia, Richard, &
Garrett Keegan (D)
6:00 PM Irma Navarro (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00 AM Amy McQuade (D)
12:10 PM Ramon Rodriguez (D)
6:00 PM Fr. Vincen
McHenry, O.P. (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
8:00 AM Judy Cosme (D)
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM Robert Mullen (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
8:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Zygmunt Gorksi (D)
6:00 PM Maurizio Gerbasi (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
8:00 AM Charles Kelley (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) C.G. De La Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
4:00 PM (Vigil) Ofelia
Gamusaran (D)
10:00 AM For the People of
the Parish
5:00 PM Letty Dolan

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for Blessings

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
7:00 AM Susan Miles
5:15 PM Rose Marie Pirro (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Larry (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
7:00 AM David Johnson (D)
5:15 PM Marina Lucido (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Mr. Edward Cronin (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
9:00 AM Louis S. Mehl
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

PARISH PRAYER

INTENTIONS

*Contact the Parish Office to add
a name to this list.*

Mike Borland, Bernadette Carty,
Jarrod Dubesko, Edana Fenske,
Emily Garnett, Joseph Henao, Anne
Hills, Cody Ingram, Douglas Kozak,
Jared Miller, Jay Mortimer, Maurice
Murphy, David Olivier, David Reid
Scott, Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee
Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby,
William Selby, Prechry Thongtha, &
Barbara Tracy.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Robert Calise, Judy Cosme,
Fransisca, Lloyd, & Maurice Garcia,
Matthew Martinez, & Earl Petillo,
and the souls of all our recently
deceased.

We continue to pray for the sick, the
dying, and their families in Memorial
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital,
the Hospital for Special Surgery,
Rockefeller University Hospital, and
the Intentions of the Dominican
Friars Health Care Ministry.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Daniel Antoru; Ramon & Fernando
Gonzalez (L); Loretto Griffin (L);
Jack Ryan Keegan (L); For the Souls
in Purgatory; For the People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Mary & Angelo Soldato (D)

St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp
Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

St. Catherine – Purgatorial Candle
Renato S. Ventigan (D);
Rosa J. Silan (D)

St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle
Maria Marta Litrenta;
Intention of Donor

St. Catherine – Blessed Mother Candle
Priscilla Ventigan

*Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM,
and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.*

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday the Church begins Ordinary Time of Liturgical Year A. The congregational setting of the Mass Ordinary returns to the English-language *Roman Missal Mass*. The Gospel Acclamation also changes from the one used during Advent and Christmastide that was based on the Alleluia chant of the First Sunday of Advent to the simpler one for Sundays of the Year. At the 12 NOON Mass the congregation resumes singing the Ordinary; during privileged seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, as well as on feastsdays, the Schola sings a choral setting.

For the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (there is no First Sunday in Ordinary Time because the first week of Ordinary Time begins either on the Monday following the Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord), the Schola will sing:

Tribus miraculis – Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Ecce Maria genuit – Adrian Willaert (c. 1490-1562)

For information about the music program, please take this season's Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching', available in the narthex and online.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit www.svsc.info and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

MINISTRY APPEAL

Young adult males, single or married, as well as boys in fourth grade or higher are invited to consider joining our parish guild of Altar Servers, those who assist the priest at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All training will be provided and scheduling is flexible. If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information, please contact our parish coordinator of servers, Steve Quatela, through parish@svsc.info or (212) 744-2080.

We are also in need of Ushers (Collection Offering) and Greeters at both churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (212) 744-2080. You may also leave your name and contact information with the guard in the narthex of St. Vincent Ferrer at any time.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parish has Facebook and Instagram pages to help spread the word about special liturgies, lectures, and social events at the Parish. Find us and 'like' us by searching [@StVincentAndStCatherine](https://www.facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine) within Facebook or [svsc_nyc](https://www.instagram.com/svsc_nyc) on Instagram.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

To inquire about volunteering in our Parish, please use the form found on our website, www.svsc.info or <http://www.svsc.info/volunteers/>.

DOMINICAN THIRD ORDER

Are you a layperson who believes that you are called to a more profound interior life through the charisms of the Dominican Order? You may want to visit the Dominican Third Order (Lay Fraternity) Chapter that meets in the Parish Center of St. Vincent Ferrer on the third Thursday of each month from 6 – 8 PM. All are welcome. To learn more visit <http://laydominicans.org/>, or visit our blog at <http://olotac.blogspot.com/>.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary welcomes memberships into the council that meets at St. Catherine of Siena on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM. Legion meetings consist of prayers, review of work projects, and assignments for the coming week. Our ministry is visiting the sick at Mary Manning Walsh and bringing Communion to catholic residents. If you are interested please contact the spiritual moderator, Fr. Joseph Allen, o.p. or president Lettie Dolan at (917) 775-4930 or (212) 288-6384.

COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER 29, 2019

Regular Offertory: \$13,338

Attendance: 1067

JANUARY 5, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$17,588

Collection for Catholic University:
\$4,837

Attendance: 1400

SHOWING UP ANYWAY #2

Today Jesus steps off into public life. His career bears the marks of history's great ones: charisma, followers, and a new take on old things. But he also stands apart for not being self-launched by ambition or grandiosity. Jesus is sent.

In John's Gospel the Lord says that eternal life is knowing the "only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent." (See John 17: 3) Obedience to a mandate propels the whole earthly transit of Jesus from his baptism in the Jordan to his death on the Cross. We do not comprehend him completely if we do not see that what he does and says fulfills a mission given him by the Father. Over and over again the Gospels present this as the basis of his credibility.

From the sending of Jesus comes the sending of Walter and the sending of you. Our Lord undergoes Baptism so that we will receive it with confidence and embrace its efficacy for ourselves. As with the other sacraments, one can image Baptism's impact from a variety of perspectives: it is an initiation and a cleansing, an adoption and an anointing, and an illumination. (Now that I think of it, you might be doomed to a bulletin letter on each of the preceding.) From the font we are also sent by Jesus and with him; but sent where? and to whom?

Of course the sending of Jesus is universal, but universal through the particular: the Incarnation takes the form of an insertion. Jesus enters a human family, in a village, with a profession. Through living in Nazareth, being known as the son of Joseph and Mary, and learning carpentry, he connects with the larger tradition of Hebrew culture and history and this takes shape from Moses' covenant with God. If Jesus has a complete humanity it means not only hungering and thirsting, but possessing a historical, cultural, and spiritual context. Jesus experiences this not as random circumstance, but as mandate. "I was sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." (See Matt. 15:24) Jesus' acceptance of a specific mission serves as the foundation upon which the Father gives him a universal ministry.

Our sending also has specific character. God's providence has inserted each of us into a family, a city, a nation, and an ethnicity. These are things we do not choose, except that we choose to accept them. If we do, we understand identity at a level beyond either bragging or resentment. We embrace it as the launching point for real growth and conversion, for we are perfected as ourselves, grace building on nature.

What is true of each is true of all. We are not just Christians: we are Christians in the challenging election year of 2020, we are Christians in a world newly alive to abuses of power in all kinds of contexts including our Church, and we are Christians in a world discerning singular environmental concerns. Sharing Jesus' place in the Father's presence we also accept our place in history as a mandate from God. Our Christianity does not lift us out of time but inserts us into it.

If we take our assignment to a time seriously then we resist the temptation to opt out. As I write such words, I feel a singular desire to stay home, to cling to my own company, and to shut off the stream of stress-inducing news. Others tell me they have clicked off the strident words and extreme positions now fighting for our attention. Can we blame anyone for preferring the apparent coherence within their own four walls? My room is free from violence, so why shouldn't I stay there?

If we possess some coherence in life though, it is not just for our own comfort and clarity. Christ has made us part of the coherence that is coming into the world. In him lies the proper ordering of goods and desires, and we are his fleshly expression in this time and place. This is true despite our sinfulness and fearfulness, for when we struggle with ourselves to do justice, and to love without qualification, we give witness to the Gospel at work within. Thus we try not to make decisions out of fear or prejudice. We work at not using people or wasting things. We make competition about being and doing our best, rather than about defeating another. About people, we try to say the good things people need to hear. When others are vulnerable to us, we try to keep them safe.

In all of the above we fail. This is why there are confessionals, and when we are seen in them God's coherence also shows itself. The willingness of Christians to start over again and again testifies that His power is alive in souls.

We bring this faltering coherence to bear on the issues of the time. As hard as it is, we stay plugged in, watching the news, reading the newspaper, checking the internet, and then stepping back to survey it all by the light within. From that grounding we keep showing up to life. Parties, board meetings, and committee work become the places where we speak the Gospel in our words, to our times.

There is no showing up like showing up for Mass. Presence at Eucharist enables all the other ways of being present, enabling us to challenge mood and to defy fear, anxiety, and greed. Just think of going to Mass on a damp slushy day in February, not because it appeals but because it is a duty that has come with baptism. In such a moment the good is enabling me to do what I do not feel like doing, neither out of fear nor out of pride. Rather, what shows in me is an emerging order of loves. I have come to realize that connecting to God enables me to connect properly with all the others. Worship expresses and deepens the coherence that can make me an effective participant in life. Rather than seek serenity in my room I will be offering it to those God sends me.

