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December 25, 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord



Franz von Rohden, "The Nativity", 1853

*May the celebrations of this season fill your hearts and your homes
with the love and joy of Christ*

COME JOIN OUR PARISH - ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our community. If you have made the Parish your spiritual home but have not yet registered, please do. This will help us to help you in case you are asked to be a godparent, or in case you would like to get married here. It will also help the Dominicans more intentionally to keep you in their prayers. Moreover, it will be a great means to help you get rooted in and connected to a community. Please visit our website, svsc.info/join-our-parish to register as a parishioner. You can also stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form.

SIGN-UP FOR PARISH EMAIL

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

CHRISTMAS DAY VESPERS

Sung Vespers of the Nativity of the Lord will be celebrated at 3:15 PM on Christmas Day, December 25, preceding the 4 PM Sung Mass. Please consider joining and making this a part of your Christmas observance.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be *closed* on Monday, December 26; Friday, December 30; and Monday, January 2.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

MASSES

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 6 PM

Saturday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM (LATIN)
6 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
12 NOON (SOLEMN), 6 PM

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 5:20–6 PM

Wednesday: 7:15–8 PM

Saturday: 5–6 PM

Sunday: 7:45–8 AM, 9:15–9:30 AM,
11:30 AM–12 NOON, 5:30–6 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

MASSES

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays:

7:25 AM: MATINS AND LAUDS

5:25 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Wednesday:

6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Weekdays:

4:50 PM: ROSARY

Thursday:

5:45 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Monday, December 26 is the Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for this Second Day of Christmas. Stephen was a deacon of the early church and is mentioned in John Mason Neale's carol "Good King Wenceslas."

FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Tuesday, December 27 is the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for this Third Day of Christmas. John and his brother James were Galilean fishermen, called the "sons of thunder," and were chosen to be among the Twelve Apostles. John and his community of followers are credited with writing the fourth Gospel. According to some traditions, the same John wrote the Book of Revelation.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Wednesday, December 28 is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for this Fourth Day of Christmas. 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 (2:16-18).

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Friday, December 30, is Feast of the Holy Family. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for this Sixth Day of Christmas. 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, as in years such as this when there is no mid-Octave Sunday, on December 30.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day, is the Octave Day of the Nativity: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The Parish will offer a regular weekend schedule. The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2.

The Octave Day of the Nativity celebrates the Circumcision of our Lord. In the Old Law, by the rite of Circumcision, every male Jew became a member and shared in the privileges and blessings of the chosen people of God. Our Lord, the sinless Son of God by nature who therefore did not need adoption into the membership of God's children, nevertheless submitted to the ancient Law. The Feast of the Holy Name follows on the Octave on January 3 to celebrate Jesus' name given at the Circumcision.

CHRISTMAS TITHING

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. During this Christmas season, please remember us in your Christmas and year-end gift which helps to support the many ministries and services of the Parish.

Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To make your Christmas donation, visit our website, 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 gift.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the Octave of Christmas, the Schola will sing music a double motet by Clemens with a text describing what the Shepherds saw at Bethlehem: the choirs of angels singing "Glory to God in the highest." The 6-part Mass Ordinary by Palestrina uses the melodic contours of chant for the Marian Antiphon sung during Advent and Christmastide.

Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Pastores quidnam vidistis – Natum vidimus

– Jacobus Clemens non Papa (c. 1510-c. 1555)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

6:00 PM (Vigil) *No Announced Mass Intentions*
8:00 AM *No Announced Mass Intentions*
9:30 AM *No Announced Mass Intentions*
12 NOON *No Announced Mass Intentions*
4:00 PM *No Announced Mass Intentions*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish and the Order
12:10 PM *Christmas Novena*
6:00 PM Michael & Elizabeth Regan (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 AM *Christmas Novena*
12:10 PM Manuela Agcaoili (D)
6:00 PM John Patrick Foye (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 AM *Christmas Novena*
12:10 PM Adolfo Sardina (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, and Murphy Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM *Christmas Novena*
12:10 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Gorski Family
6:00 PM Andres Quintian (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM *Christmas Novena*
12:10 PM Terese Cunningham (D)
6:00 PM Mary Miller & Patrick Murphy (L) and Deceased Members of the Miller & Murphy Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM *Christmas Novena*
6:00 PM Rosemary & Edward Munshower, Sr. (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

4:00 PM (Vigil) *No Announced Mass Intentions*
10:00 AM *No Announced Mass Intentions*
5:00 PM *Advent Novena*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Maria Abella (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 AM John & Franziska (D)
5:15 PM Miguel & Teodola Lucido (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Felicita Spani (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 AM Maria & Sebastian Schmid (D)
5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Vincenzo Farino (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM Marilyn Antz (D)
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY
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 Friars Health Care Ministry.

