



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

December 10, 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Advent



"The Preaching of St. John the Baptist," Massimo Stanzione, ca. 1635, Prado Museum, Madrid

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](https://www.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](https://www.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:

[svsc.info/sacrament-of-holy-matrimony](https://www.svsc.info/sacrament-of-holy-matrimony). Please review the Wedding and Marriage Preparation Policy and note that it takes a minimum of six months preparation time before the wedding.

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.

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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, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, O.P., Jeremy Kyser, Judy McLennan, Nidia Pichardo, Robert J. Quackenbush, Elizabeth Rice, Helen Skoratowicz, and Ingrid & Guido Urzua.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Rochelle Balter, Stanley Castillo, Dalvin Castillo, Adele Cerasoli, Maureen Dorsey, Oscar Fermin, Sr. Pius Fagan, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Ellorine Martinez, Lorraine Montuori, Jeanne Conway O'Connor, Peggy Phillips, Steven Rinaldi, Jr., Edna Rivera, William Young, 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.

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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, DECEMBER 10

6 PM (Vigil) Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
8 AM Lina Facto (D)
9:30 AM Maureen Omondi (D)
12 NOON Domenica & Anthony
Maruffi (D)
6 PM Helen Saulnier (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

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 Jeanne Gorski (D)
6 PM Angela DiCostanzo (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8 AM Thomas Parsons First Anniversary (D)
12:10 PM Ramirez & Calvo Families (D)
6 PM Mary Miller & Patrick Murphy (L) and
Miller & Murphy Families (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8 AM Roseann Connolly (D)
12:10 PM Edwin Rustum (D)
6 PM Bocchicchio & Petruccelli
Families (L&D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8 AM Rose & Joseph Stack (D)
12:10 PM Sirker & Urroz Families (D)
6 PM Anne Holland (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8 AM Brian Meaney (D)
12:10 PM Special Intention
6 PM Marisa Di Maggio (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8 AM Mark Flesher (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

4 PM (Vigil) David Johnson (D)
10 AM Mary Padovano (D)
5 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for God's Mercy and
Love

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7 AM Betty Greisler Peist (D)
5:15 PM Cipriano Ruiz (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests of the
Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7 AM John & Franziska Koestner (D)
5:15 PM Anthony Mallia, Jr.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of
St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Eugene William Joyce (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9 AM Lazaro Cruz (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Dominic Romeo (D); Thomas Parsons (D);
Jack Ryan Keegan; Mary Sculbane (D);
Mary Bradford (D); and Souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Madonna Advent Wreath

Mary & Angel Soldato
Members of the Lunetta Family

Rosary Altar

Domenica Anthony Maruffi (D)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine

Frassati Fellowship of New York City

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 Advent Novena

As we begin this new Liturgical Year, we are invited to stand quietly and reflect with the Prophet Isaiah as he shares the Word of God with us. I would like to share a few lines from his seventh chapter (7:14): *“The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”* This prophecy was addressed to King Ahaz who arrogantly refused the prophet’s invitation to ask for a sign from God. We understand this prophecy to be fulfilled in the Incarnation of the Word made flesh in Mary, the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ.

It is within this context that Isaiah foresees the messianic times as the coming of an ideal king. *“For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace”* (Isaiah 9:5). Again, we will be reminded, *“The spirit of the Lord will rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord”* (Isaiah 11:2).

Our eighth-century B.C. prophet, who lived (c. 742-701) during a particularly turbulent period in Judah’s history, preached against her kings who were selling Israel’s birthright; neglecting the poor and the homeless; and hardening their hearts against their neighbors, the widows, and orphans. I suggest that our own times are no different.

St. Luke, the evangelist and artist, moves us along with our Advent story in his “infancy narrative.” In writing about the Annunciation, we are literally drawn into the conversation between the Angel Gabriel and Mary. We can find ourselves anxious with expectation as we await Mary’s response. We might find ourselves engaged with Mary as she makes her way to Ain Karem and the home of Elizabeth, her cousin who was with child. The warm welcome that ensued and the response in Mary’s hymn of praise in the Magnificat complete this beautiful narrative.

With this season of Advent, we begin a journey, a new beginning, a refresher of our faith experience with Christ. We are invited in this experience to be ready when He returns at the end of time. The celebration of Christmas, the feast of the Birth of Jesus, is not simply a celebration of what has already happened; it is also a rehearsal for the day when Christ will come again.

Our Advent Novena is offered on behalf of the most vulnerable in our society—our children. Beginning on December 17 and concluding on Christmas Day, we will pray in common for their safety and wellbeing. This includes every child from conception



*“The Adoration of the Magi,” Fra Angelico, c. 1440-1460,
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.*

onward, whether in the cradle, the playpen, the classroom, or the playground. Our society is becoming more broken day by day, which calls us to remember those children in homes broken by reason of divorce, addiction, or infidelity, as well as children in refugee camps. Our prayers during this Advent Novena should include those families in Ukraine as well as the Holy Land who have been displaced and separated by war, that they might be reunited as soon as possible.

