



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

November 5, 2023 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Christ the Savior" Facade, Lateran Basilica, Rome, photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

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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St. Vincent Ferrer

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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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LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS

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

To arrange for the baptism of a child at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena please visit our website, **svsc.info/baptism** and download the Baptism request form and email it to **parish@svsc.info**. A priest will be in touch with you to set up a meeting and to schedule the Baptism.

MARRIAGE

For information about the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at either St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, visit:

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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

To learn more about having a child begin formal preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, email Lisa Harrelson, Director of Religious Education at **LHarrelson@svsc.info**.

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



COME JOIN THE PARISH

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Visit **svsc.info/join-our-parish**, or stop by the Parish office to register as a parishioner.

To receive up to date information also, sign-up for Parish emails via our website or email the Parish office, **parish@svsc.info**.



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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6 PM (Vigil) All Souls Novena
8 AM All Souls Novena
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12 NOON Renato Gloria (D)
6 PM John P. & Lil O'Connell (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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 All Souls Novena
6 PM Jack & Ellen Moloney (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM All Souls Novena
6 PM Mary E. Soldato (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8 AM Anniversary of the Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order
12:10 PM All Souls Novena
6 PM Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8 AM All Souls Novena
12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)
6 PM Holiness for all Vocations

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8 AM Cezar Miranda (D)
12:10 PM All Souls Novena
6 PM Celia Carrigan (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8 AM All Souls Novena
9:30 AM Holy Souls In Purgatory

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

4 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10 AM Alyx Wages (D)
5 PM Thomas J. Fahey (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for God's Mercy and Love

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 AM For the Deceased Brothers and Sisters of the Order
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7 AM Dorothy Kelly Emigholz & Albert (D)
5:15 PM Pietro Mimma Spani (D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Deceased Legionaries

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9 AM Lazaro Cruz (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Mary Wilson (D); Hannah Russel (D);
Thomas Parsons (D); Jack Ryan Keegan;
People of the Parish; and Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Madonna

Angelo Fallabella & Monica Sowa

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Wendy Chartrand

Rosary Altar

Josephine Isabelle McWhorter

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

Maria Stefanos

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.

Support for our Deceased Loved Ones

The year after college was a working year for me. I had begun the application process to the Dominican Order by the end of my senior year but not in time to apply to enter that year. So I found myself in need of work. To make a long story short, I got a job at a funeral home (feel free to ask me about the longer version of the story). Ironically, it was a very enlivening experience for me because I was given the chance to learn about the priesthood while applying to enter the Order. I watched dozens of priests, and even some bishops, as they ministered to grieving families, and I was given the chance to pray in cemeteries, to attend numerous Funeral Masses, and even to drive the limo and speak to the families putting into practice what I had learned. It was an incredibly rewarding and formative experience in many ways.

I can remember one story in particular of a soldier who had given his life to save his company. He was a young man who had a promising military career ahead of him. Yes, his family was sad, but they had incredible consolation that their son died heroically and in imitation of Christ's words, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). This was one of many stories where, even in the midst of grief, the family members were able to reflect on so much for which they had been thankful.

GIFTS OF PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

In recent bulletins, I have been speaking about ways to show gratitude to God, to the Church, to the Dominican Order, and so forth. In a similar way, we can extend our gratitude to those who have gone before us. We can show them that we love them as we pray for them, have Masses said for them, light 5-day candles or request week long candles for them, enroll them in the St. Catherine's Purgatorial Society, offer up sacrifices and penances for them, and memorialize them in various ways. Our prayers for them are acts of love and thankfulness, which help their souls as they are being lovingly purified by God to become even more suitable to behold His goodness. In other words, all that we offer on their behalf helps to open the eyes of their hearts to look upon God and live eternally (cf. Revelation 22:4). It is like we're saying to them, "Thank you for all that you did for me. Through this, I want to help you get the best reward possible—heaven."

This can be especially helpful if we never had the chance to come to closure or to reconcile with a particular person. Sometimes, at the



*"Prayers for our Deceased Brethren," Dominican Cemetery Plot, Washington, DC,
photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.*

time of another's death, there are unresolved situations from the past. This can either be things that we did that we regret or things that they did for which they never apologized. We can show them our love and desire for reconciliation as we ask their forgiveness for things that we've done. We also can offer them our forgiveness through acts of prayer and sacrifice. All the forms of prayer mentioned above are beautiful ways to say, "Please forgive me" or "Please know that I forgive you." As such, they reveal even now that we desire their holiness and peace.

GIFT OF A FINAL REST

One final way to show our deceased loved ones that we still love them is to bury them. Sometimes after the funeral, people want to hold on to the urn for a little while so that they have time to sort through the emotions of the heart. One of the ways to do just that is actually to bring their urn to a place of rest in a cemetery where they can be lovingly cared for and visited for decades, even centuries, and where we can finally entrust them to the eternal care of God. During the time that I worked at the funeral home, I made sure to pray for all the souls whose bodies were buried in the cemeteries I visited, and I bless every cemetery that I pass even now. In a cemetery, scores of people can offer their prayers for your loved ones, even if they never know them. If you need help finding a cemetery in which to bury your loved one, please ask the Parish Office. We are very happy to help you!

In Christ,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

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. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

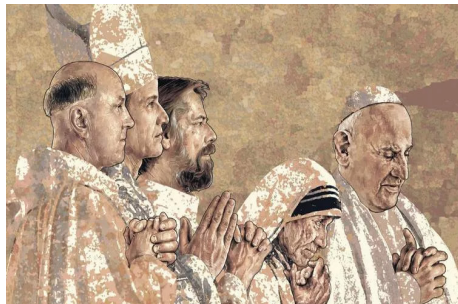
Almsgiving Sunday

This weekend, the Parish's monthly second collection will be taken-up for H.E.L.P. (Heating, Electricity, Lighting, and Property Management).

Donations will also be taken-up after Mass by members of the Social Concerns Committee to support the work of the New York Common Pantry.

You can also contribute on-line using WeShare via our website, svsc.info/ways-to-give, to make your donations.

Thank you for your generosity.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7 PM

Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis Belanger, resumes 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.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6 PM

Lateran Basilica

For the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's.

The Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Sts. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and serves as the seat (cathedral) of the Roman Pontiff. It is the oldest and highest ranking of the four Major Basilicas, holding the unique title of "archbasilica." (The other three Major or Papal Basilicas are St. Peter's, St. Paul Outside-the-Walls, and St. Mary Major.)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6:15 PM

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 6:15 PM in St. Catherine's. Those who suffer cancer are invited to join a Catholic community of support in carrying this cross. Please email Fr. Hyacinth at director@healthcareministry.org to RSVP and to join the group.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7 PM
New York Purgatorial Society Mass

The annual Solemn Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite of the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent's. The Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa pro defunctis* (Requiem á 8) by Duarte Lôbo. All are most welcome.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 9:30 AM
Family Fellowship

Next 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.

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.

NOVEMBER 16-23
Thanksgiving Novena

From Thursday, November 16 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 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

Suscepimus Deus
 – Andrea Rota (1553-1597)
Deus noster refugium – Fluminis impetus
 – Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585)

For Sunday, November 12, 12 NOON

For the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets by Spanish Renaissance composer Francisco Guerrero. He held the position of *maestro di capilla* at the Cathedrals of Jaén and Seville, his native city.

The final few Sunday of the liturgical year look to the coming of the Lord in judgment and justice at the end of the age. The Offertory motet implores the Lord: "Come and do not delay; show your face and we shall be saved. As a mother consoles her children, so will you console us." The Communion motet restates the Sunday Gospel parable of the wise and foolish virgins.

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

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