



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

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December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The Churches are cleaned between Masses.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Find our complete schedule of Masses for Christmas and New Year's in the bulletin. It is also available on the Parish website, *svsc.info*. Flyers are available in both churches. Though subject to change, we intend to offer the same schedule as in years past, with the exception that this year's 12 MIDNIGHT Dominican Rite Mass (in Latin) on Christmas will be at St. Vincent Ferrer Church.

A flyer with the complete Christmastide Music List of the Schola Cantorum is also available in church and online.

SIGN UP FOR PARISH EMAILS

To receive up to date and important information regarding our Advent schedule, please sign up for Parish emails via our website *svsc.info* or email the Parish office *parish@svsc.info*.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, December 13, we will be collecting alms for the Retirement Fund for Religious that benefits 30,000 senior sisters, brother, and religious order priests. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. In retirement many continue in volunteer ministry, and all pray for our Church and world. Your support is deeply appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today, December 13, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer following the 12 NOON Solemn Mass, concluding with Benediction at 5 PM. James Wetzel will offer an extended prelude of Advent organ music from 4:30-5 PM.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, December 14 at 7 PM, a sung Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

ADVENT NOVENA

Join us in prayer from December 17 to December 25. We will say the Novena Prayer at each Mass in our parish and deliver a daily greeting to your mailbox. In our two Churches of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer there will be a Novena shrine with holy cards and petition slips. The intention for this Novena is for the safety of children.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, December 21 is Reconciliation Monday throughout the Archdiocese, an opportunity for all to make their confession before Christmas. Confessions will be heard at both churches from 4–8 PM.

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

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: EUCCHARISTIC 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: EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For health care emergencies please call (212) 988-8303. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care of Dominican Friars at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery.

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 "Donate."

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Does your employer participate in corporate matching or corporate grants? If so, we are a registered non-profit with Benevity Causes. Donations can be made through your work place giving portal or SPARK. Please search your company portal for *The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer and Saint Catherine* to submit your matching donation.

DECEMBER PARISH STUDY

Fr. Walter will examine the concluding chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel on Tuesdays in December. On Thursdays, he and James Wetzel will discuss hymns of Advent. These sessions are offered virtually, with videos uploaded to the Parish website, *svsc.info*. Please go to the website to register for the new Advent study series.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS

Cards are now available at the St. Vincent Ferrer Church Office which enables one to remember the living and/or deceased in the Novena of Masses offered at St. Vincent Ferrer beginning on Christmas Day.

MUSIC NOTES

Joshua Simka has been cantoring the two Sunday Masses at St. Catherine of Siena for several years with great dedication and commitment. December 13 will be his last weekend, as he is moving to California at the end of the year. The Parish is very grateful for his service and wishes him Godspeed in this new chapter.

Next Sunday, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Schola will finish its survey of Franco-Flemish and German Renaissance music with the composer Jacob Handl. Born in the Duchy of Carniola in the Holy Roman Empire. Handl was most likely educated at the Cistercian monastery in Carniola. In his mid-teens, he left his home town to travel in Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, singing for a time in the choir at the Benedictine Melk Abbey (still active) on the Danube in lower Austria. He later served as a musician in the Viennese court chapel, as choirmaster for a Moravian bishop, and as organist of the Church of St. John on the Balustrade in Prague from 1585 until his death in 1591.

Music of Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

*Missa Sancta Maria
Jerusalem gaude
Quasi cerdus*

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
6:00 PM (Vigil) Raul Castells IV (D)
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Bowler & Yerkes Families, Andrew
& Arthur Williams (D)
9:30 AM Aida Villanueva (D)
12 NOON Benito Cuervo (D)
6:00 PM Alice & George
Haggar (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish and the Order
12:10 PM Jean Sharbel (D)
6:00 PM Jose Valle Skinner (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 AM Mary Curtin (D)
12:10 PM Sarah & Andrew
Desernio (D)
6:00 PM Rosemary Munshower (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:00 AM Fr. Michael McGivney (D)
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)
6:00 PM Jose Valle Risso (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:00 AM Elizabeth Reidy
12:10 PM Fr. Michael McGivney (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:00 AM Elizabeth Reidy
12:10 PM Juan de Jesus Piraquive (D)
6:00 PM Augusto Martinez
Costa (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
8:00 AM Patrick Kelliher (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Michael Regan (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
4:00 PM (Vigil) Donald B.
Pinto (D)
10:00 AM Claire Kwiatkowski (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the
Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Frangiska & John
Koestner (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:00 AM Roseanne Reilly (D)
5:15 PM Dennis Jackson (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Marina Lucido & Maria
Cecilia Punzalan (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00 AM Tony Battle (D)
5:15 PM Sor Catherine

