



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

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January 30, 2022 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

CANDLEMAS NOVENA

From Tuesday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, through Wednesday, 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.

CANDLEMAS

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The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, previously styled “the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary,” is forty days after Christmas. Finding its origin from the local observance of Jerusalem, Candlemas 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 is 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 – the *Occursus Domini*, or *Hypapante* as Eastern Church calls it.

Traditionally, as a reflection of Christ the true light, the beeswax candles to be used throughout the proceeding year are blessed on this festival: Candle+Mass. Even in modern times, candles remain a required part of the Church’s liturgical expression as a sanctifying sign (sacramental) of the partnership between God and his creation: wax made by bees and fashioned by human hands becomes something beautiful and useful, as is explained in the Easter Vigil’s *Exsultet*.

The candle itself represents the self-sacrificing nature of Christ: as it gives, it does so at the expense of its own form. And while the candle burns until completely spent, that which it provides – light and warmth – can be shared with other wicks without diminishing its own brightness, just as Christ’s love. The candle of baptism speaks silently of that same wisdom: if you would save your life, you must lose it.

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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PARISH STUDY

Do you know someone who complains that their children don't listen, don't follow what they have been taught, or challenge everything their parents tell them? That's Paul and the Church in Corinth. The Corinthians were a constant source of heartache for Paul. They wanted to know by what right Paul should claim authority over them. Both letters to the Corinthians defend his apostolate, and 2 Corinthians especially stresses that they would not have become believers – Christians – without having heard Paul's preached gospel.

Join us for a Parish Study on 2 Corinthians to unpack these ideas and build on last summer's Parish Study on 1 Corinthians. Fr. Albert Paretsky will lead the study on Tuesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 PM, from January 18 to February 15, in the Parish Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming Parish Studies in both Lent and Easter as well.

So that we know how many people to expect, please complete a brief registration form on our website, svsc.info/parish-study.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing music of Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901), one of the most prominent German organists and teachers of the 19th century. From 1860-1866, he was the organist of Munich's Court Church of St. Michael (Michaelskirche), considered the spiritual center of the Counter Reformation. In 1877, Rheinberger was named music director of Munich's Royal Chapel. When the present Royal School of Music was founded in Munich in 1867 by Hans von Bülow, Rheinberger was appointed its professor of organ and composition (eventually elevated to 'Royal' Professor), a post he held until his death. Described by a contemporary as "unrivaled in skill, refinement, and devotion to his subject," Rheinberger was a prolific composer whose religious works include twelve *Messes*, a *Requiem*, and a *Stabat Mater*. His other compositions include several operas, symphonies, chamber music, and many organ sonatas.

Jesu dulcis memoria, Op. 58, No. 4

Introibo ad altare Dei

In Deo speravit, Op. 163, No. 2

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**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
6:00 PM (Vigil) Zygmunt Gorski (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Francisco, Hermenegilda Donesa, & Eugenio M. Rubin (D)
12 NOON Angelito Gallardo (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr. (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 31
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Helen Fitzgerald Nolan (D)
6:00 PM Sally Patti (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Vincent Ferrer
12:10 PM Families in Crisis to Experience Christ's Strength, Healing & Hope
6:00 PM Dr. Edward Amorosi (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. A. Van Acker (D)
12:10 PM Jack Powers (D)
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
8:00 AM Odette Van Acker
12:10 PM Elizabeth Regan (D)
6:00 PM Nagy Habib (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4
8:00 AM Celinda & Arturo Falcone (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly (D)
6:00 PM Anne Brown (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
8:00 AM Leonor Pico de Turbay (D)
6:00 PM Barbara Mugnolo (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
4:00 PM (Vigil) Cesar Bernardo (D)
10:00 AM Giusepppe & Antonio Dino Evangelist & Family
5:00 PM Presentation Novena

MONDAY, JANUARY 31
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
7:00 AM Daniel Doohan (D)
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Presentation Novena

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3
7:00 AM Vincent & Margaret Costello (D)
5:15 PM Romeo & Carola Spani (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5
9:00 AM The Madamba Family (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 Connolly, Arnold Drucker, Milley Frias, Angela Gabriela, Maggie Heath, Jeanne Krause, Kathy Bojta Krause, Barbara Decker Lenihan, P.O. Wilbert Mora, Diane Piro, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and Margery Sugarman.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Susan Augustine, Rudolph Bachraty, George Brooksbank, James Cummings, Joseph DeFranca, Teresa Fenimore, Francisca Garcia, Lloyd Garcia, George Hart, Richard Hawkins, Matthew Martinez, Monica Meade, Michael Privitello, P.O. Jason Rivera, Gloria Sanz, Adolfo Sardina, and the souls of all the recently deceased.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Sr. Padric Mary, o.p. (D); Sr. M. Stella Ryan, o.p. (D); P.O. Jason Rivera; P.O. Wilbert Mora; People of the Parish; Souls in Purgatory.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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

St. Vincent – Rosary Altar
Yolanda Atienza Navarrete

St. Vincent – St. Joseph's Altar
Ramoncito Isidro, Jr.

