



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

December 17, 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Advent



"The Annunciation," Philippe de Champaigne, 1644, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

The Parish

Parish 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

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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.

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, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, 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, Sr. Pius Fagan, O. P., Oscar Fermin, 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 17

6 PM (Vigil) Deceased Members of the Jean Sharbel Family (D)
8 AM Sheila Nolan (D)
9:30 AM Patricia Prie Higgins (D)
12 NOON Annarose Panebianco-Cecere (D)
6 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8 AM Julio Vega (D)
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6 PM Stella Rubin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

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 Michael Regan (D)
6 PM Douglas Polonis (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8 AM Living Members of the John Nardine Family
12:10 PM Betty & Al Holzgruber (D)
6 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8 AM Living Members of the Dino Evangelista Family
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)
6 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8 AM Benefactors of the St. John Paul II Society
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6 PM Miriam Guzman (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8 AM Anthony Mortelliti (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

4 PM (Vigil) Mr. & Mrs. Oettinger & Family (L&D)
10 AM Marina Lucido & Maria Cecilia Punzalan (D)
5 PM Advent Novena

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Advent Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7 AM Stanley Nadel (D)
5:15 PM Advent Novena

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7 AM Maria & Sebastian Schmid (D)
5:15 PM Advent Novena

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9 AM Advent Novena

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Mary McCarthy (D); Catherine Meara (D); Jack Ryan Keegan; Intention of Donor; People of the Parish; and Souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Madonna Advent Wreath

Mary & Angel Soldato
The Brock Family
Mary McCarthy

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 Castello, 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.

Deepening your Advent with the *Misa de Gallo*

A ROOSTER'S CROW

Farms were a plenty in my hometown, and one of my sets of grandparents even lived on one. Seeing the combines harvest corn, watching the center-pivot irrigation systems water vast fields, or jumping from barn lofts onto bails of hay were common experiences. Learning to navigate the various smells from orchards to wild flowers to various kinds of fertilizer could bring one back down to earth in the briefest of moments. Then there were the noises of nature: the mooing of cows, the humming and spitting of alpacas, the singing of grasshoppers and cicadas, and the crowing of roosters.

While certain smells can immediately grab your attention, a rooster's crow can sound far and wide, averaging 90 decibels, and for this reason it's one of the most striking things around. While there are many reasons a rooster will crow, the most stereotypical one is true: at sunrise, roosters crow. This is partly because of their biological clock, but it's also because of the fact that when they see light they crow (they might even crow when seeing headlights at night). After a long night of darkness, they see the light and let the world know all about it.

A ROOSTER'S MASS

There's something profound in this pattern of nature that should lead us above nature to the Lord Himself. The rooster's cry signifies the coming of the light, and that the darkness has not conquered the light (cf. John 1:5). It is almost as if it is a call filled with the hope that rests in the new day ahead. Isn't this what we see during Advent? We gather for the weeks leading up to Christmas in the midst of a world around us where the sun rises late and sets early. Here, nature itself is largely wrapped in darkness. Yet, when Christ comes at Christmas, His light scatters the darkness of despair and breaks the world of sin as He not only shines from Bethlehem but illuminates our hearts. He is the true light who has come into the world to lead us to the eternal light of heaven.

It is with this in mind that the *Misa de Gallo* tradition began. Like a rooster's biological clock awaits the light of the sun, so too do we gather in the early hours of the morning to enter with the Lord into His coming forth among us. Like a rooster calling forth the day when the light breaks forth over the horizon, so too do we pray to the Lord to break through the horizon of sin and fear.



Misa de Gallo at St. Vincent Ferrer

Even more, these early morning Masses from December 17-24 march along with the liturgies of the day when we shift from the first part of Advent to the second. On the weekdays of the first part of Advent, we see the prophecies of the Old Testament (First Reading) fulfilled in Christ (Gospel). Through this time, the Church leads us to see how Christ is the fulfillment of all the prophecies of old. From December 17-24 though, the liturgical readings shift gears, and we begin to traverse the mysteries immediately leading up to Christ's birth. It is as if we move from the astronomical dawn (when the first rays of the sun begin to permeate the firmament of the sky) of the Old Testament through the nautical dawn (when the light of the sun makes it possible to distinguish between the sky from the land or water) of St. John the Baptist to the civil dawn (when colors begin to appear and the world around us becomes visible) of salvation. No longer do we just see hints of the Lord's promises in the Old Testament, but now we see more clearly that when the sun rises on Christmas day, we will see everything clearly by His light.

