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January 2, 2022 – The Epiphany of the Lord

JOIN OUR PARISH

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our community. If you have made the Parish your spiritual home but have not yet registered, please do. This will help us to help you in case you are asked to be a godparent or in case you would like to get married here. It will also help the Dominicans more intentionally to keep you in their prayers. Moreover, it will be a great means to help you get rooted in and connected to a community. Please visit our website, svsc.info/join-our-parish to register as a parishioner. You can also stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form.

PARISH EMAIL

To receive up to date information regarding the Parish schedule and important announcements, please sign-up for Parish emails via our website, svsc.info or email the Parish office, parish@svsc.info.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

Today, January 2, a second collection will be taken-up to help offset our Parish's operating deficit. Donations will also be taken-up after Mass by members of the Social Concerns Committee to support the work of the New York Common Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

EPIPHANY

On Thursday, January 6, the traditional date of the Epiphany (the twelfth day of Christmas), there will be a Mass in the Dominican Rite at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Missa Nasce la gioja mia*.

Sunday, January 3 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany according to the current liturgical calendar. This very ancient feast, with origins in the Christian East, highlights the mystery of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to all peoples, as exemplified by the Magi who came to worship the King of the Jews just born in Bethlehem, the Baptism by John in the Jordan River, and his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. This feast, also known as 'Little Christmas' or 'Three Kings Day' is considered the 'peak' of Christmastide.

Customarily on this day (or during this tide), Epiphany water, frankincense, gold, and chalk is blessed. The chalk is used to write the letters C+M+B over the doors of churches and homes. This formula represents the names of the Magi (by tradition, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), and also the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless the house).

Also on Epiphany, the proclamation of the movable feasts is sung. This ritual dates from a time when calendars were not widely available. The Roman Missal provides a formula using the tone of the Easter Vigil's *Exsultet*, announcing the dates of Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and the First Sunday of Advent.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Next Sunday, January 9, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It was historically fixed on January 13 as the Octave of the Epiphany, with the Sunday after the Epiphany observing the Feast of the Holy Family (now celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas). The Baptism is the official end of the Christmas season, although some Christmas traditions continue until Candlemas.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12:10 PM*, 6 PM

Saturday: 8 AM, 6 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
12 NOON (SOLEMN)*, 6 PM

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 5:20–5:50 PM

Wednesday: 7:15–7:55 PM

Saturday: 5–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekdays: 7 AM, 5:15 PM

Saturday: 9 AM*, 4 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 10 AM, 5 PM

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 4:40–5:05 PM

Saturday: 3–3:50 PM

*Mass is livestreamed via svsc.info.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays:

7:25 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Wednesday:

6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday:

8:30 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Sunday:

8:45 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekdays:

4:50 PM: ROSARY

Thursday:

5:45 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, January 10 at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

This upcoming Sunday, January 9, the Parish welcomes families with young children to attend the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. After the Mass, please come to the Friars' Chapel for a blessing from one of our priests. After the blessing, we will have some fellowship together. To stay updated, please email family@svsc.info. We also welcome engaged couples, newlyweds, and any parishioner that would like to support the sacredness of human life and love, especially in marriage and family.

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DOMINICAN ACADEMY 125TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Saturday, January 8 at 2 PM, there will be a Mass celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Dominican Academy. This will be the first of many events planned throughout the year. Founded in 1897, Dominican Academy is a private, Catholic, college-preparatory high school for girls sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Located in the heart of the Upper East Side on 68th Street between Park and Madison Avenues, D.A. remains the only all-honors school for girls in New York State.

MUSIC NOTES

Next weekend, for the Baptism of the Lord, the Schola will sing music of the German Renaissance. The Offertory Motet quotes the day's Gospel (Luke 3:22): "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." And the Communion Motet is a setting of the Magnificat Antiphon of the Epiphany, describing the three miracles which that feast and the Baptism celebrate: "Today a star led the Magi to the manger; today wine was made from water at the wedding; today Christ desired to be baptized by John, so that he might save us, alleluia.

Missa Domine Dominus noster – Leonardi Lechneri (c. 1553-1606)

Vox de caelo sonuit – Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Tribus miraculis – Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

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**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
6:00 PM (Vigil) For Families in
Crisis to Experience Christ's
Strength, Healing, and Hope
8:00 AM Letizia B. Rizzo & the
Deceased Members of the Barbetta
& Rizzo Families (D)
9:30 AM For the People of the
Parish
12 NOON Christmas Novena
6:00 PM Catherine McHale (L) and
John McHale (D) and Living &
Deceased Members of the McHale
and Lionetti Families

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Christmas Novena
6:00 PM Rosemarie Morace (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 PM Robert Mullen (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
8:00 AM John Sirabella (D)
12:10 PM Isabelle & Silvino
Oculum (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye, Sr. (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 AM Diane Astuto (D)
12:10 PM Roseanne Connolly
6:00 PM Frerico Mati (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
McGovern Family
12:10 PM Concetta Nuziale (D)
6:00 PM Higinio (D) & Rosejen (L)
Bulong

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
4:00 PM Dr. Lidia Vitale (D)
10:00 AM Daniel Dooan (D)
5:00 PM Janina Kondracink (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
7:00 AM Coleen Albertson (D)
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Parish
Priests

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Bernardo Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
7:00 AM Anne C. LaSpina (D)
5:15 PM Jackie Pratt (D)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Wilma Kahlen &
Family (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 AM Jimmy Neary (D)
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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.

