



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

January 28, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Triumph of St. Thomas," Fra Filippino Lippi, 1489-1491, Santa Maria sopra Minerva, Rome, photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

St. Vincent Ferrer

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 TIMES

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| Monday– Saturday | 5:15–6 PM (plus Wednesday at 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

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| Wednesday | 6:30–8 PM |
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St. Catherine of Siena

MASS TIMES

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| Weekday | 7 AM, 5:15 PM |
| Saturday | 9 AM, 4 PM (Vigil) |
| Sunday | 10 AM, 5 PM |

CONFESSION TIMES

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| Weekday | 4:40–5:05 PM |
| Saturday | 3–3:50 PM |

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| Sunday | 3–4:30 PM (September 14 through Corpus Christi) |
| Thursday | 5:45–7 PM |

The Parish

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St. Vincent Ferrer

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Weekday 7:25 AM Matins and Lauds
 5:25 PM Rosary and Vespers
Saturday 8:30 AM Matins and Lauds
 5:25 PM Rosary and Vespers
Sunday 8:45 AM Matins and Lauds
 5:25 AM Rosary and Vespers

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM Lauds
 4:45 PM Rosary
 7 PM Vespers
Tuesday 8 AM Lauds
 4:45 PM Rosary
 6 PM Vespers
Saturday 8:40 AM Rosary
 9 AM Lauds during Mass
Sunday 7 PM Vespers

Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

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svsc.info/sacramental-record-request.

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MARRIAGE

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

To learn more about having a child begin formal preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, email Lisa Harrelson, Director of Religious Education at **LHarrelson@svsc.info**.

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.

Parish Prayer Intentions

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Tony Crowley, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Frank Maillano, Judy McLennan, Eithne Moloney, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Virginia Riviera, Carmen Santiago, Helen Skoradowicz, Edward Williams, and Susan Williams.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

James P. Allen III, Ryan and Jen Ambrosio, Suzanne Augustine, Sr. Pius Fagan, O.P., Alice Fleming, Francisca Garcia, Lloyd Garcia, Fr. William Holt, O.P., John A. LaRosa, Philomena McGovern, John J. Nash, Robert J. Quackenbush, Carolina Sumilang, Josephine Woodward, 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.

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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

6 PM (Vigil) David Olivier (D)
8 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Esperanza C. Valero (D)
12 NOON William & Martha
Castagnoli (D)
6 PM Kate Purcell (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8 AM Deceased of the Parish, the deceased
parents of members of the Order, and the
deceased brothers, sisters, familiars, and
benefactors of the Order
12:10 PM Jeanne Fee Feeney (D)
6 PM Fernando Murillo DePaula (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

8 AM Pat Ruotolo (D)
12:10 PM Adde Cerasoli (D)
6 PM James Donohue

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

8 AM Frank & Sue Mrnik and Family
12:10 PM Elizabeth Wijangco
6 PM Deceased Members of the Foye,
Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe and Murphy
Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8 AM Philip H. Ryou (D)
12:10 PM Matta Nottidge (D)
6 PM Jane Connor Brennan (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8 AM Edwin Kellerman (D)
12:10 PM Charles McGragh (D)
6 PM Chris Slattery (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8 AM Mary Borg (D)
9:30 AM Maria Vanzan Coutinho (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

4 PM (Vigil) Victoria Bernardo
10 AM John & Jeannette Koestner
5 PM Presentation Novena

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

10 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7 AM Special Intentions
5:15 PM Presentation

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7 AM John & Franziska Koestner (D)
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of
St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9 AM Special Intention

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Bro. Rumold Donoghue (D); Fr. William
Holt, O.P. (D); People of the Parish; Intention
of Donor; Special Intention; and Souls in
Purgatory.

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Peace in the World

Holy Name Chapel

Special Intention

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); and Pedro
Litrenta, Jr. (D)

Blessed Mother Shrine,

Sanctuary Lamp

Priscilla Ventigan

St. Martin de Porres Shrine

Maria Marta Litrenta; Rose Ann
Connolly (D); Bridget Heeran (D)

**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

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.