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

Elaine Arace, August Arace, Maggie Heath, Jeremy Kyser, Hope Niceta, Jocelyne Owarish, Lillian Previda, Robert T. Quackenbush, and Eric Rodriguez

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Judith Brofman, John De Jesus Cifuentes, Stanley Costillo, Dale Giles Earhardt, Ellorine Martinez, Libby Mavroleon, Mary Kate McShane, Vincent Murray, Billie Pierre, Ann Quinlan, and the souls of all the recently deceased.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Jack Ryan Keegan; Patricia Keegan (D); Mary McCarthy (D); Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Souls in Purgatory; and the People of the Parish.

Advent Wreath

Mary & Angelo Soldato (D)
Pryor & Adrian Families
Mazza Family
Zacharilla Family

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Peace in Ukraine

Rosary Altar

Mary Kate McShane (D)

**CANDLE INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

Purgatorial Altar Candle

Renato S. Ventigan (D);
Rosa J. Silan (D)

Blessed Mother Shrine

Priscilla Ventigan

***Sanctuary Lamp,
St. Martin de Porres,
St. Thomas Chapel,
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
St. Margaret of Costello,
and St. Jude Shrine***

Maria Marta Litrenta

Rosary Altar

Maria Marta Litrenta;
Intention of Donor

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.

Rich Christmas Gifts

The Visitation Circle recently had an Advent–Christmas celebration, and they asked about my favorite Christmas gift. The thing that jumped out at me was something I received last year. Aside from my first experience of the delicious Italian sweet bread *pandoro*, I was blessed by our former provincial in a particular way. I had been hoping to have a family present the baby Jesus to the manger at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. Alas, poor planning on my end led to a failure here. Still, the provincial proposed that, as the new pastor, I be the one to present the Gesù Bambino to the Nativity, and it was a particularly special gift.

Part of what made it so beautiful was not just that I received graces from the Lord through it, but also that it was actually a gift that I gave. Sometimes we are touched more by what we offer than what we are given. For “man...cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself” (*Gaudium et spes*, 24). This perennial wisdom that St. John Paul II quoted again and again reveals our deeper longing for love and charity. For through serving the Church, aiding the poor, consoling the sorrowful, and the many other ways that we give of ourselves, we find deeper meaning in life.

Isn't this what we see in Jesus' life? In His incarnation, He offers Himself for

our salvation, taking on human nature so that it can be sanctified. In His mission of preaching, healing, and sanctifying, He gives abundant graces to those in need. In His death and resurrection, He offers the greatest gift possible: eternal life. His constant gift of Himself makes for the most noble and beautiful life possible.

What about us? How are we serving? How are we offering ourselves for the Lord and His people? Maybe this Christmas season is the beautiful opportunity to reflect on how we might improve? Can we do a better job serving the poor, including praying for them? Can we help reconcile wounded relationships in our families? Can we be more generous in our service to the Church?

Can we consider what it means to tithe and regularly offer financial support to the Church, not just as an end of the year gift but also throughout the year?