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Roseann Connelly,
Angela Gabriela, Maggie Heath,
Jeanne Krause, Kathy Bojta Krause,
Barbara Decker Lenihan, Diane Piro,
Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and
Margery Sugarman.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Susan Augustine, Anita Brancaccio,
George Brooksbank, Lorraine
Capuano, Joseph DeFranca, Teresa
Fenimore, Francisca Garcia, Lloyd
Garcia, Ana Lobo, Ellorine Martinez,
Michael Privitello, Adolfo Sardina,
and the souls of all our recently
deceased.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez;
Bridget Donoghue (D); Jack Ryan
Keegan; People of the Parish; Souls
in Purgatory; Special Intention; and
Intention of Donor.

St. Vincent – Advent Wreath
Mary & Angelo Soldato
Mazza Family
Br. Michael Downey, O.P. (D)
Elizabeth Donnelly (D)

**St. Vincent – Our Lady of
Guadalupe Shrine**
Special Intention

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

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

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

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

St. Catherine – Blessed Mother
Priscilla Ventigan

St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres
Maria Marta Litrenta

*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 of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.*

What is your Epiphany tradition?

King Cakes everywhere! That was my experience in New Orleans for Epiphany two years ago. I was accompanying a group of students from Providence College on a service trip, and we arrived the day before Epiphany. I had come across King Cake in college because one of my classmates was from New Orleans, but I had no idea that there were so many different types of the classic Epiphany cake – regular, cream cheese filled, fruit filled, almond filled, or even praline filled. On top of that, there never seemed to be a shortage of the cakes for hungry stomachs. Nearly every day, we were given another cake, and this was an entirely new experience for the students.

The King Cake—the Roscón de Reyes or Galette des Rois in different cultures is a sweet cake that regularly has something to symbolize the Baby Jesus hidden away in one of the pieces. In the New Orleans tradition, the cake is circular to represent the crown for a king and is covered with icing of royal colors in honor of our Lord's royalty and kingship—purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. In some cultures, the custom is that this cake is first made for Epiphany. Whoever finds the Baby Jesus is supposed to host the party with the King Cake the following week, and that this would repeat every week until Mardi Gras.

Epiphany is not just for the sweet tooth, though. Even as beautiful as it is to adapt our culinary desires to the liturgical year, Epiphany is a feast ... chalked ... full of traditions. One of the more common customs is Epiphany Chalk, which is blessed each year and then used during the blessing of one's home. During the blessing, an inscription, with a twofold meaning, is written above a prominent door. "20 + C + M + B + 22" not only invokes the names of the three Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—but it also comes from a phrase in Latin that conveniently translates to "Christ may bless this home." It is also common to invite a priest or deacon over for an annual home blessing during the Christmas and Epiphany season.

Another beautiful custom is the blessing of Epiphany Water! While we normally think of Epiphany as the celebration of the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, the day actually celebrates three different epiphanies, or manifestations, of the Lord: the visit of the Magi, the Baptism of the Lord, and the Wedding Feast at Cana. Thus, there is an ancient tradition to bless holy water on the day when we enter into the mystery of the Lord Jesus' sanctification of the waters of the Jordan, and the Church asks God to unseal the font of grace to bless the water and make it a means of both protection from evil and sanctification for people and places.

Whether it is singing Epiphany Carols or Star Carols, such as *We Three Kings*, *What Child is This*, or *The First Noel*; having a Three Kings Party complete with a King Cake; blessing your home with Epiphany Chalk or Epiphany Water; or a combination of them, may the Lord bless you and your loved ones this Epiphanytide!

In Christ and through Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.



"Adoration of the Magi," by Bl. Fra Angelico, O.P., ca. 1440,
National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; photo in the public domain.

Candle Intentions

Lighting votive candles and vigil lights is a strong tradition in the Catholic Church that began at least 1,800 years ago, when lights were burned in the catacombs at the tomb of martyrs as a sign of unity with them. The lights kept “vigil”; hence they were named “vigil lights.” Candles have long been recognized with prayer. When we light a candle before a statue of a saint or a sacred image of our Lord, we petition our Lord in prayer for our special intentions for ourselves, our family and friends, living or deceased.

At St. Vincent Ferrer we have added five additional opportunities for you to offer prayer intentions through the lighting of candles. Beautiful new candles have been added to the Rosary Altar, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St. Joseph's Chapel, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, and the Holy Name Chapel. Candle intentions are still available in one or more of the seven hanging sanctuary lamps before the High Altar, the lamp beside Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Madonna Candle), and the lamp by the Pieta Statue.

The candles may be reserved in the Parish Office the same way you obtain a Mass intention. The candles will be lit on Friday for a period of one week. The weekly offering is \$20 and the intention will be announced in the bulletin.



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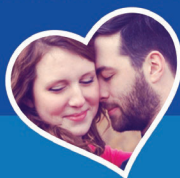


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