Double Jubilee - Intro to St. Thomas Aquinas

DOMINICANS NOT THOMINICANS

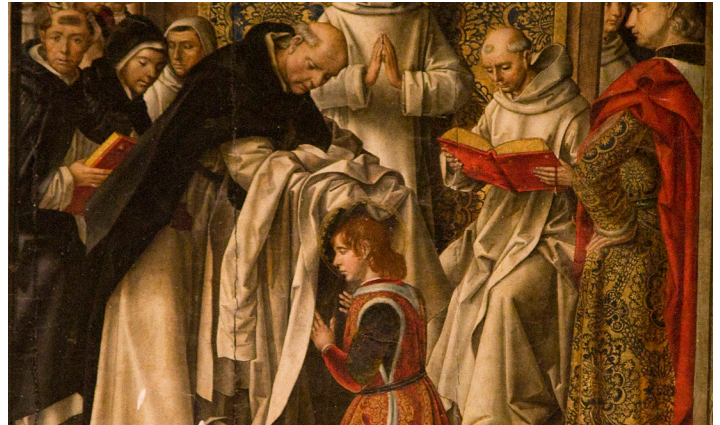
We are Dominicans, not Thominicans. Since I entered the Dominican Order, I've been astounded as to how many people have thought that St. Thomas Aquinas, rather than St. Dominic, founded the Dominicans. Granted, most of these people have been in academic circles so their experience of the Dominican Order is likely through Thomism (the study of St. Thomas's teachings). They often jump from the idea that Dominicans are well versed in the thought of St. Thomas, to the idea that all Dominicans are Thomists, and then again, somehow, to the idea that St. Thomas must have founded the Dominican Order.

It is important to note, though, that St. Thomas was a Dominican rather than St. Dominic being a Thominican. In other words, St. Thomas's life and all that he offers to the Church is shaped by his Dominican life. Through living the Dominican life, he became holy. Through his fidelity to his vows and the life of prayer, study, and community, he was able to preach in a way that shaped the Church's understanding of the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist, and the moral life. It was from this very life, that St. Thomas not only grew close to the Lord but also has helped us grow close to Him.

ST. THOMAS'S DOUBLE JUBILEE

Right now, we are in the midst of a double jubilee for St. Thomas. This past July 18, we celebrated the 700th anniversary of St. Thomas's canonization, and on March 7 we will celebrate the 750th anniversary of his death. Because of this, the Dominican Order was able to get approval from Rome for a jubilee that will continue until January 28, 2025. During this time, if you go to a Dominican church for a special Mass in honor of St. Thomas, you can gain a plenary indulgence (under the normal conditions). The reason for this is that St. Thomas is a beautiful example of how we can grow in holiness. This is not to say that holiness is synonymous with being a brainiac. Rather, the whole of St. Thomas's virtuous living—how he lived, prayed, came to love God, and sought to share God with others—is exemplary for us.

As a result of this, and between his feast days of January 28 and March 7, we are going to offer various ways to come to know St. Thomas, learn from his wisdom, and draw closer to the Lord through turning to him for his intercession and following his example.



"St Thomas receiving the Dominican Habit," Dominican Priory of St Thomas, Avila, photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

First, we will start with special Masses on January 29 (the Archdiocese allowed us to transfer the celebration from Sunday to Monday). All our daily Masses will be for St. Thomas, and the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent's will be a sung Mass. After the 6 PM Mass, we will also have an enrollment in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, a confraternity that sprung up in light of one of St. Thomas's miracles and that focuses on purity of heart.

Second, on March 7, we will have a Solemn Dominican Rite Mass at St. Vincent's at 7 PM. This year, we have asked Fr. Philip Nolan, O.P., who might be known from his contributions to the *Magnificat* publications, to come as the preacher.

Third, we will have a series of bulletin articles from now until Holy Week (with a break for the Sunday before Lent) about the life and legacy of St. Thomas. To understand St. Thomas's impact on and import for the Church, it is helpful to know more about his life, how he prayed, and where his writings come from.

Finally, we will have a special four-part Lenten Parish Study on "Aquinas and Living the Christian Life." This will look at his writings and reflect on how they can help us grow in holiness.

Through all of this, may St. Thomas's example and intercession not fail to guide nor to aid us on the path to holiness so that what he now beholds, we too, one day, may gaze upon for all eternity.

In Christ and through the intercession of St. Thomas, Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 25–FEBRUARY 2

Candlemas Novena

From Thursday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, through Friday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Parish will offer a Novena of Prayer. Holy cards will be available at both Churches and the Novena Prayer will be recited at all Masses during this period.

EVERY SUNDAY

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent's after the 12 Noon Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 7 PM

Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

The Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis meets in the Lower Church at St. Vincent's. The word "mystagogy" refers to the last stage of faith formation for converts. But, in another way, it is the life-long process by which fully initiated Catholics delve more deeply into their faith.