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

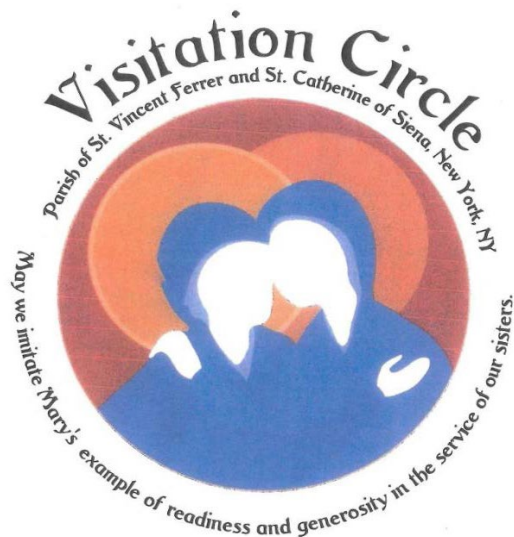
St. Catherine – Purgatorial
Renato S. Ventigan (D); Rosa J. Silan (D)

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.



VISITATION CIRCLE—FEBRUARY 5

Saturday, February 5, is the monthly meeting of the Visitation Circle. It will be held in St. Vincent Ferrer Church, starting with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:35 AM, followed by Mass at 12 NOON. Lunch will follow in the Church Priory; a small, free-will donation to cover costs will be appreciated. Please note that lunch will be pre-ordered; cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance.

This month's meeting will celebrate a new year together, both spiritually and socially.

The Visitation Circle includes Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single or separated women.

For additional information, contact the Visitation Circle at catherine_o_rourke@hotmail.com or email the Parish Office at parish@svsc.info.

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FOOD SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 6

Next Sunday, February 6, is Food Sunday. Often we here parishioners asking, "How can I help the homeless and needy?" In this time of Covid, it is often difficult to help in person but you can help by providing valuable monetary donations. Members of our Social Concerns Committee will be at the doors following each Sunday Mass on February 6 to collect money to support the efforts of the New York Common Pantry. The fresh, healthy food and social services provided by the NYCP makes a difference for families and individuals all year round. Please be generous. Your contribution makes a difference.

You can also contribute via WeShare on our parish website, svsc.info or by scanning the barcode.



The Dominican Charism – Study & the Search for Veritas

In his seminal work *Fides et ratio*, St. John Paul II begins with a remarkable insight: “Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves” (*Fides et ratio*, 1). He points out that there is an innate desire that all humans have to search to find that truth and to know what is true. That was the thought of Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas before him, and all three wisely point out that this is a normal part of human life.

St. John Paul II also points out that “faith and reason are like the two wings” that lead the mind into a deeper contemplation of truth. This too has its roots in the Aristotelian and Dominican understanding of truth. All things that can be known, when they are known rightly, lead to one truth. When everything from zoology to biology to geometry to philosophy to theology and everything in between is accurately studied, it should all lead to a harmonious understanding of the one truth. Obviously, when we begin to interpret creation and reality in light of ourselves rather than God, then we start to lose sight of the fact that all aspects of truth should be of one accord. Yet, when we are able to be humble before God and the created order, then we begin to see how everything so beautifully and seamlessly fits together.

You see, Christ is the Word, the *Logos*, through which all of creation is ordered. Because of this, everything in the created order not only has its source in Him but also has its meaning and end in Him. In this way, we can see that everything from triangles to aardvarks to hydrogen has its place within the created order and points back to the Creator who gives them their particular place within the whole and their relationship to the rest of the created reality. Ultimately, the search for the truth should lead us to the One who is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

From a Dominican approach, the goal of study is to find this one truth. This is why “*Veritas*” is one of the mottos of the Dominican Order. The search for truth, regardless of whatever subject material we are studying, should lead us to God. It is this approach that helps to make the Dominican approach to preaching different, but that is another topic for another week.

How does this play out in the life of a Dominican parish though? Through various avenues such as preaching, adult education, religious education for the youth, RCIA, and a variety of other educational programs that a Dominican parish might hold, the search for truth should hold its place as a primary goal. For instance, in our Parish Study, our reflections on books of the Bible as well as a variety of theological topics should provide us an opportunity to delve deeper into how the Lord of Truth seeks to reveal Himself to us. Moreover, the RCIA program is beautifully situated to guide adults seeking baptism, full communion with the Catholic Church, or the sacrament of confirmation to the truths of the faith and a relationship with the truth who is incarnate in Jesus.

The search for truth should extend beyond the walls of the church, though, and it should influence life in the home, the workplace, and the coffee shop. The search for truth can guide discussions among friend groups; it can aid a family searching for answers to life’s more complicated questions; it can be a foundation to guide research in the workplace; and it can be measure by which all the topics of study, from grade school to grad school, can rightly be evaluated. One helpful idea would be to search for saints in your own particular field of work and study their life to see how their faith guided their work. Having conversations about this with other parishioners in different fields of work could also lead you both to a more complete understanding of how truth relates to God’s providence.

May St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Albert the Great be powerful intercessors for us as we enter into the strenuous but rewarding search for the one Truth!

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Jr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.

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