The prayer of this Novena will be said at all the daily and Sunday Masses in our Parish. In addition to our regular Masses, we will celebrate the Misa de Gallo at 6 AM each day at the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent’s. In addition, we will be offering a Novena of Masses beginning on December 17 for the intentions of all making this Advent Novena with us. Our intention books will be placed with the Advent Novena prayer card at the altar of the Blessed Mother in St. Catherine’s and at the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent’s.

Together with our Dominican communities and Shrine staff, I take this opportunity to extend my prayerful best wishes to you and your loved ones for God’s blessings during the holiday season. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Archdiocesan Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered with little or no pay. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.

EVERY SUNDAY

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent after the 12 Noon Mass. In addition, St. Catherine's will have their monthly coffee hour following the 10 AM Mass on December 17. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

To continue our successful coffee hours, we are in need of additional volunteers for December and January. Can you help one time, once a month, or even more if your schedule allows? If you can help, please reach out to coffee@svsc.info.

Thank you for considering serving the Parish in this way.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2-17

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas drive this year is to benefit vulnerable pregnant women and their families served by the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission. In each church, there is a Giving Tree with tags on it. The name of an item is written on each tag that would benefit the woman and/or child in need. Please take a tag, or tags as you are able, and return the items **unwrapped** to the bins in the back of either church. All items are due back to the church by December 17.

You may also participate by purchasing something from the Sisters' Amazon Gift Registry, which can be found at sistersoflife.org/registry, and it will be shipped directly to them.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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, DECEMBER 11, 7 PM

Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

The Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis Belanger, O.P., meets in the Lower Church at St. Vincent's. 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 are 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. Visit our website, svsc.info/mystagogy for past lectures and additional information. All are most welcome. Bring a friend!

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER

Christmas cards available

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

Christmas Octave Mass Card

Christmas Mass Cards are now available at St. Vincent's Parish Office and at St. Catherine's Church Office. This special Mass card enables one to remember the living or deceased in the Octave of Masses offered at St. Vincent's beginning on Christmas Day.



Tlaxcala of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**Marian Lessons and Carols**

On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at 7 PM at St. Vincent's, there will be the Parish's annual 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.

A reception will follow in the Lower Church with some traditional Mexican fare and music.

Tomorrow shall be dancing day

– arr. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

I sing of a maiden

– Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

Gabriel's Message

– arr. Jim Clements

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in E Major

– Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

Blessed Was She in Her Child

– Timothy Rogers (b. 1961) (*World Premiere*)

Fair in face – Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Blessed be thou, O Queen of Heaven

– arr. Louis Halsey (b. 1929)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7 PM**New York Purgatorial Society Mass**

A sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. All are most welcome.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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, DECEMBER 16, 12 PM**Midday Retreat with the Mystics:****An Advent Day of Prayer and Formation**

This midday retreat will include a conference talk, and then guided meditations on the theme amid periods of silence in the context of Eucharistic Adoration. An informal reception will follow with an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity oil.

For more information, see News & Events at uppergarden.org.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17-24**Misa De Gallo**

The Parish will offer an Octave of Masses in honor of Our Lady of the Expectation from December 17–24. A special early morning Mass, known as the Misa de Gallo, will be offered each of these days at 6 AM at St. Vincent's. The 6 AM Mass on Sunday, December 24 will be in the Dominican Rite, a "Rorate Mass." The intention during this Novena is for the safety of children. For this Mass, please enter via the door mid-block on 66th Street.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**Reconciliation Monday**

Reconciliation Monday, offered throughout the entire Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, is an opportunity for all to make their confession before Christmas. Confessions will be heard at St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's (and are supposed to be heard similarly in all parishes) from 2–4 PM and from 6–8 PM.

MUSIC NOTES**For This Sunday**

Missa Pater noster – Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Deus tu conversus

Alma Redemptoris Mater á 8

– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

For Sunday, December 17, 12 Noon

For Gaudete Sunday, the Schola will sing a cheerful setting of the Ordinary by Schubert, likely written in 1815 for the Parish Church of Lichtental, a suburb of Vienna. With Joseph Haydn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Ludwig van Beethoven, Schubert completes the quartet of Austro-German Classical composers of the first order. While best known today for his *Ave Maria* which is ubiquitously sung at weddings and funerals, he made significant contributions to many genres, including the symphony, string quartet, piano music, and chamber works. Of his seven Masses, although No. 2 in *G Major*, D. 167 is the most often performed, today's setting offers much more thematic variety.

Mass No. 3 in B Flat Major, D. 324

– Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ecce dies veniunt – In diebus illis

– Caspar Vincent (1580-1624)

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