



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

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November 21, 2021 – Christ the King

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day, there will only be two Masses offered in the Parish: a Low Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and a Sung Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Both churches will close following the Masses.

The Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday – Friday, November 24–26, but Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual on Wednesday and Friday.

THANKSGIVING NOVENA

The Parish started our Thanksgiving Novena of Prayer on Wednesday, November 17 continuing through Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 25. Holy cards and petition slips are available at both Churches.

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, November 21 is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that this feast be a “vehicle for spiritual teaching,” one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over the prevailing social engineering, global political upheaval, and secularization of society.

1925 was a “Holy Year,” keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words “and of his kingdom there will be no end” were added to the Creed. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ’s reign in so many different ways.

The calendrical reforms of 1969 moved the feast to “the Sunday next before Advent”. As the liturgical year’s conclusion focuses on the end of times, Christ’s second coming is naturally highlighted. The three-year lectionary cycle also expands the scope in regard to this feast.

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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ADVENT

Next Sunday, November 28, is the First Sunday of Advent which marks the beginning of the new liturgical year: Year C in the three-year lectionary cycle. The season of Advent (from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming”) looks forward to the birth of Christ, calling the faithful to prepare for his arrival: first in meekness and mercy and ultimately in judgment and glory.

Liturgies during this “privileged” season of Advent strike a note of anticipation and repentance that is mingled with joy and hope; hence, although penitential violet is the season’s liturgical color, the *Gloria* is omitted, and the use of the organ is moderated, the *Alleluia* is retained.

The congregational Ordinary (*Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*) at Sung Masses changes to the Latin-version of *Missa XVIII*.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation and the Patronal Feast of the United States. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Felix Mendelssohn’s *Mass for Double Choir* and Anton Bruckner’s *Ave Maria* and *Tota pulchra es, Maria*.

The 12:10 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be a Sung Mass.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

The evening Masses on Tuesday, December 7 will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity.

The Act of Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary will be made after Wednesday’s 5:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, featuring the art and Christmas decorations of our beautiful church, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer vestibule. Here is an opportunity to share with your friends and family the beauty that is ours all year round.

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MUSIC NOTES

Next weekend, for the First Sunday of Advent, the Schola will sing music of Orlando di Lasso, who was born in Mons in modern Belgium. From 1553-1555, he was *maestro di cappella* of the Roman Basilica of St. John Lateran. In 1556, Lasso was part of a contingent of Netherlandish singers invited by Duke Albrecht V of Bavaria to revitalize his court chapel choir in Munich. Named *Kapellmeister* in 1563, Lasso remained in Munich until his death. Psalm 24 (25), *Ad te levavi animam meam* (To you have I lifted up my soul) is set as the Offertory Antiphon of Advent I. From Advent through Candlemas, *Alma Redemptoris Mater* replaces *Salve Regina* as the Marian Antiphon traditionally sung at the conclusion of Compline.

Music of Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Missa Amor ecco colei

Ad te levavi animam meam

Alma Redemptoris Mater à 6 (I)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21
6:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish
8:00 AM Marie Laura Isidore (D)
9:30 AM Gilbert Hart Kinney (D)
12 NOON Roseann Connelly
6:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye, Sr. (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
8:00 AM Benefactors of the St. John
Paul II Society
12:10 PM Joseph A. Meehan (D)
6:00 PM James John
McGinness (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00 AM Sue Crissy (D)
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of
the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
10:00 AM Peter Gainé (D)
12:10 PM *Thanksgiving - No Mass*
6:00 PM *Thanksgiving - No Mass*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. A.
Van Acker (D)
12:10 PM Living & Deceased
Members of the Gorski Family
6:00 PM Jimmy & Anne Carty (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
8:00 AM Sally Patti (D)
6:00 PM Andres Quintian (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
4:00 PM (Vigil) Thanksgiving
Novena
10:00 AM Joan & Thomas
Hollywood (D)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving Novena

