



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

## December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



*"Adoration of the Child," Gherardo delle Notti, circa 1619, Uffizi Galleries, Florence*

### St. Vincent Ferrer

#### MASS TIMES

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| <b>Weekday</b>  | 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 6 PM                         |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 8 AM, 9:30 AM (Dominican Rite), 6 PM (Vigil) |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 12 NOON (Solemn), 6 PM        |

#### CONFESSION TIMES

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| <b>Monday–<br/>Saturday</b> | 5:15–6 PM<br>(plus Wednesday at 7:15-7:55 PM)           |
| <b>Sunday</b>               | 7:45–8 AM, 9:15–9:30 AM,<br>11:30 AM–12 NOON, 5:15-6 PM |

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:30–8 PM |
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### St. Catherine of Siena

#### MASS TIMES

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| <b>Weekday</b>  | 7 AM, 11:45 AM, 5:15 PM |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 9 AM, 4 PM (Vigil)      |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 10 AM, 5 PM             |

#### CONFESSION TIMES

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| <b>Weekday</b>  | 4:40–5:05 PM |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 3–3:50 PM    |

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| <b>Sunday</b>   | 3–4:30 PM<br>(September 14 through Corpus Christi) |
| <b>Thursday</b> | 5:45–7 PM  |

# The Parish

## Parish Information

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Phone Number** (212) 744-2080  
**Email** parish@svsc.info

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.  
**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.  
**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Francis Belanger, O.P.  
**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Raymond La Grange, O.P.  
**Deacon** Deacon John M. Powers  
**Sacristan** Jay Seo  
**Business Manager** Lee Ann Rubino  
**Director of Music and Organist** James D. Wetzel  
**Director of Religious Education** Lisa Harrelson

**Administrative Assistant** Karen Langer  
**Evangelization Coordinator** Camila Salcedo-Espitia  
**Custodian SVF** Tony Hicks  
**Custodian SVF** Tracey Hicks  
**Custodian SCS** Terrance Freeman

### ST. VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL

**Principal** Sr. Martha Kunesh, O.P.  
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### DOMINICAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

**Contact** Fr. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.  
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## St. Vincent Ferrer

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Address** 869 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10065  
**Office Hours** Mon-Fri, 9 AM-1 PM and 2-4 PM

### 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 PM Rosary and Vespers

## St. Catherine of Siena

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Address** 411 East 68th Street  
New York, NY 10065  
**Office Hours** Mon-Fri, 10 AM-3 PM

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Angie Guyott, Scott Klaben, Jeremy Kyser, Molly Minicozzi, Gladys Pedraza, Natasia Pelowski, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Jairo Rojas, Helen Skoratowicz, Kesha Townsel, Jose Turibio, Edward Williams.

### FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Jane Ann Amorosi, Lawrence Castillo, Francisca Garcia, William Gillespie, Casey Gruber, Felicinda Hernandez de Pedraza, Ellorine Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Mary Moore, John Ogaldez Jr., John Ogaldez Sr., Daniel Olivas Jr., Michael Pribitello, Anthony Spinelli, Michael Pribitello, David Walsh, 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 new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Visit [svsc.info/join-our-parish](https://www.svsc.info/join-our-parish), or stop by the Parish office to register. To receive up to date information, sign-up for Parish emails via our website or email [parish@svsc.info](mailto:parish@svsc.info).

[tinyurl.com/SVSC-FB](https://www.tinyurl.com/SVSC-FB) [@SVSC.NYC](https://www.instagram.com/SVSC.NYC)



### DONATE TO YOUR PARISH

You can fulfill your stewardship with an online service through WeShare. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll in online giving, visit [svsc.info/ways-to-give](https://www.svsc.info/ways-to-give).

You can also give via text message: text keyword **SVSC** to **(800) 950-9952**. Click the link and complete your donation.

## St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

6 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish  
8 AM For the Members of The John Paul II Society  
9:30 AM Edward C. Perry (D)  
12 NOON Domenica & Anthony Maruffi (D)  
6 PM Catherine and Patrick Gorman (D)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

8 AM For the 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 Veronica Villa (L)  
6 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

8 AM Rene Concepcion (D)  
6 PM CHRISTMAS EVE  
9:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

12 AM CHRISTMAS DAY  
8 AM CHRISTMAS DAY  
9:30 PM CHRISTMAS DAY  
12:00 NOON CHRISTMAS DAY  
6 PM CHRISTMAS DAY

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

8 AM May and John Mulvey (D)  
12:10 PM Heinz Becker (D)  
6 PM Michael & Elizabeth Regan (D)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8 AM Adolfo Sardina (D)  
12:10 PM Veronica Villa (L)  
6 PM John Patrick Foye (D)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

8 AM Natalie C. Yeh (L)

## St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

4 PM (Vigil) For the Deceased Members of the Keliher & Hackett Family (D)  
10 AM For the Deceased Members of the Lucido & Panopio Family (D)  
5 PM Advent Novena