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Camilla, Charles, and
Loura

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
9:00 AM Dennis Jackson (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

- 1) Mary & Angelo Soldato
- 2) Jack Ryan Keegan
- 3) Juan de Jesus Piraquive

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

*Contact the Parish Office to add
a name to this list.*

Roseann Connelly, Andrew Fraser,
Maggie Heath, Ramoncito Isidore
Sr., Rosie Mann, Maurice A. Murphy,
Richard Robbins, Adolfo Sardina,
Blair Scribner, Dennis Smith, Fern
Taller.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Stanley Castillo, Edward
Greason, Gilbert Hart Kinney,
Ellorine Martinez, Carol McKillop,
James Neville, Isabella Petillo, Wayne
Rogers, Jack Scaccio, Sr. Padraic
Mary 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
James Neville (D); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (L); Sr. M. Clare
Mullen, O.P. (D); Souls in Purgatory;
The People of the Parish; Special
Intention; Intention of Donor

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;
Intention of Donor

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.*

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS WITHOUT ORNAMENTS

Dear Friend of St. Jude.

It is time to pray ourselves to Christmas, and, I ask you, does this year offer any better way to prepare?

Each year winter strikes me with the beauty of bareness. It took me a long time to realize what elegance trees have in their skeletal state. Standing silhouetted against an early sunset, or painted with fresh snow, they reveal that the Divine Artisan misses nothing. Usually this awareness comes to me in January after we put away nature's Christmas cosmetics and look at it straight on. But this year the leaves never quite came back in April, and we could find bare bones beauty in all kinds of places.

Not surprisingly for a priest I found it in liturgy, and it came as a revelation.

When we opened for Mass in the summer and began to regroup, we had to find a fitting and safe way to celebrate the many sacraments of initiation deferred by Covid. For first Confession and first Holy Communion we welcomed one or two families at a time. At the back of St. Catherine's Church the child, or children, would make confession. Then at the altar would follow an intimate Eucharist, child-centered and child-scaled. Twice in 40 minutes I was able to make young people safe with Jesus and at ease with his sacraments. Absent was the adorable procession of princes and princesses for a day, but present was the simple beauty of the Eucharist itself. Without any panoply it revealed its abundance of nourishment and refreshment. The sacramental life was imparted in elemental form, and the form alone sufficed for festivity.

In any other year we would want to give a child more by way of solemnity, but this year relief at accomplishing this rite of passage made up for any deficit, and I thought families left having appreciated the Eucharist as a common bond in their life.

These were summertime experiences in a hot church, but perhaps they offer a blueprint for a Covid Christmas. How beautiful is Christmas without its really big ornaments? These are not the ones on your tree. You will be able to get those out of the box, but who will come to see them save you and those in your "bubble" or "pod." No, the big ornaments of Christmas are the gatherings. Think of office parties and gatherings of the clan. Remember families in airports on pilgrimage to enroll again at their native place, and remember every organization you belong to dressed up for hors d'oeuvres and a full bar. On New Year's Eve the party circuit had a final hurrah, topping off "the holidays."

No one is uncorking such bubbly this year. Most of us will have Christmas and New Year's with our Covid crew. By then we will have been with them longer than the Blessed Mother carried Jesus. What we will have to offer each other, and especially to our youngest, is the bare bones of Christmas: our family around its tree and table and the Holy Family around its manger.

I think we will discover the elemental beauty of both families, and in each catch the significance of the Incarnation itself. At Christmas we announce the birth of the Savior in the flesh. Of necessity, human life happens in a time and place shared with others, who become the joy and trial of our moment in time.

If you think of it, what we have discovered during the pandemic is our time and place, and in the hardship and consolation of the familiar, Christ meets us. Domesticity may drive us up the wall but it also drives us closer to God, thus the essential homeliness of the Church. We may surround the Mass and Sacraments with grandeur, but the deepest truth of them is domestic: familiar elements, words, and people. Jesus has made them familiar in order to transform the familiar. Sacramental effect makes us able to practice a reverential and merciful regard for those whose faults and frailties we now know better than ever.

At Christmas we bend over backward to give children this deep care and respect, and we use the feast to teach them how to safeguard others.

At our Shrine of St. Jude and in our Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena, we traditionally take the nine days before Christmas to pray that children will be safe in their time and place, and so grasp the promise of the Incarnation that the four walls of daily life contain the road to heaven.

Please join us in prayer from December 17 to December 25. We will say that novena prayer at each Mass in our parish and deliver a daily greeting to your mailbox. In our two churches of St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer there will be a Novena shrine with holy cards and petition slips.

May this singular Christmas console and encourage the child in each of us.

