

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

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October 10, 2021 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

COLUMBUS DAY – OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Columbus Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11. Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual.

DECADE OF PRAYER

From the Feast of St. Luke on October 18 through the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude on October 28, the Parish will offer a Decade of Prayer. In these days we pray to St. Luke as the patron of physicians and to St. Jude, as the Apostle of Hope. The prayer of the Decade will be said at all the Masses. Holy cards and petition slips will be available at both Churches.

FEAST OF ST. LUKE

Monday, October 18 is the Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist and patron of physicians. There will be a Sung Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena. This begins the Parish's Decade of Prayer to Sts. Luke and Jude.

FEAST OF STS. SIMON AND JUDE

Thursday, October 28 is the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles. There will be a Sung Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena. This concludes the Parish's Decade of Prayer to Sts. Luke and Jude.

IOIN OUR PARISH

The Dominican Friars have exercised Parish ministry in this neighborhood since 1867. We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our 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*.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit svsc.info and go to "Ways to Give." You can also give via text message: text keyword SVSC to 800-950-9952. Click the link and complete your gift.

40 Days for Life September 22 – October 31, 2021

Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign taking place throughout our Archdiocese from September 22 through October 31. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 19,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns. To learn more about the 40 Days for Life campaign, visit: www.40daysforlife.com.

For information about participating in the 40 Days for Life campaigns in the Archdiocese, contact via email 40days.manhattan@gmail.com.

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 рм Wednesday: 7:15–7:55 рм Saturday: 5–5:50 рм

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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9 ам–1 рм *and* 2 рм–4 рм*

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MUSIC NOTES

Next weekend, for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will present two motets from the Germanic tradition.

Christian Erbach was born in Gau-Algesheim, Mainz-Bingen, in modernday Rhineland-Palatinate. For most of his life, he held the position of assistant and later principal city organist of Augsburg. His compositions clearly were influenced by the style of the Venetian School, particularly that of Hans Leo Hassler, a fellow German composer who studied in Venice.

Josef Rheinberger was one of the most prominent organists and teachers of the 19th century. From 1860-1866, he was the organist of Munich's Court Church of St. Michael (Michaelskirche). He was appointed professor of organ and composition at the founding of the Royal School of Music (also in Munich) in 1867 and in 1877 also was named music director of Munich's Royal Chapel.

> Meditabor, Op. 133, No. 2 – Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901) Domine Dominus noster – Christian Erbach (c. 1568-1636)

Parish Study How to Read the Gospel of John

The Gospel of John has rich treatments of many Christian topics such as the divinity of Christ, the Eucharist, forgiveness, the Last Supper, and many more. It also has an incredible depth and connection to the Old Testament and philosophy.

Join Fr. Albert Paretsky, O.P. in an eight-week study during which he will unpack the important aspects of how to read John's Gospel. The Bible Study will take place *in person* at St. Vincent Ferrer in the Parish Hall (lower church) at 6:45 PM. Session dates are Tuesdays from September 28 until November 16.

Please register on our website, svsc.info/parish-study, or email the parish office at parish@svsc.info

St. VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Vincent Ferrer, our Parish High School, invites all 7th and 8th grade girls to come to our *In-Person* Open House on Saturday, October 23, 2021. The school is an all college-prep high school in the tradition of St. Dominic. A strong foundation in the faith, academics, sports and social concern is

You can register for one of four sessions on October 23: 12NOON, 12:45, 1:30 or 2:15 PM. A reservation is required. Please contact Sister Christine Cosgrove, O.P. at *ccosgrove@saintvincentferrer.com*. Come and see for yourself our students, faculty, parents and facility and hear about our strong college prep program. Visit our website at www.saintvincentferrer.com and take a virtual tour of the school.

The School is located at 151 East 65th Street; the entrance is located on Lexington Avenue.

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.

Parish Covid Protocols

Based on the CDC and the Archdiocese of New York recommendations, we have adjusted our Covid guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For additional information and updates, please visit our website: svsc.info/parish-covid-19-protocols.

Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
6:00 PM (Vigil) Umberto Del
Ciglio (D)
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Bowler & Yerkes Families, Andrew
& Arthur Williams, & Br. Michael
Yerkes (D)
9:30 AM Marie Lewis (D)
12 NOON Joseph Schembri (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye Sr. (D)

Monday, October 11
8:00 am For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 pm Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 pm Garvey & Mary
Meade (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 8:00 AM Gerald Blakely Jr. (D) 12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D) 6:00 PM Angelo A. Soldato (D)

Wednesday, October 13
8:00 am Conversion of Sinners to
the Immaculate Heart of Mary
12:10 pm Conversion of Sinners to
the Immaculate Heart Of Mary
6:00 pm Deceased Members of
the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 8:00 AM Odette Van Acker 12:10 PM Teresa Mooney (D) 6:00 PM Eugene Gaughan (D)

Friday, October 15 8:00 am Victorine & Amondo Van Acker (D) 12:10 pm Sally Patti (D) 6:00 pm Mary Heller Dixon (D)

Saturday, October 16 8:00 am Mary & Alexander Rossani (D) 6:00 pm Luis, Catalina, & Valeria Barth (D)

MASS INTENTIONS St. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Franziska & John
Koestner (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the
Parish

Monday, October 11
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Thomas Imparato (D)

Tuesday, October 12
7:00 AM Rosemary Crawford
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests
of the Parish

Wednesday, October 13
7:00 am Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 pm Dolores Passoni (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
7:00 AM Fredrick Padovano (D)
5:15 PM Nora Hickey (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Monsignor Guido
Spani (D)

Saturday, October 16
9:00 am Teodoro Rodriguez & Cleotilde Coronado
4:00 pm Lucia & Eugenia
Lucido (D)

Parish Prayer Intentions

August Arace, Roseann Connelly, John Crosson, Helen Devaney, Bill Fisher, Jr., Maggie Heath, Susan Rick Heller, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Luca Dominic Mathew, Anna Nixon, Arilda Palces, Gregory Rocofort, Bill Rudd, Nora Ryan, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, Margery Sugarman, and Rafael Velasquez.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Felix Alvarez, Anne Brown, John Consigli, Ethel Garcia, Matthew Martinez, Sr. Elizabeth McDonough, o.p., Isaac Mercado, Sr. Maureen O'Toole, Anthony M. Scotto, 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;
Jack Ryan Keegan; Helen Donnelly
(D); Catherine Mera (D); Souls in
Purgatory; The People of the Parish;
Special Intention.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna Joseph Schembri (D)

St. Vincent – Pieta LampWell 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

The Dominican Charism - The Nine Ways of Prayer of St. Dominic

"What we must say something about here is the way of praying in which the soul uses the members of the body in order to rise more devotedly to God, so that the soul, as it causes the body to move, is in turn moved by the body, until sometimes it comes to be in ecstasy like Paul, sometimes in agony like our Savior, and sometimes in rapture like the prophet David. The blessed Dominic used often to pray like this" (Preface to *The Nine Ways of Prayer of St Dominic*).

The early Dominican friars not only loved Our Holy Father Dominic, but they also sought to learn from him and imitate him in so many varied ways. So, they not only heeded his words but also followed his example. They noticed that he prayed in many different ways, but that there was a real union of the body and the soul in nine of these ways. In a sense, St. Dominic was living out what he was preaching: the body and soul form one person who was created and is loved by God. Soon after St. Dominic's death, these nine different ways in which he prayed became the guiding model that shaped the early Dominicans' prayer lives.

As we continue examining the Dominican charism, and particularly Dominican ways of praying, these nine ways can also be a beautiful guide for us. When the first seven ways are joined together one after another, they form a unified motion. The first three begin with a downward motion that leads the soul to humility and sorry for sins, but then the soul is lifted back up to God in thanksgiving and praise in the fourth through seventh ways. There is a beautiful and intertwined relationship between these first seven ways that should lead the soul deeper into union with God.

The reflections below are based on an anonymous work dating back to about 1280 that was likely compiled from the stories of Sr. Cecelia, one of the earliest cloistered Dominican nuns, and the early Dominican friars, who often hid to watch St. Dominic pray. The nine images shown here are contemporary renditions of the traditional images that were drawn to depict the nine different ways that St. Dominic prayed so as to help the Dominicans better imitate his various ways of praying.

May St. Dominic's example bear fruit in our lives and be a guiding light as we seek to grow in union with God. In Christ and through Holy Father Dominic,

Tr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, o.P.

FIRST WAY OF PRAYER - BOWING

St. Dominic's first way of prayer was about humbling himself before the altar of Christ. He would stand erect and then profoundly bow his head and consider the humility and lowliness of Christ, the head of the Church. It is for this reason that St. Dominic taught the friars to bow whenever they passed before the humiliation of the Crucified One. He also enjoined the friars to humble themselves and bow when chanting: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit."