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7 AM Advent Novena  
4 PM For the People of the Parish

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

10 AM Advent Novena  
5 PM For the People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 Maria & Sebastian Schmid (D)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena  
5:15 PM Maria Abella (D)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9 AM Thomas & Helen Fahey (D)

## Candle Intentions

### ST. VINCENT FERRER

#### Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez, For the Living & Deceased Members of the Parsons & Romeo Families, Marsha Sievers, Peter & Aquila Zacharilla (D), Carmen Taton, For the People of the Parish, Souls In Purgatory

#### Madonna Candle

Jack Ryan Keegan

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

For all Countries in the Americas

#### Parish Advent Wreath Candles

Mary and Angelo Soldato  
The Adrian & Pryor Families  
The Mazza & Soldato Families  
Barbara & Robert Soblowsky

### 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 Shrine,

#### 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

#### St. Lorenzo Ruiz,

#### Infant Jesus of Prague

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.

# Walking by Light

## LIGHT FROM CANDLES

The Misa de Gallo Masses every year are so striking. The simple candlelight that illuminates the altar. The stillness of the world outside. The peacefulness in our hearts before the rushes of the day take off. These 6 AM Masses really can be quite beautiful and peace-filled, especially in the midst of one of the busiest times of the year for New York City.

There really is something about candlelight. Many people know us as “the churches with real candles.” Not \$2 candles that run out in four hours, but \$5 candles that last for five days. The flames leap up as an offering of adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, or supplication. The candles here burn day and night as visible signs of our prayers, and this is particularly noticeable when coming into the church when it’s dark outside.

## LIGHT OF HOPE

The light from these candles should lead us beyond what they signify to look toward the very reality itself. If candles are meant to be visible offerings of our interior prayers that last uninterruptedly for days, this should lead us to hope. The light from candles can give us hope that the Lord hears the prayers of our parishioners and visitors. That should lead the rest of us to see that love for and trust in God are real. In other words, candles can even become an evangelical witness to us when we’re in the midst of our own questions or doubts.

What is it in my life that I struggle with? What are my doubts? What sorts of sickness not only have struck the physical health in my body or that of a loved one but also have struck my heart? When we wrestle with these realities all around us and those within us, the Lord can reach into those places and offer the light of hope to scatter the darkness of doubt. As we hear in the Gospel at the Christmas Mass during the Day, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5).

## LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

As we begin the Christmas season on Tuesday night after Vespers, there is so much happening around us, and there might be a lot happening within us. We do not have to navigate that alone. Our candlelit churches are beautiful places to bring all that is on our hearts and offer them to the Lord. We should offer Him these intentions at Mass, in the offerings of candles, and in all the other



*Misa de Gallo Mass, Saint Vincent Ferrer, New York City*

forms of prayer that are dear to us. In these ways, He can heal what needs to be healed and strengthen what needs to be strengthened.

For some, this is the first Christmas without a loved one who died earlier in the year. This is a most beautiful time of year to offer a prayer, Mass, or candle for the repose of the soul of that loved one. We have Christmas novena cards at St. Vincent’s again this year. All throughout the year, we also have cards in the Parish office that can be given to loved ones when we offer one of the weekly sanctuary candles at St. Vincent’s for a particular intention.

May the light of Christmas break into the world this year, may it scatter sin and darkness, and may it be a sign of hope for those who suffer. May the flames that flicker from the candles day and night in both our churches lead all to experience the light of Christ so that they can grow in hope and come to know that we have a God who has become incarnate out of love for us.

In Christ the Tiny King,  
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

# Upcoming Events

## ADVENT

### Christmas Novena of Masses

Join our Christmas Novena of Masses from December 25 to January 2! To enroll your loved ones, fill out a Christmas Novena envelope (in St. Vincent's). Then, submit the completed envelope. You can also pick up a Christmas Card to notify your loved ones of their enrollment, but please know that this is optional.

Cards are available near the desk in the church vestibule or in the Parish Office at St. Vincent's. A donation to cover the card cost is appreciated but not required. Your contribution serves to support the friars at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory. Thank you!

### DECEMBER 17-24, 6 AM

#### 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 22, will be in the Dominican Rite, a "Rorate Mass." The Octave intention is for the safety of children. Please enter via the mid-block side entrance on 66th Street.

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

### Advent and Christmas Schedule

The Parish Advent and Christmas schedule booklet is out! Please grab a copy in the back of either of our churches. Come celebrate with us the birth of our Savior!

Please remember that December 25 and January 1 are **Holy Days of Obligation!**

## EVERY SUNDAY

### Weekly Parish Coffee Hour!

Our weekly parish coffee hour is regularly held at St. Vincent's after the 12 NOON Mass. Please join us and meet your fellow parishioners! All are most welcome! **Please note that we will not have coffee hour next Sunday, December 29.**

Our weekly coffee hour is only possible thanks to our generous volunteers! If you can join us as a volunteer, please contact Camila Salcedo at [coffee@svsc.info](mailto:coffee@svsc.info). The usual commitment is one Sunday per month, but we appreciate any time you can give!