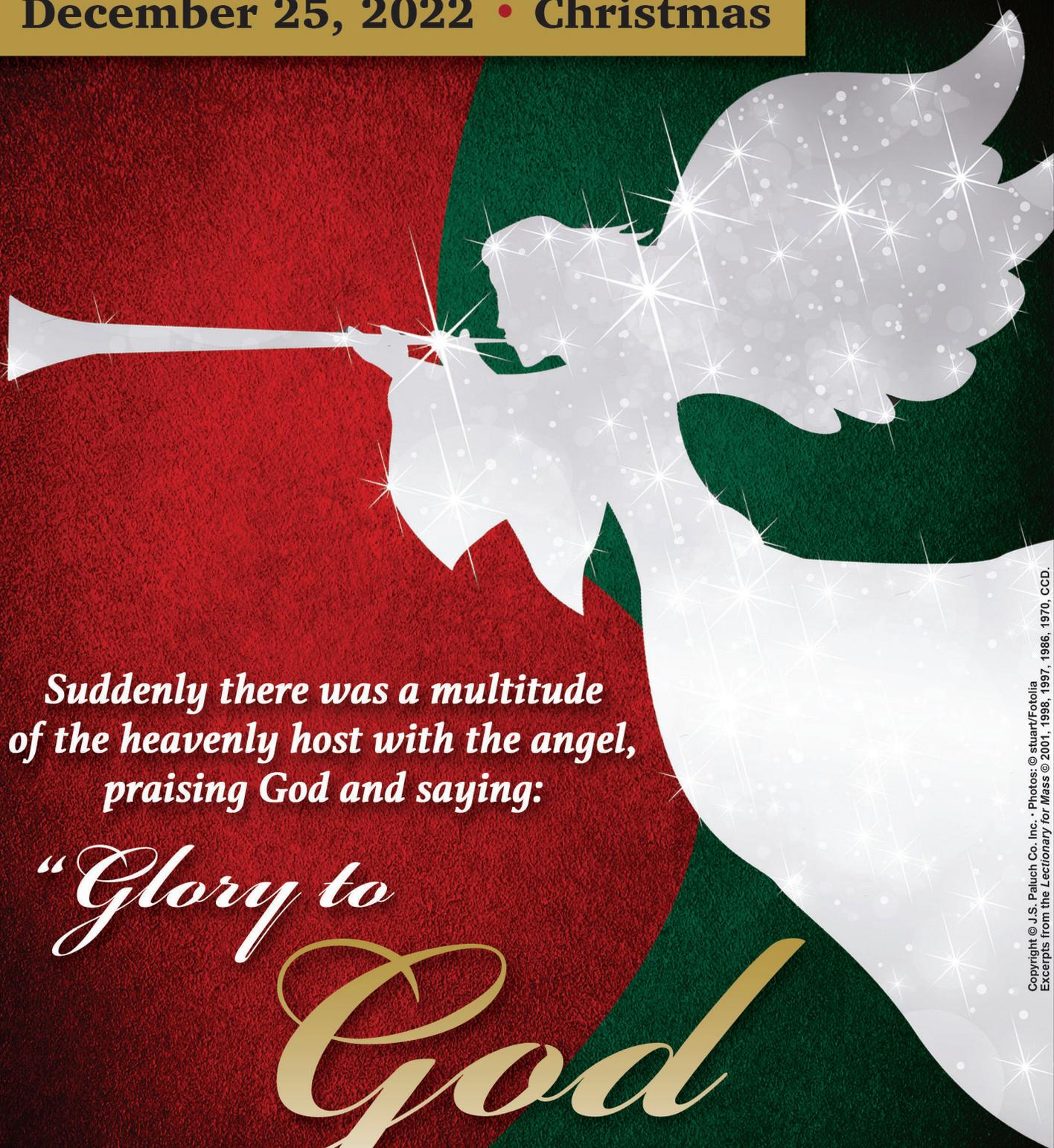
There are so many ways that we can give of ourselves, and in doing so we will be more fully find ourselves and the deeper meaning of our existence. For just as the Lord Jesus offered Himself in Bethlehem, on Calvary, and now in heaven, so too can the gift of ourselves become the richest of all Christmas gifts.

In the newborn Christ,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.



December 25, 2022 • Christmas



*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

“Glory to

God

in the highest.”

Luke 2:13-14

Holy Hour Meditations

For each year of the Eucharistic Revival, we will be using our Wednesday Holy Hour meditations to focus on a set of mysteries in conjunction with the hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Wednesday Evenings at St. Vincent Ferrer

6 PM

Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7 PM

*Preaching on the Mysteries**

7:15 – 8 PM

Confessions

8 PM

Compline followed by Benediction

*Mysteries**

November 30

The Incarnation

December 7

The Visitation

December 14

The Journey to Bethlehem

December 21

The Nativity

December 28

The Visit of the Shepherds

January 4

The Angels and the Birth of Jesus

January 11

The Visit of Magi

January 18

*The Presentation of Jesus
in the Temple*



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2022

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Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve before every Mass and on Christmas Day before the Masses at St. Vincent Ferrer.

CHRISTMAS EVE – Saturday, December 24

- 4 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil – St. Catherine
- 6 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil – St. Vincent
- 8:45 PM Office of Readings – St. Vincent
- 9:10 PM Carols and Prelude Music– St. Vincent
- 9:30 PM Solemn Mass During the Night – St. Vincent
- 12 MIDNIGHT Solemn Mass in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*) – St. Vincent

CHRISTMAS DAY – Sunday, December 25

- 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
- 3:15 PM Solemn Vespers – St. Vincent
- 4 PM Sung Mass During the Day – St. Vincent
- 5 PM Low Mass During the Day – St. Catherine

VIGIL OF THE OCTAVE – Saturday, December 31

- 4 PM Low Mass of the Vigil – St. Catherine
- 6 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil – St. Vincent

OCTAVE DAY – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – Sunday, January 1

- 8 AM Low Mass – St. Vincent
- 9:30 AM Sung Mass – St. Vincent
- 10 AM Sung Mass – St. Catherine
- 12 NOON Solemn Mass – St. Vincent
- 5 PM Low Mass – St. Catherine
- 6 PM Sung Mass – St. Vincent



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