This is what we are offered each day from December 17-24. We have the chance to come in the midst of a darkened world to pray with the Son as He rises to scatter sin and lead us all to a life enlightened by Him. Come join us for this beautiful Advent devotion at 6am at St. Vincent's each day and so prepare for a most beautiful and lightsome Christmas.

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

Upcoming Events



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17-24

Misa De Gallo and Advent Novena

The Parish will offer a Novena 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 (Candlelight Mass), 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." For these Masses, please enter via the door mid-block on 66th Street.

The intention during this Novena is for the safety of children. Prayer cards and petition slips will be available in both churches.

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, today, December 17. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

DECEMBER

Advent and Christmas Schedule

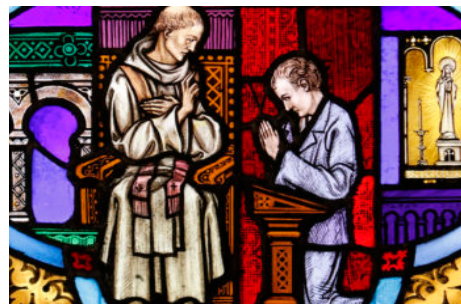
The Christmas schedule is available in both churches and on the parish website, svsc.info. It was also included in the weekly parish email. Please sign up for parish emails to stay informed about church events.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Christmas Giving Tree - LAST DAY!

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.



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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 7 PM

Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

The Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis 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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 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.

MASSES IN CHRISTMAS WEEK**December 26–30**

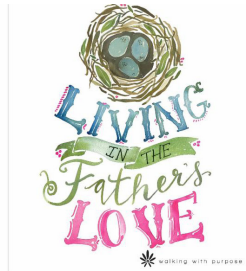
The season of Christmas, known as Christmastide, runs from the Nativity of the Lord itself through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 8 this year). Further, Nativity scenes and crèches may be displayed through the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), on February 2, which marks the consecration of Jesus to the Lord and the purification of Mary forty days after giving birth.

Within Christmastide is the Christmas 'Octave', ending on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or 'Octave Day', on January 1. The most important feasts of the liturgical year have such 'octaves' for the express purpose of continuing the celebration and highlighting the magnitude of the feast. The 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be a Sung Mass every day within the Octave. The days immediately following Christmas Day celebrate:

December 26 – St. Stephen, protomartyr

December 27 – St. John, Apostle and evangelist ('the Divine')

December 28 – Holy Innocents

**THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 7
Women's Bible Study**

On Thursdays, from February 1 to March 7, the Women's Bible Study will meet again for a study on reclaiming friendship. The study will be from 9:30-11:30 AM in St. Joseph Hall at St. Catherine's. Please note that registration ends on January 5. Here's a little description:

Do you desire lasting and abiding friendships? Do you want to move beyond the past hurts of relationships gone wrong? Reclaiming Friendship was written for any woman who wants a true and deep connection that lasts.

In a world plagued by loneliness, you are invited to encounter God personally through Scripture. Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships, deal with your past friendship wounds, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship.

We hope you will be able to join us for this short but powerful 6-week study.

To register, please email ebgurley@gmail.com. Registration ends January 5. Cost is \$40 which includes the book and refreshments. We will have optional childcare for an additional fee.

MUSIC NOTES**For Sunday, December 17, 12 Noon**

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

– Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ecce dies veniunt – In diebus illis

– Caspar Vincent (1580-1624)

Music for Advent and Christmastide

Music is a prominent part of the celebration of the season. The choir of this Parish, the Schola Cantorum, is particularly busy in Advent and Christmastide. Over the course of these weeks, the Parish will have offered 42 sung Masses, 12 Solemn Masses with the Schola, 1 Solemn Vespers, and 1 Lessons and Carols service. At no point over the course of its season does the Schola repeat a piece of choral repertoire. The variety of music is also something to consider: everything from the most ancient of chant and polyphony to compositions written within the last 50 years.

Our Parish welcomes a number of visitors in December. Many are surprised to know that the same quality of music they hear at Christmas is offered here each week. We hope you find this a compelling reason to return, making our beautiful liturgy and music a part of your prayer life. As always, please consult the Music List available in the narthex and online which contains a list of this season's repertoire for all choral services as well as information about the St. Cecilia Guild, the fund which financially supports the music program.

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