



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

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## January 24, 2021 — 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The Churches are cleaned between Masses.

### CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Monday, January 25 is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

### FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, O.P.

Thursday, 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

Tuesday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing music of Spanish Renaissance composer Tomás Luis de Victoria: *Missa Ave maris stella*; *Ave maris stella*; and *Senex pueram portabat*.

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, previously styled as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated forty days after Christmas. Finding its origin from the local observance of Jerusalem, this feast is perhaps the most ancient festival of Our Lady and is prayed as the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. It marks the end of the Christmas cycle in the liturgical year and is when crèche scenes are traditionally taken down.

The Feast commemorates three things: the obedience of Mary to the Mosaic Law's ritual of purification – according to Leviticus 12:6, the period of impurity after giving birth was forty days; the presentation of Jesus in the Temple in which he, as the firstborn son, is consecrated to the Lord according to the Law; and the meeting of the infant Jesus with the aged Simeon.

### NEW MUSIC LIST FOR THE SPRING

*Music as Holy Preaching*, the Parish's music brochure containing a list of the Schola Cantorum's choral repertoire for all Solemn Masses this spring is now available in the narthex of both Churches and online. The brochure also has information about the St. Cecilia Guild, our Friends of Music program that financially supports music in the Parish.

## 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

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

### LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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## HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For health care emergencies please call (212) 988-1351. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care to patients and their families at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery. Please visit [healthcareministry.org](http://healthcareministry.org) to learn more about the Ministry.

## ONLINE GIVING

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## CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Does your employer participate in corporate matching or corporate grants? If so, we are a registered non-profit with Benevity Causes. Donations can be made through your work place giving portal or SPARK. Please search your company portal for *The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer and Saint Catherine* to submit your matching donation.

## PARISH LIVESTREAMING MASS AND ROSARY SCHEDULE

The livestream Mass is weekdays at 12:10 PM; Saturday at 9 AM; and Sunday at 12 NOON.

The friars will livestream the Rosary at 9 AM on weekdays and 8:30 AM on Saturdays. The livestream Rosary will feature different areas of the church along with quick preaching before the Rosary.

Access via:

[svsc.info](http://svsc.info)

[facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine](https://facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine)

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you.*

*Amen.*

## MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Schola will continue its survey of Palestrina's collection of five-voice Offertory Antiphons: *Offertoria totius anni* (Offertory Antiphons for the Whole Year). The Marian Antiphon *Alma Redemptoris Mater* is sung from Advent until the Feast of the Presentation. Then the Antiphon changes through Lent to *Ave Regina caelorum*. The Schola will bookend the Sundays around Candlemas with a polyphonic setting of each. Lasso composed four settings of the *Alma*, two of which are for six voices.

*Bonum est confiteri* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Alma Redemptoris Mater á 6 (II)* – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Patrick Buckley (D)  
8:00 AM Vincent Apuzzo & Alex  
Lasarenko  
9:30 AM Carol McKillop (D)  
12 NOON Michael Aaronson (D)  
6:00 PM Rene Concepcion (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25  
8:00 AM Louise & Dick  
Buckley (D)  
12:10 PM Rosa Cosmai (D)  
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick  
Gorman (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26  
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the  
Parish & the Order  
12:10 PM Michael Dalton (D)  
6:00 PM Eileen Kisinee (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27  
8:00 AM Frank & Madeline  
McGuinness (D)  
12:10 PM Patrick Mooney (D)  
6:00 PM Rush Limbaugh

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28  
8:00 AM Michael Sellner (D)  
12:10 PM Kate Purcell (D)  
6:00 PM Thomas Francis Foye (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29  
8:00 AM Samuel & Rosalinda  
Sangalang  
12:10 PM Zygmunt Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Margaret & John  
Buckley (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30  
8:00 AM Silvino Oculam (D)  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Eleanor Dix (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)  
10:00 AM For the People of the  
Parish  
5:00 PM Walter Johnson (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25  
7:00 AM For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Presentation of the Lord  
Novena

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26  
7:00 AM Peter & Billy Oettinger (D)  
5:15 PM Presentation of the Lord  
Novena

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27  
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of  
St. Jude  
5:15 PM Presentation of the Lord  
Novena

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28  
7:00 AM Alfie Doohan (D)  
5:15 PM Presentation of the Lord  
Novena

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society  
of St. Catherine of Siena  
5:15 PM Presentation of the Lord  
Novena

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30  
9:00 AM Presentation of the Lord  
Novena  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Cesar  
Bernardo (D)

**PARISH PRAYER  
INTENTIONS**

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

August Arace, Roseann Connelly,  
Andrew Fraser, Maggie Heath,  
David Ruck Keene, Thomas Linson,  
Rosie Mann, Maurice A. Murphy,  
David Olivier, Adolfo Sardina, Blair  
Scribner, Fern Taller.

Please pray for the repose of the souls  
of Rory Boyle, Maria Coutinho,  
Francisca Garcia, Matthew Martinez,  
Marie O'Brien, Juan de Jesus  
Piraquive, Rosa Sabio, Celia Vestey,  
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*  
Jack Ryan Keegan (D); Ramon &  
Fernando Gonzalez (L); Patricia  
Donoghue (D); Special Intention;  
Intention of Donor; Souls in  
Purgatory; The People of the Parish.