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:00 AM Jean Glaser (D)
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
9:00 AM Thanksgiving Novena
5:15 PM *Thanksgiving - No Mass*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Ravi Rajmani (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
9:00 AM Martha & James Costello
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Lorraine Capuano,
Roseann Connelly, Bill Fisher, Jr.,
Maggie Heath, Susan Rick Heller,
Anne Hills, Barbara Decker Lenihan,
Luca Dominic Mathew, Anna
Nixon, Gregory Rocofort, Lourdes
Rodriguez, Adolfo Sardina, Blair
Scribner, Manfred Stapff, James
Sterling, Margery Sugarman, Rafael
Velasquez, and Kieran Wrynn

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Anita Brancaccio, Anne Brown, John
D. Heffernan, Ellorine Martinez, Sr.
Elizabeth McDonough, o.p., Isaac
Mercado, Patrick Tumelty, 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,
New York-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;
Bro. Kevin O'Connell, o.p. (D);
Sr. Marie Thomas, o.p. (D); Souls in
Purgatory; People of the Parish; All
Souls Novena; Intention of Donor

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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;
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***St. Catherine – Blessed Mother
Candle***
Priscilla Ventigan

***St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres
Candle***
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.*

The Dominican Charism – Prayer & the Divine Office

I can only imagine what it would have been like to pray the Divine Office, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours, with Our Holy Father Dominic. During the process of his canonization at Bologna, Br. Paul of Venice testified that “although [St. Dominic] very often devoted the entire night to praying in church, he was always present with the brethren for Matins; he would then walk around on each side of choir, exhorting the brethren by his words and example to sing well and attentively, and to recite the Psalms devoutly. He himself was so faithfully intent when he prayed that he was never distracted by any tumult or noise.” I can only imagine what it would be like if the Provincial or the Prior walked through the choir while we were chanting the Divine Office in either church and exhorted us “to sing well and attentively.” I would assuredly get distracted by that and fail to be attentive.

For St. Dominic, the Divine Office was one of the fundamental aspects of religious life. He had prayed it in a monastic fashion while he was an Augustinian Canon before founding the Dominican Order. When men began to gather around him as the Dominican Order was coming into existence, they adopted many monastic customs for the Divine Office: profound bows, sitting and standing, chanting from choir to choir, and so forth. Each of these aspects was meant not only to lead the friars to be more attentive to the Office but also to be able to preach. You see, when the Dominicans chant the Psalms, one side of choir preaches the Word of God to the other side of choir, which in turn receives the Word that has been proclaimed. When the next Psalm is sung, this is reversed, and the postures of the two sides of choir change to reflect this. Standing while chanting becomes emblematic of those who preach the Word, and sitting becomes emblematic of receiving the Word. In other words, even in the very way that the Divine Office is sung, the Dominicans carry out the charism of preaching for the salvation of souls.

The way that the Divine Office impacts Dominican life goes beyond just this. The *Book of Constitutions* states: “In the liturgy, the brothers, together with Christ, glorify God for his eternal plan and for the wonderful workings of grace. They pray to the Father of mercies for the whole Church, for the needs and salvation of the whole world” (*LCO*, 57). Part of the role of a religious becomes evident through praying the Divine Office because religious are called to pray and sacrifice for Christ and His Church. The texts of the Divine Office naturally lend themselves to this. In some Psalms, we rejoice with those who rejoice while in others we weep with those who weep (cf. Romans 12:15). Some prayers are meant to be intercessory for specific needs while others ask the Lord to be merciful to His people. Through it all, the texts of the Divine Office assist the Dominican to pray for the salvation of souls.

The other key element to the Divine Office is that it is meant to sanctify the entire day. The *Book of Constitutions* says, “the Liturgy of the Hours should be so arranged in each community that the different times of the day will be truly sanctified” (*LCO*, 62§1). This notion comes as a beautiful response to the invitations from Jesus (cf. Luke 18:1) and St. Paul (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17) to pray always. The *General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours* so beautifully states, “The witness of the early Church teaches us that individual Christians devoted themselves to prayer at fixed times. Then, in different places, it soon became the established practice to assign special times for common prayer, for example, the last hour of the day when evening draws on and the lamp is lighted, or the first hour when night draws to a close with the rising of the sun...The purpose of the liturgy of the hours is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity” (*GILH*, 1, 11).

