



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

November 12, 2023 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Parable of Wise and Foolish Virgins (unfinished)," Peter von Cornelius, 1813-1816 Museum Kunstpalast, Düsseldorf

St. Vincent Ferrer

MASS TIMES

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

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

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

MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSION TIMES

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

The Parish

Parish Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS

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

St. Catherine of Siena

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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

To request a copy of your certificate of Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation visit:

svsc.info/sacramental-record-request.

BAPTISM

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RCIA

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

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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, Michael Carty, Nimah Collins, Annette Cunningham, Maureen Dorsey, Roland Goslett, Pat Groh, Angie Guyott, Maggie Heath, Bill Horning, Jeremy Kyser, Robert J. Quackenbush, Elizabeth Rice, and Helen Skorutowicz.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Rochelle Balter, Dennis Caliz, Oscar Fermin, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Duane Kashak, Adolfo Lorian, Michael Martinez Sr., Fr. Kevin McGrath O.P., Peter Henry Moens, Lorraine Montuori, Jeanne Conway O'Connor, Peggy Phillips, Steven Rinaldi, Jr., Ines Stonehouse, 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.

Join and Donate



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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6 PM (Vigil) Martin Joseph Foye (D)
8 AM Marie Ogaldez (D)
9:30 AM Steven Leo Picciano
12 NOON Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6 PM Anna & Philip Donohoe (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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 Dorothy & Jim Hill (D)
6 PM Anne Carrigan (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8 AM Amelia Weitzman (D)
12:10 PM Raymond Rizzo (D)
6 PM Norman Anderson (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8 AM Diana Andan (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6 PM Deceased Members of the Foye,
Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, and Murphy
Families (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8 AM Mark Flesher (D)
12:10 PM Marie Laura Isidore (D)
6 PM Living & Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8 AM Livia Viskovic (D)
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)
6 PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8 AM Barbara Marsala (D)
9:30 AM Holy Souls In Purgatory

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4 PM (Vigil) Nora M. Hickey (D)
10 AM For the People of the Parish
5 PM Logan, Evans, Joyce, & Thomas
Families (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Cox, Foster, Nadel, & Synan
Families (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7 AM Mrs. Jean Glaser (D)
5:15 PM Valentino & Anita Spani (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9 AM Thanksgiving Novena

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Elizabeth O'Keefe (D); Rose Donoghue (D);
Jimmy Santoro (D); Special Intention;
People of the Parish; and Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Rose Lunetta

Rosary Altar

Peace in the World

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 Candle

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

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.

Shrine of St. Jude Thanksgiving Novena

It's truly unbelievable that I am writing our novena for Thanksgiving already. It will be Christmas before we know it, and then we'll be welcoming the New Year 2024.

Recently, I was reading articles about St. Paul and his missionary activities. During the selected readings, I began reflecting on his epistles, especially 2 Timothy. It's impressive how he was able to write the last of his epistles when he knew that his death was imminent. At the outset, he writes, *"I am grateful to God, whom I worship with a clear conscience ... as I remember you constantly in my prayer, day and night"* (1:3). Those must have been consoling words for Timothy from his mentor facing execution.

For us, a special gratitude is due to those from whom we have received the gift of faith, the grace of Baptism, and life in the Church. Gratitude is something we rarely express, and it's the very reason we gather at this time of year to express our thanks to Almighty God for the gift of life as a starter and many other gifts we take for granted.

Certainly, I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to each of the benefactors to our Shrine of St. Jude for their gifts and prayerful participation in our novenas and other times of prayer. My mission as Director of the shrine can only be fulfilled when I know we are all united in prayer together for the common good of our mission and for each other. This is when we build up the Body of Christ and our union with another through gratitude.

The upcoming celebration of Advent is a season of waiting and expectation, a time for us to express our gratitude for what God has done for us in sending His beloved Son Jesus Christ as Savior, our redeemer. We are currently immersed in a three-year period of Eucharistic Revival as a time to draw Catholics back to the very roots of our identity. The greatest miracle that Jesus worked during His life was to give us His very Body and Blood. Without the Eucharist we have no reference point for our Catholic faith. No other religion shares this with us. It is who we are and claim to be as members of the Body of Christ in the Catholic Church.

Our Sunday gathering around the celebration of the Word of God and our being nourished on the Body and Blood of Christ must be our moment each week to express gratitude to Almighty God. We read regularly in the Catholic press that the number of believing and practicing Catholics is declining rapidly for one reason or another.



"Last Supper", Bl. Fra Angelico, detail from Armadio degli Argenti, San Marco, Florence

Covid certainly took its toll on that number as many became accustomed to viewing Mass on television. It's not the same; the community is not present. There is no reception of the Eucharist. There is simply no comparison. We need to celebrate communally. We need the sacramental graces from the reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We need each other. Jesus told us that where two or three are gathered in His name, there He is in their midst.

Please join us in this Thanksgiving Novena. The novena will begin on Wednesday, November 15 and conclude with our Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. During these days, I invite you to reflect upon all the wonderful gifts and graces that you might be grateful for during this past year.

Our Novena prayer will be said at our five daily Masses and eight Sunday Masses celebrated in our Parish. During these nine days of prayer, the evening Masses at St. Catherine's will be offered for your intentions.

Our intention books will be placed with Thanksgiving prayer cards at the altar of St. Jude in St. Catherine's and at the Rosary Altar in St. Vincent's.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you and your loved ones my special, prayerful best wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving.

Sincerely yours in St. Jude,
Father Joseph P. Allen, O.P.
Shrine Director

Upcoming Events

NOW THROUGH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Social Concerns Committee – Women’s Shelter Collection

Though it is hard to believe, Christmas is almost here, at least for the Social Concerns Committee. We begin our drive for Christmas gifts for the 72 women living at the Park Avenue Armory Shelter on October 28, and end on November 20.

