



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

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January 5, 2020 – The Epiphany of the Lord

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Today, January 5 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The 12 NOON Solemn Mass St. Vincent Ferrer will include a Procession of the Three Kings, bringing the Magi to the Creche.

EPIPHANY PARISH COFFEE

Join us for an Epiphany Parish Party on Sunday, January 5 after the 12 NOON Mass in the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors. Coffee, tea, and delicious food will be available.

SECOND COLLECTION – CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today weekend, January 5, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY – NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, 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 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.

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 (EUCCHARISTIC 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

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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.
Deacon

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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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 – MARY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

12:10 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer

**Holy Hour Cancelled*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:45 PM Parish Study at St. Vincent Ferrer

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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 5
6:00 PM (Vigil) Robert Mullen (D)
8:00 AM Emma Robbins Miller (D)
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12 NOON Emma Robbins Miller (D)
6:00 PM Patrick Milton (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Diane Astuto (D)
6:00 PM Sarah & Walton Clarke (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 AM The Deceased Members of
the McGovern Family (D)
12:10 PM James & Dympna
Mooney & Family
6:00 PM Julia Ames (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 PM Joe & Mary Mooney &
Family
6:00 PM Bridget "Josie" Cronin (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
8:00 AM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
12:10 PM Lourdes Besa (D)
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
8:00 AM Susan Wafer
12:10 PM Monica Gorksi (D)
6:00 PM Margaret Cunningham

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
8:00 AM James R. Fay, Sr. &
Margaret C. Fay (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Mary O'Brien
Heller (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Ronnie Lizares (D)
5:00 PM For the Living & Deceased
Priests of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Phil Smith (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7
7:00 AM Miriam Costillo (D)
5:15 PM Gisele Masson (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Stephen Wilcox (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
7:00 AM Michael Justice (D)
5:15 PM Silvana Cichi (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
5:15 PM Rose Marie Pirro (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
9:00 AM Franziska Hinzmann (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) Ofelia
Gamusaran (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Mike Borland, Bernadette Carty,
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 Fransisca, Lloyd, & Maurice
Garcia, 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);
Sister Mary Ellen Lynch, o.p. (D);
Patrick McCarthy (D); Mary
Wilson (D); For the Souls in
Purgatory; For the People of the
Parish; Intention of Donor

Advent Wreath

1) Jack Ryan Keegan (L)
2) Mary & Angelo Soldato (D)
3) Philomena McGovern (L)
4) Sister Henrietta Dunn, o.p. (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 is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which marks the end of Christmastide, for which the Schola will sing:

Mass in C, Op. 70 – John Gardner (1917-2011)
A Gallery Carol (Rejoice and Be Merry), Op. 109,
No. 4

– John Gardner (1917-2011)
A babe is born, Op. 55 – William Mathias
(1934-1992)

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 the president Lettie Dolan at (917) 775-4930 or (212) 288-6384.

COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER 22, 2019

Regular Offertory: \$13,185

Attendance: 1111

SHOWING UP ANYWAY

The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the incomparable wonder of Divine Revelation, that gift by which we know God and His Plan in ways we could not have discovered by our own efforts. The star-illuminated trek of the magi reveals the way in which God has opted for self-disclosure. Paradoxically, the sages journey into the unknown, yet they are guided through it. They seek an unfamiliar person in an unfamiliar country, but their bright beacon gives a clear path. Further, any gazer at the heavens might have observed this star and its movements.

The whole series of Christmas mysteries: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity of John the Baptist, Nativity of Jesus, Epiphany, Presentation, and Baptism of the Lord follow this same pattern of divine manifestation. God intervenes in the lives of ordinary people, not to take them out of the ordinary, but to shed new light on what the ordinary means. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist occupy privileged places in the plan of God and yet He spares them no hardship, rather He enables them to meet it and endure it faithfully with a view to the goal that has been shown to them.

But in the plan embodied by Christ ordinary life comprises more than faithful endurance. He has laid a foundation of grace, and resting on it our lives of commitment become an engine of witness and transformation. Jesus has bequeathed us a religion in which “showing up” makes clear that we, in our weakness and sinfulness, nevertheless have a source enabling us to keep on. Here, I believe is the truest Christian testimony. People know Jesus lives not because I am sinless, but because I am public about being a sinner who drinks constantly from a fountain of mercy.

Keeping on despite myself grows in me patience and perseverance, compassion and hope. Such reorientation happens concretely through the practice of a discipline. Showing up provides the practical backbone of marriages, religious life, and priesthood, and indeed parish membership and service. On the outside showing up looks pedestrian but actually it brings us to the frontiers of our humanity. Appearing for my committees, appearing for Mass, indeed appearing for breakfast seems so basic that we miss the challenge that just keeping appointments offers day in, day out.