These prayers are not just meant for the friars though. One of the beautiful effects of COVID is that in both St. Vincent’s and St. Catherine’s, the friars moved to the main choirs so that they could have more physical distance between each other. Because of this, the Divine Office is now more visible, and it is easier for the laity to join the friars. The reform of the Divine Office after Vatican II was intended to make this prayer more accessible to the laity, especially through the use of the vernacular language, and this helps make this official prayer of the Church a beautiful way for our parishioners and visitors to join in the mission of praying and preaching for the salvation of souls. Buying a one-volume *Christian Prayer* book could be a great way to join in these prayers (the iBreviary app is another helpful way).

The Dominicans love when others join us to pray the Divine Office. In this way, you too enter into the holy preaching and live out the charism of the Order.

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.



MARIAN LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Tuesday, December 7 at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This hour-long celebration of the life of Mary will consist of a sequence of scripture readings, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns.

There is no rose – Sir Richard Rodney Bennett (1936-2012)

As Dew in Aprylle (I Sing of a Maiden) – Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

There is a flower – John Rutter (b. 1945)

Hymn to the Virgin, Op. 102, No. 2 – John Joubert (b. 1927)

Love came down at Christmas – Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

Nunc dimittis in B Flat, Op. 52 –

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

Who is she who ascends so high – Leo Nestor (1948-2019)

ADVENT SERIES ON THE INCARNATION

Join us for Evening Retreats to prepare for Christmas.

6 PM – Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7 PM – Scriptural Preaching*

7:15–8 PM – Confessions

8 PM – Compline followed by Benediction

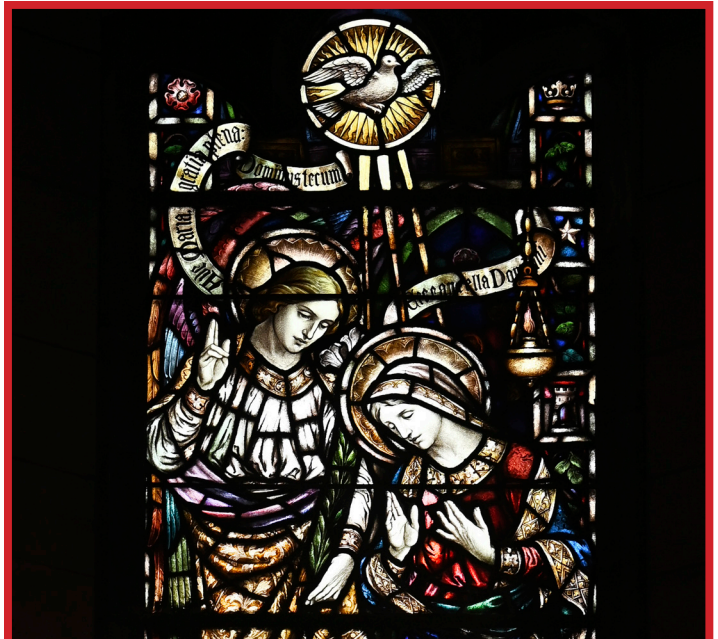
*SCRIPTURAL PREACHING THEMES

December 1 – Genealogy of Jesus
(Luke 3:23b-38)

December 8 – Annunciation to Mary
(Luke 1:26-38)

December 15 – Annunciation to Joseph
(Matthew 1:18-25)

December 22 – Prologue to John
(John 1:1-18)



THE ADVENT WREATH

Again this year we will place the Advent Wreath around the base of the Statue of the Blessed Mary, Porta Caeli, to the right of the Crossing Altar. Please contact the parish office or see Brother Damien about this opportunity for spiritual giving during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Availability for Advent candle intentions would be as follows:

The First Week of Advent	1 lamp
The Second Week of Advent	2 lamps
The Third Week of Advent	3 lamps
The Fourth Week of Advent	4 lamps
The Octave of Christmas	4 lamps
The Second Week of Christmas	4 lamps

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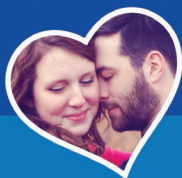
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