No matter how tough the times become, it is against our Christian birthright for us to isolate, and it fulfills our identity to stay in life.

Winter Peace!


Fr. Walter

HELP US HELP THE POOR

The Social Concerns Committee is accepting monetary donations in the "poor box" on the left side of St. Vincent Ferrer as you enter from Lexington Avenue. We will use this money for our celebrations for the women living at the shelter and other events that do come up during the upcoming year. Please be as generous as you can. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

MAGNIFICAT PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Guided by Dominican priest Fr. Thomas More Garrett, o.p., Magnificat magazine is leading a 9-day pilgrimage to France from June 27 – July 5, 2020. The trip will include stays in Lourdes, Paris, and Versailles. In addition to the shrine at Lourdes, pilgrims will visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, the family home of St. Therese of Lisieux, Omaha Beach, and world heritage site Mont-Saint-Michel. For more information visit <https://www.petersway.com/9674.html> or call (800) 225-7662. Interested parishioners should also feel free to contact Fr. Thomas More directly at thomas.more.garrett@opeast.org.

TAI-CHI CLASSES

Health Advocates for Older People will be sponsoring Tai-Chi classes, the ancient movements and balance exercises to strengthen legs, ankles, knees, and hips. Classes will take place on Mondays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. All are welcome.

LEGACY OF FAITH

The Edward Cardinal Egan Pavilion at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale is home to more than 35 priests. It provides peace, serenity, fellowship, and the highest-quality care for those who have dedicated their lives to serving the glory of God and the well-being of their communities. It is a tangible response to Christ's call to help others. When you sit down to review your estate to reflect your lifelong devotion to the priesthood, you might think about a gift to the Egan Pavilion. The Planned Giving Office can be reached at (646) 794-3317 or plannedgiving@archny.org.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, o.p. at (646) 794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DIVORCE/SEPARATION

For anyone struggling due to a divorce/separation in their family, there is a free on-line "Webinar-like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, this group meets every first Tuesday from 8 – 9 P.M. and is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and optional sharing guided by an experienced facilitator.

To learn more, visit www.nonnatus.org or "Philly Nonnatus" on social media. Call, text, or email the Director of the Foundation at (215) 870-9913 or director.srnf@gmail.com (type SUPPORT in the title to receive direct link).

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS: REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT, RENEW YOUR SOUL

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Seigny, OFM Cap. and Fr. Jim Sauer, OFM will be leading several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at (646) 736-7964 or at info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com. You may also see the full itineraries online at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

Our upcoming pilgrimages include:

Italy/Greece
Shrines, Wines, & Castles (Portugal)
The Camino
Oberammergau/Prague (Passion Play)

Plus our regularly scheduled pilgrimages:

"Franciscan Italy" "Great Women of Faith"
(Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux)
"Holy Land – The Living Rosary"
"Footsteps of St. John Paul II" (Poland/Prague)
"Our Lady in the New World" (Guadalupe/Mexico)
"Catholic Spain" "Fatima" "Journey to Peace"
(Medjugorje)
"Footsteps of Pope Francis" (Argentina/Uruguay)
"Catholic Ireland" "Church of John and Paul"
(Greece/Turkey)

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

Please remember the Holy Father's Intention for January of 2020

- That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

- Poverty Awareness Month – This initiative by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development invites us to become aware of the life of poverty in its many aspects. View it at [.USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org).

Sunday, January 12

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- Give thanks for the healing of original sin, and for
 - Having become a child of God and for being a member of the Church.
 - Having the commission to worship God with initiative and awareness.
 - Being empowered to hear truth without defense and to tell it with charity.
 - The capacity to practice self-control and service after the pattern of Christ the King.
 - The gift of seeing reality through the lens of faith, hope, and charity.

Friday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

- St. Anthony is revered as the initiator of the monastic and religious life.
- Pray for all religious men and women, but particularly for monks and nuns who have embraced a life of contemplation.
- Anthony was also a hermit, so pray for all those called to a life of solitude. Think of those called to such a life, but who surrender it to accept leadership. Also think of those who have solitude but experience it as loneliness.

Saturday, January 18

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

- In these days leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, it is customary to pray for the unity of the baptized. The Preface of the Mass for the Unity of Christians may help:
 - Through Christ you brought us to the knowledge of your truth,
so that by the bond of one faith and one Baptism
we might become his Body.
Through him you poured out your Holy Spirit among all the nations,
so that in a wondrous manner he might prompt
and engender unity in the diversity of your gifts,
dwelling within your adopted children
and filling and ruling the whole Church.