This year we are reflecting on the history of the Church, with an emphasis on Councils like Nicaea, Ephesus and Trent, all the way down to Vatican II. We'll learn about theology, important events, saints, and sinners. Visit our website, svsc.info/mystagogy for past lectures and additional information. All are most welcome. Bring a friend!



MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 6 PM

Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.

This year, the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar and Doctor of the Church known as the *Doctor Angelicus*, is transferred from January 28 to the next day. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's. Enrollment in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity will also be made following the Solemn Mass for those interested.

Born around 1225, he was educated at the abbey of Monte Cassino, in Paris under St. Albert the Great, and in Cologne. His prolific corpus of writings includes the *Summa theologiae*, a systematic scientific, philosophical, and theological examination of Catholic doctrine. He is the father of the eponymous Thomistic school of theology and philosophy. He died in 1274 (this year, we commemorate the 750th anniversary of his death) and was canonized in 1323. He is the patron of academics, bookmakers, students, and theologians.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 6 PM

Candlemas

For the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas, there will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's for which the Schola Cantorum will sing. The Solemn Mass will include the blessing of candles traditionally offered on this Feast. A reception will follow the Mass and Solemn Compline will be sung at 8 PM.

For Candlemas, the Schola will sing music from Renaissance England including an elaborate seven-stanza ode to the Blessed Virgin to accompany the oblation of candles at the Offertory.

Missa Euge bone

– Christopher Tye (c. 1500-1573)

Ave Dei Patris filia

– Robert Fayrfax (1464-1521)

Videte miraculum

– William Mundy (c. 1539-1591)

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



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**St. Blaise Blessing of Throats**

On the Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, a blessing of throats will be offered at every Mass on this day. This relates to the tradition that while St. Blaise was in prison for refusing to renounce his faith, he cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. It is an appropriate day to ask the Lord's healing for sicknesses, especially diseases of the throat.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 10:30 AM
Men's Group Monthly Meeting**

On Saturday, the Men's Group will meet in the Parish Center at St. Vincent's. There will be prayer, a reflection by one of the priests, and fellowship. Email mensgroup@svsc.info if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL
CONCERNS COMMITTEE TO OUR
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Each year, we ask you for donations of gifts for the women living at the Park Avenue Women's Shelter.... and each year, you respond with great enthusiasm. But this year the gifts were exceptional in quantity, quality, and beauty. We filled 75 Christmas bags which were personalized for each woman.

Those of you who donated money to our committee, please know that you provided a special Texas Barbecue Dinner, a favorite of the women.

You sponsored a most successful happy celebration for these women in need.

Thank you!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Visitation Circle Monthly Meeting**

Saturday, February 3, is the monthly meeting of the Visitation Circle. It will be held at St. Vincent's, starting with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:35 AM, followed with Mass at 12 NOON. A meeting will follow in the Parlors. Refreshments will be pre-ordered; cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance. A small free-will donation to cover costs will be appreciated.

Featured speaker will be Joan Nimmo, Director of the Social Services Unit at the Carter Burden Network in New York City. Ms. Nimmo will discuss CBN's resources and support services that foster independence and enrichment for seniors.

The Visitation Circle celebrates Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single, or separated women. For additional information—and a reservation for Saturday's meeting—contact the Visitation Circle at catherine_o_rourke@hotmail.com or email the Parish Office at parish.svsc.info.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:30 AM
Final Profession of Vows for Sr. Julia**

The Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs joyfully announce the Final Profession of Vows of Sr. Julia Balu, O.P. at St. Vincent's. All relatives, friends, parishioners, and students of SVFHS are invited to attend. A reception will follow in the Lower Church after Mass. Please RSVP mkunesh@saintvincentferrer.com by January 31.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 12 NOON
World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

Join the Dominican Healthcare Ministry to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Sick at St. Catherine's. Mass will conclude with a sprinkling of Lourdes Water and a special blessing for the sick and for healthcare workers. A light reception will follow Mass in St. Joseph's Hall.

MUSIC NOTES**For This Sunday**

Bonum est confiteri
– Chrisoph Buel (1574-1631)
Cantate Domino á 9
– Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

For Sunday, February 4, 12 Noon

The Schola will sing two double-choir (SATB+SATB) motets. The Schola will also sing at the 9:30 AM Sung Mass next weekend which will include the Final Vows of Sr. Julia, O.P.

O quam suavis est
– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus
– Giovanni Croce (c. 1557-1609)

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