Your gifts will be wrapped and delivered to the Armory at the beginning of December. Each woman, by name, receives a gift of at least 3 items which will be distributed during a festive Sunday dinner paid for with your monetary donations.

Suggested new items in sizes medium through 2X:

Sweaters, Scarves,
Gloves, Hats, Socks,
Pajamas, Robes, Slippers,
Vests (Fleece, Velour, Cotton),
Slightly Used Jewelry

Bins will be located in the back of both churches. In advance, many, many thanks for your generosity.

EVERY SUNDAY

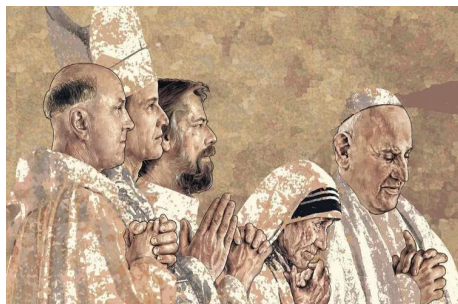
Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent’s after the 12 Noon Mass. Next Sunday, November 19, St. Catherine’s will have their monthly coffee hour following the 10 AM Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9:30 AM Family Fellowship

This Sunday, after the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent’s, we will have our monthly Family Fellowship. Families gather after Mass for a blessing in the Friars’ Chapel and then have time for fellowship and food. We welcome all families to attend. To stay updated, please email family@svsc.info.

We also welcome engaged couples, newlyweds, and any parishioner that would like to support the sacredness of human life and love, especially in marriage and family.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7 PM Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis Belanger, O.P., resumed their weekly meeting in the Lower Church at St. Vincent’s. All parishioners are welcome. 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’ll be 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.

NOVEMBER 15–23 Thanksgiving Novena

From Thursday, November 15 through Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 23, the Parish will offer a Thanksgiving Novena of Prayer. Holy cards and petition slips will be available at both Churches.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7 PM Gold Mass for Scientists

The Gold Mass for Scientists will be at 7 PM on November 15. Following the Mass at St. Joseph’s Church in Greenwich Village, there will be a light reception and a guest speaker, Fr. Ambrose Little, O.P. The talk and reception will be held in McGuire Hall accessible down the flight of stairs at the corner of 6th Avenue and Washington Place.

Scientists, science educators, university and high school students, and all those with an interest in the relationship between faith and science are invited to attend.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 6 PM Men’s Group Evening Session

In addition to our normal Saturday morning meeting, we are trying something new: a Thursday evening meeting. All are invited to vespers and adoration at the Holy Hour at St. Catherine’s at 6 PM, then we’ll move to St. Joseph Hall at 6:30 PM, meet for an hour, and close with Compline.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:30 PM
Upper Garden Prayer Night

Join us for a monthly prayer gathering at St. Catherine's. It will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, songs of praise, spontaneous prayer, sacred silence, Scripture reading, deep listening, brief preaching and an opportunity to be anointed. Fr. Ignatius Schweitzer will lead the gathering as we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 12 PM
Midday Retreat with the Mystics:
Bl. Columba Marmion

This month at St. Catherine's, we'll continue our Midday Retreat with the Mystics, focusing on Bl. Columba Marmion and his teaching on how we can better imitate Christ. Bl. Columba (1858-1923) is sometimes referred to as the Doctor of Divine Adoption and focuses much of his thought on how we can imitate Christ in His Sonship and in His mysteries.

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. will give a conference talk, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided meditations from writings from Bl. Columba. A small social gathering will follow in St. Joseph Hall, along with the opportunity to be anointed with St. Elisabeth of the Trinity oil. For more information, see News & Events at uppergarden.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 6 PM
Feast of St. Cecilia, Patroness of Music

For the Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin Martyr and patron saint of music and musicians, there will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Filiae Jerusalem* á 5 by Tiburtio Massaino; *Afferentur regi virgines* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina; *Cantantibus organis* by Bernadino Morelli. The Wednesday Evening Holy Hour will follow the 6 PM Mass as usual.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Thanksgiving Holiday

On Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day, there will only be two Masses offered in the Parish: a Low Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine's and a Sung Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent's. Both churches will close following the Masses.

The Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday–Friday, November 22–24, but Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual on Wednesday and Friday. The Wednesday evening Holy Hour on November 22 will be offered as usual.

MUSIC NOTES
For This Sunday

Veni Domine

Prudentes virgines – Quinque prudentes virgines
 – Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599))

For Sunday, November 19, 12 NOON

For the Thirty-third and Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets by English Renaissance composer (and recusant Catholic) William Byrd, whose 400th anniversary of death we have been observing this year. Befitting the theme for these Sundays immediately preceding Advent, both motets speak of the vigilance required for the end-times and the coming of the Kingdom. *Apparebit in finem* reinterprets an expectant vision from the prophet Habakkuk into a message of the coming of the Lord: *The Lord shall appear at the end, and shall not deceive*. The Communion's *Vigilate* is one of Byrd's greatest musical achievements, setting a pericope from the Gospel of Mark: *Watch, for you know not when the master of the house comes, at evening, at midnight, at cock-crow, in the morning. Watch, therefore, lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: watch* (13:35-37). The use of the imperative mood (*Vigilate*, "Watch!") imbues palpable, incisive urgency, while the constantly shifting mood to reflect the text (evening, midnight, cock-crowing, sleeping, etc.), which is more commonly used for poetic madrigal writing than sacred motets, gives the motet a narrative drama.

Vigilate

Apparebit in finem

– William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

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