SECOND WAY OF PRAYER - PROSTRATION

St. Dominic used to pray by prostrating himself, outstretched upon the ground and lying face down. Feeling great sorrow in his heart, he would call to mind the words of the Gospel, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Then he would weep and pray: "I am not worthy to see the heights of heaven because of the greatness of my iniquity, for I have aroused thy anger and done what is evil in thy sight." Likewise, he would enjoin his brothers to pray, "Come, let us adore and fall down in prostration before God, and let us weep before God, and let us weep before God, and let us weep before the Lord that made us" (Psalm 94:61).



THIRD WAY OF PRAYER - MORTIFICATION

After the second way of prayer, St. Dominic would arise and physically mortify himself, saying, "Thy discipline has corrected me unto the end" (Psalm 17:36). While the Dominicans no longer discipline ourselves in this way, St. Dominic's example is at the heart of why the Dominicans take up certain penitential practices throughout the year, especially during the Advent and Lenten seasons. For instance, the friars still customarily refrain from meat on Fridays even though this is no longer required in the United States. They also maintain a sense of silence in their priories and houses after Compline.



FOURTH WAY OF PRAYER - KNEELING

After this, St. Dominic would then remain with his gaze fixed on Christ Crucified, and he would genuflect again and again, kneeling and rising over and over. Sometimes, though, he would remain kneeling for a long time, and it seemed that his mind had penetrated heaven. It was almost as if he was a traveler who at last had reached his homeland, and it was at these times that he would often be founded weeping. All of this helped to form a great trust in God's mercy towards sinners, himself included.



FIFTH WAY OF PRAYER - STANDING UPRIGHT

St. Dominic would also regularly pray standing up without any external support. At these times, he would sometimes be seen as if he were holding an open book and reading in the presence of God. At other times, he would join his hands, holding them tightly together, while weeping. Still at other times, he would raise his hands to his shoulders like a priest does when celebrating Mass, and it was almost as if he were listening for a word from the Lord. It seemed to the friars that he was like a prophet listening to the words from an angel and reflecting on what had been revealed to him.



SIXTH WAY OF PRAYER – STANDING CRUCIFORM

St. Dominic also prayed with his hands and arms outstretched in a cruciform position. He seemed to do this in connection with some great work or miracle that was to be performed. For instance, he prayed this way before raising the boy Napoleon from the dead and also when he saved a group of English pilgrims from drowning in a river. While he did not restrain the friars from praying in this way, he did not encourage them to pray in this way either.



SEVENTH WAY OF PRAYER - STANDING WITH ARMS RAISED UP

St. Dominic was often seen praying with his hands reaching up to heaven like an arrow pointed to the sky. He would join his hands together or sometimes leave them slightly separated as if he was about to receive a gift from the Lord. It was thought that he was asking for an increase of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for the Dominican Order and for himself. Sometimes he was heard praying, "Hear, O Lord, the voice of my supplication which I pray to thee, when I lift up my hands to thy holy temple" (Psalm 27:2). This was also a form of prayer that he encouraged the friars to take up.



EIGHTH WAY OF PRAYER - STUDYING

St. Dominic had other manners of praying different from the first seven. Being filled with zeal and a spirit of devotion after praying the Divine Office or hearing the readings during meals in the refectory, he would go to some solitary place, sit quietly, make the sign of the cross, and then begin reading from a book. While reading, he sometimes seemed to be disputing with someone before him and at other times seemed to be listening intently. At other moments, he would hide his face in his cappa or behind his hands. Then, like in so many other moments of prayer, he would weep while filled with holy desires.



NINTH WAY OF PRAYER - WHILE TRAVELING

Even while traveling, St. Dominic had a regular way of praying, especially when he passed through deserted regions. In those moments, he delighted in giving himself to meditation and contemplation. He would often say to his companion on the journey: "It is written in Hosea, 'I will lead my spouse into the wilderness, and I will speak to her ear' (Hosea 2:14). Sometimes, he would go on ahead or follow behind. Thus having withdrawn from the friars, he would walk and pray. In these times of meditation, he was inflamed with the fire of charity, and it was thought that these moments were the source for his penetration of the riches of Scripture and the source of his preaching.



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