Advent Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

December 13 - December 19, 2020

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December 2020

- We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Antiphon of the Blessed Mother for the ending of the pandemic

- At Night Prayer during Advent and Christmas, and at the Solemn Mass, this Antiphon takes the place of the usual Salve Regina. It may give voice to what is in our hearts at this time.

*Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of him who they from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*

Sunday, December 13

The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

- Today by tradition we take up a national collection for retired religious. Here is a chance to give back to those women and men who gave their lives in the Church for the formation of the young, the care of the sick, the assistance of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel.
- In 2020, this Sunday ushers in the "Novena of Christmas," which begins Thursday, December 17. Pray for the works of these days. Our Novena is for the safety of children.
- Each day, beginning Thursday, brings us a special "antiphon" by which to ponder the mystery of Christ. These antiphons have been sung at Evening Prayer for well over a millennium. Try to pray each in your own life as the week presses on.

Monday, December 14

The Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Religious and Priest

- St. John of the Cross (1542-1592) participated in the reform of the Carmelite life and the development of the mystical life.
- Pray that the whole Carmelite family of Nuns, Friars, Sisters, and Laity may rejoice in their heritage of silence, solitude, and intimate communion with God. May they show us the happiness and efficacy of such a life.

Thursday, December 17

O Sapientia

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

Friday, December 18

O Adonai

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

Saturday, December 19

O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

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 is as follows:

The Fourth Week of Advent	4 lamps
The Octave of Christmas	4 lamps
The Second Week of Christmas	4 lamps

During these weeks, the Sanctuary Madonna lamp that usually hangs beside the Porta Caeli will not burn.

CHRISTMASTIDE MUSIC LIST – 2020

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

All of these Masses at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer unless otherwise noted.

All of these Masses will also be livestreamed via svsc.info and the Parish's Facebook page.

Visit svsc.info or consult the bulletin for a full Christmas Mass and Confession schedule.

No registration or ticket is required to attend any Mass.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24

9:30 PM Solemn Mass During the Night

Missa Qual donna – Lasso

O beatum et sacrosanctum diem – Philips

Descendit de caelis – Et exivit per auream – Byrd

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25

12 Midnight Solemn Mass

in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*)

Missa Beata Dei genitrix – Alonso Lobo

12 Noon Solemn Mass During the Day

Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus – Morales

Quaeramus cum pastoribus – Ubi pascas – Mouton

ST. STEPHEN

Saturday, December 26

9 AM Sung Mass at St. Catherine of Siena

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 27

12 Noon Solemn Mass

Missa O admirabile commercium – Palestrina

Angelus ad pastores ait á 7 – Andrae Gabrieli

HOLY INNOCENTS

Monday, December 28

6 PM Sung Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY – OCTAVE DAY

Friday, January 1

12:10 PM Solemn Mass

Plainsong Mass for a Mean – John Sheppard

Angelus ad pastores ait – Sweelinck

Gaudete omnes – Sweelinck

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 3

12 Noon Solemn Mass

Missa Illuminare Jerusalem – Baccusi

Surge, illuminare Jerusalem – Cortecchia

Magi videntes stellam – Lombardo

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 10

12 Noon Solemn Mass

Missa O magnum mysterium – Victoria

Pastores loquebantur – Guerrero

Videntes autem cognoverunt – Guerrero

The Very Rev. Walter C. Wagner, *Pastor*
Schola Cantorum of St. Vincent Ferrer
James D. Wetzel, *Director of Music and Organist*



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CHRISTMAS EVE – Thursday, December 24

4 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil – St. Catherine

6 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil – St. Vincent

9:30 PM Solemn Mass During the Night – St. Vincent*
with Orlando di Lasso's Missa Qual donna and motets of Byrd and Philips.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Friday, December 25

12 Midnight Solemn Mass in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*) – St. Vincent*
with Alonso Lobo's Missa Beata Dei genitrix.

8 AM Low Mass of Dawn – St. Vincent

9:30 AM Sung Mass of Dawn – St. Vincent

10 AM Sung Mass During the Day – St. Catherine

12 Noon Solemn Mass During the Day – St. Vincent*
with Cristóbal de Morales' Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus and motets of Mouton.

4 PM Low Mass During the Day – St. Vincent

5 PM Low Mass During the Day – St. Catherine

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Thursday, December 31

5:15 PM Low Mass of the Vigil – St. Catherine

6 PM Low Mass of the Vigil – St. Vincent

NEW YEAR'S DAY – OCTAVE DAY – Friday, January 1

Regular Weekday Mass Schedule, *including*

12:10 PM Solemn Mass – St. Vincent*

with John Sheppard's Plainsong Mass for a Mean and motets of Sweelinck.

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