Showing up is what I do when I do not feel like it, and it is the means by which I challenge the supremacy of my moods. When I commit to showing up I go anyway: I may be angry, or distracted, or unprepared, but I said I would be there and so I am. Of course it is wonderful to be fully alive, aware, and focused, but in our humanity often we are not. When we show up anyway, God does wonderful things with our deficiencies.

Preaching demands a daily showing up, and I signed on for a lifetime of it. Preparing for it offers real delight, and giving a thought through homily imparts true serenity to the soul. But what happens when I prepare the wrong readings (thinking it was Monday), or I have a bad cold, or there has been an emergency? At such times Mass must still be said, and some words must still be offered. Here, I rely on my dictum that if I prepare when I am able, God makes it work when I am not. I have been amazed at the words that came out of my mouth when I had no words ready.

This truth of my Dominican life, or of any committed Christian life, comes alive to me as I prepare to preach a retreat for our Brothers who will make Solemn Vows this year. They will promise to show up “until death” in our way of life. They can see the world is changing, and they must realize that over the decades they will change. Nevertheless they pledge themselves to a life of constancy. How many times over all those years will they fall apart on the inside, even as they keep the schedule on the outside? Who can say what amazing personal growth and apostolic fruit will come from their perseverance through the narrow places. The world is complex and we are complex, but the schedule is clear, and sometimes it is the star we follow in the darkness.

We might well ask what will be the source for decades of showing up anyway, but perhaps the better question is, “Who?” The one who will help them face the day each day is the same one who launched them into the life.

The life of preaching offers one face of the whole Christian life, and there are countless others, each tracing itself back to the Holy Spirit’s intervention at Pentecost. He makes each member of Christ’s body vibrant with a source deeper than either intellectual clarity or moral rectitude. The source lies in the True Vine, of which we are the branches, Jesus Christ (See John 15). In St. John’s teaching on the Vine the Lord indicates that each living branch of him will be pruned so that it bears more fruit. I think that when we find ourselves showing up anyway pruning is in progress. From the pruning come intellectual and moral growth, and a deeper thriving.

Each of our lives will see distracted periods, drab periods, and dark periods. With God these become moments of growth that continue the mystery of the Epiphany. Christ is known because his followers find in him a strength by which they become strong themselves.

Blessed Epiphany



Fr. Walter

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.

EVENTS AT THE SHEEN CENTER

At the back of the church, are new brochures for the Fall season of The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Center for Thought & Culture. The Sheen Center offers wonderful events in theater, music, talk, and film, including a special theatrical presentation of *The Gospel of John* (November 30 – January 5). For more information, please visit SheenCenter.org.

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.

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS: REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT, RENEW YOUR SOUL

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Sevigny, 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

The Holy Father's Prayer 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

- National Migration Week
- Pray for vulnerable people forced to leave home because of violence, famine, or disaster.
- Pray for those who live sacrificial lives to meet the needs of migrants.

Community Notes

- This week Fr. Walter is at the Trappist Abbey in Berryville, Virginia. He is preaching the retreat for the Brothers who will make Solemn Vows this year.
- This month we will welcome Br. Albert Dempsey to our midst. Brother Albert is a Deacon and he will be with us for a pastoral year, returning to Washington after Christmas of 2020.

Sunday, January 5, The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

This celebration weaves together three recognitions of Jesus as Son of Mary and as Divine Son of God; the Adoration of the Magi, the Lord's Baptism in the Jordan, and the Wedding at Cana. This antiphon from Morning Prayer for this feast shows you the whole mystery in all its parts.

Today the Church has been joined to her heavenly bridegroom since Christ has purged her of her sins in the River Jordan: the Magi hasten to the royal wedding feast and offer gifts: the wedding guests rejoice since Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia.

- Pray that our contemporaries also may recognize the Christ who is the healer of body and spirit, the teacher of the mind, and the bridegroom of the soul.
- Pray for the beneficiaries of this week's second collection,
- The communications efforts of our Archdiocese and our Bishops' Conference, and
- the Catholic University of America, both of which have the goal of making him known.
- Since this feast holds crucial importance for the churches of the East, it will behoove us today to pray for the union of Christ's whole Body in the world.

January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort, O.P. (Memorial for the Order)

- St. Raymond (1175 - 1275) was a noted confessor and Canon Lawyer
- Pray for those who administer the Law of the Church, for their wisdom, courage, and discretion.