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

#### SVSC Christmas Pageant

Please join us for our Parish Christmas Pageant, put on by the Family Fellowship! The performance will be in the Lower Church following the 9:30am Mass. **All are welcome!** To stay up to date with the Family Fellowship, please email [family@svsc.info](mailto:family@svsc.info).

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 5 PM

#### Solemn Vespers of Christmas

Solemn Vespers of the Nativity of the Lord will be celebrated at 5 PM on Christmas Day at St. Vincent's. The Schola will sing *Magnificat Primi Toni á 8* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. **Please consider joining** and making this a part of your Christmas festivities.

## 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 12 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.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 6 PM

#### Feast of St. Stephen

For the Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's for this Second Day of Christmas. Stephen was a deacon of the early church and this Feast is mentioned in John Mason Neale's Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslas."

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 6 PM

#### Feast of St. John the Divine

For the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's for this Third Day of Christmas. John and his brother James were Galilean fishermen and were chosen to be among the Twelve Apostles.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28****Feast of the Holy Innocents**

This feast commemorates the massacre of the young boys of Bethlehem by King Herod in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus, as recounted in St. Matthew's Gospel.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29****Feast of the Holy Family**

The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas is Feast of the Holy Family. Observance of this feast began locally in Canada and France in the 17th century. In 1893, Pope Leo XIII, who had a personal devotion to the Holy Family, approved it as a feast for Canada, and Pope Benedict XV had it added to General Roman Calendar in 1921 on the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany. After the 1969 revision of the Calendar, it was moved to the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, or, in years when there is no mid-Octave Sunday, on December 30.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 1 PM****Epiphany Party!**

The Parish Young Adult Community is hosting our annual Parish Epiphany Party, to which **people of all ages are most welcome!** This festive Parish Coffee Hour will begin right after the noon Mass in the Lower Church at St. Vincent Ferrer and will feature a mug exchange and Christmas Carols at 1:45 PM.

All Parishioners are invited to attend and contribute to the party! Please drop off any wrapped mugs and/or food donations of Christmas cookies or other snacks to the Lower Church before Mass. If you have any questions or would like to bring food to share, email [youngadults@svsc.info](mailto:youngadults@svsc.info).

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 7 PM****Thomistic Reading Group**

The next meetings of the Thomistic Reading Group will be on January 9th in St. Vincent's Parlors, the red brick building to the right of the church. Please contact Gregory McNiff at [gregorymcniff@gmail.com](mailto:gregorymcniff@gmail.com) for any questions or to be added to the distribution list.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:45 PM****Mystagogy: Biblical Conversations with God: As a Person Speaks to a Friend**

This fall's Mystagogy series will consider some of the numerous **dialogues God had with His people in the Scriptures**. From Adam and Eve to Moses and the Prophets, to the Gospels, where practically every interaction is a conversation with God, the Word made flesh. Guided by Fr. Francis, these interactions will lead us to ponder the meaning of prayer, a right understanding of God and ourselves, the history of salvation, and key themes of Biblical interpretation. The meetings are held in St. Vincent's Lower Church.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24****March for Life**

Please join our parish in this year's March for Life! Our day will start at 6 AM and end at 6:30 PM in Washington, D.C. (after which we will return to New York City). This is a beautiful opportunity to witness to the sacredness of human life, from conception to natural death. Parishioners and pro-life friends are most welcome. Stay tuned for more information about our Parish bus, the price, and the official sign-up link!

**MUSIC NOTES****For Advent IV, 12 NOON**

*Messe en quatre parties*, Op. 138  
– Florent Schmitt (1870-1958)  
*Ave Maria* (No. 6 from All-Night Vigil, Op. 37) – Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)  
*Rorate caeli* – Leo Nestor (1948-2019)

**For Christmas Eve, 9:30 PM**

*Mass in G minor*  
– Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
*O beatum et sacrosanctum diem*  
– Peter Philips (c. 1560-1628)  
*Alma Redemptoris Mater á 8* – Peter Philips

**For Christmas, 12 MIDNIGHT (Dominican Rite)**

*Missa Cellensis in C Major*, Hob. XXII:8,  
'Kleine Mariazeller Messe'  
– Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)  
*with Chamber Orchestra*

**For Christmas Day, 12 NOON**

*Missa Brevis in D Major*, K. 194  
– Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)  
*Verbum caro factum est*  
– *Omnia per ipsum facta sunt*  
– Jean de La Fage (fl. 1520)  
*with Chamber Orchestra*

**For Christmas Day, 5 PM Vespers**

*Magnificat Primi Toni á 8*  
*Alma Redemptoris Mater á 8*  
– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

**For Holy Family, 12 NOON**

*Missa Angelus ad pastores ait*  
*Angelus ad pastores ait*  
– Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