*St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna*  
Luz A. Sanchez

*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

*St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres  
Candle*

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.*

## PRESENTED

I wonder how you and I will spend this winter of 2021. As I write these lines, political drama has a hold on our attention, but by the time you read them things may be much quieter. Vaccination shines ahead of us like the long summer days we conjure for ourselves in an early, slushy twilight. We see change coming way ahead, but winter and the pandemic still have a strong grip on life.

Each year the Liturgy breaks the parade of dim days with a procession of light. On February 2, we honor the Presentation of the Lord by blessing and carrying candles, giving this day its popular name of “Candlemas.” By this gesture we signify light in darkness, hope in adversity, but also illumination in perplexity. You and I know the grind of human fear and folly, but we walk through it on a path lit by the Holy Spirit, who reveals that in winter’s dark we have a warmth, Christ, a guide, Christ, and a destination, Christ. His presence does not turn winter to spring, but makes the walk through it a time of growth.

Each of us is an illumined person from the moment of our Baptism. At that time the priest, or deacon, took a small candle, lit it from the great Easter candle, extended it to us and said, “Receive the light of Christ.” The light has been shining from within ever since, and on February 2 we renew our intention to be led by it. Our willingness to follow in Christ’s way makes each of us a “presented” person.

I see presentation at work each time I baptize a child, for I perceive parents giving their child into the hands of the Giver. Mom and dad recognize, often without words, that the potential of their child lies in God. Mary and Joseph present the Infant Jesus in the Temple to fulfill the Law, but the Law implements God’s fidelity in fulfilling the potential of each man and woman.

By the lights of February 2 we renew our stance of presentation. What parents do for their children, we do for ourselves. Give me a few lines to pursue the parallel. At my birth my mom and dad received me as a gift, and at my baptism they placed the gift into God’s care. On Presentation Day I embrace my own life and my own history as God’s gifts to me. Recognizing his fidelity, I place these gifts at the service of his plan. I try to make availability a principal quality of my life.

Each year this practice gives inspiration and focus, but 2021 adds new significance to the candles of Candlemas. This year I need to present myself to be part of life after Covid. What patterns will return and what new ones will emerge? How will I serve the Gospel in a time of recovery, rebuilding, and reorientation? Being open to such needs and issues will be crucial to my work as a pastor. But each of us will face them in families, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

So I invite you to a Novena of Prayer in mid-winter. Beginning on January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, let’s prepare for February 2, so that when Candlemas comes we may carry our light with intention, trusting in the Spirit’s illumination of the path ahead, and determined in our willingness to walk in it.

As usual we will say the prayer at all the Masses in our Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. Let me take this opportunity to tell you that we live-stream the Mass each day. You can find the times on our website, *svsc.info*. I will also be in touch with a daily greeting related to the focus of this time of prayer. If you have not received these messages previously and would like to do so, you can sign up via our website, *svsc.info*. There will be a novena shrine in each of our churches with prayer cards.

Also, during these days we have the custom of honoring the Infant of Prague, and so we will have prayer cards at each of his shrines as well. Below you will find the *Presentation Novena Prayer*.

*My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people. (Luke 2: 30-31)*

*V. We ponder your loving kindness.*

*R. Within your Temple, O Lord.*

*Let us pray.*

*We give you praise, ever living and ever loving God, for the many gifts you have given each of us and all of us. Grant us grace, we pray, to make an offering of them. As your son was presented in the Temple, so help us present ourselves, that we may share his generosity of self and his freedom in you, for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

May our very perseverance in worship and in waiting be a light for our times.

Mid-Winter Peace!



Fr. Walter



# THIS WEEK OF GRACE

January 24 – 30, 2021

*January 10's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord combines with the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 - 25) to make this month baptismal in character. Today we complete the project begun two weeks ago in these pages and reprint the sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which explain the effects of Baptism and hence the noble status of the Baptized Person in the sight of God. In the Catechism itself, you will find the rich array of its footnotes.*

## **The Sacramental Bond of the Unity of Christians**

**No. 1271** – Baptism constitutes the foundation of communion among all Christians, including those who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church: “For men who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in some, though imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church. Justified by faith in Baptism, [they] are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church.” “Baptism therefore constitutes the sacramental bond of unity existing among all who through it are reborn.” An indelible spiritual mark . . .

**No. 1272** – Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

**No. 1273** – Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful have received the sacramental character that consecrates them for Christian religious worship. The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity.

**No. 1274** – The Holy Spirit has marked us with the seal of the Lord (“Dominicus character”) for the day of redemption. “Baptism indeed is the seal of eternal life.” The faithful Christian who has “kept the seal” until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life “marked with the sign of faith,” with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the blessed vision of God – the consummation of faith – and in the hope of resurrection.

## **January 25**

### **The Conversion of St. Paul (Feast)**

- Today as we complete the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, pray for a revival of Christian worship, prayer, and service in life as we emerge from pandemic.
- Pray that with St. Paul, we may rely on God's grace to show the world the Christ who has sustained us in these long months.

## **January 25 - February 2**

### **Presentation Novena**

- As we prepare for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, pray that we may present ourselves for a life of worship, service, and prayer that makes Christ known in the broad world.

## **January 26**

### **Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial)**

- In the handing on of the Christian life and practice the Bishops have succeeded the Apostles. Timothy and Titus are counted among the first of these, as they followed St. Paul in ministry.

## **January 28**

### **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar (Feast, O.P.)**

- Pray for our Friars who find Christ in the hard work of study.