



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

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December 26, 2021 – Feast of the Holy Family

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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.

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.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Monday, 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

Tuesday, 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 the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus, as recounted in St. Matthew’s Gospel (2:16-18).

NEW YEAR’S DAY

Saturday, January 1, New Year’s Day, is the Octave Day of the Nativity, now known as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The Parish will offer a regular weekday schedule of Masses and Confessions on Friday, December 31 (New Year’s Eve), and Friday’s evening Masses will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity.

On Saturday (New Year’s Day), there will be a Solemn Mass at 12 NOON at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing. There will also be Low Masses for the Solemnity on Saturday at 8 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena.

The evening Masses on Saturday (5 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena and 6 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer) will be Vigil Masses for Sunday’s Solemnity of the Epiphany.

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 heels of Octave Day to celebrate Jesus’ name given at the Circumcision.

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 PM

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: EUCHARISTIC 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: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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MUSIC NOTES

Choral Music for Upcoming Solemn Masses:

**NEW YEAR'S DAY – OCTAVE DAY – Saturday, January 1
(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Missa Dies sanctificatus – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

O magnum mysterium á 5 – Andrea Rota (1553-1597)

Salvator noster – Neque enim fas – Claudio Merulo (1533-1604)

EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 2

12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Music of Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594):

Missa In principio and motets *Tribus miraculis* and *Omnes de Saba*

EPIPHANY

On Thursday, January 6, the traditional date of the Epiphany (the twelfth day of Christmas), there will be a Mass in the Dominican Rite at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Missa Nasce la gioja mia*.

Sunday, January 3 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany according to the current liturgical calendar. This very ancient feast, with origins in the Christian East, highlights the mystery of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to all peoples, as exemplified by the Magi who came to worship the King of the Jews just born in Bethlehem, the Baptism by John in the Jordan River, and his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. This feast, also known as 'Little Christmas' or 'Three Kings Day' is considered the 'peak' of Christmastide.

Customarily on this day (or during this tide), Epiphany water, frankincense, gold, and chalk is blessed. The chalk is used to write the letters C+M+B over the doors of churches and homes. This formula represents the names of the Magi (by tradition, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar), and also the phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless the house).

Also on Epiphany, the proclamation of the movable feasts is sung. This ritual dates from a time when calendars were not widely available. The Roman Missal provides a formula using the tone of the Easter Vigil's *Exsultet*, announcing the dates of Ash Wednesday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and the First Sunday of Advent.

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**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
4:00 PM **No Announced Mass**
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Manuela Agcaoili (D)
12 NOON Michael & Elizabeth Regan (D)
6:00 PM Mary Miller (L) and Patrick Murphy (L) & Deceased Members of the Miller & Murphy Families

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Christmas Novena
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr. (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Connor Reisenbigler (D)
6:00 PM Frances, Lena, & Salvatore Dolce (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Gorski Family
6:00 PM Andres Saulnier (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Vilma Kane
6:00 PM Terese Cunningham (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
12:10 PM Ann & Jimmy Carty (D)
6:00 PM Rosemary & Edward Munshower Sr. (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
8:00 AM Christmas Novena
6:00 PM Families in Crisis to Experience Christ's Strength, Healing, and Hope

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
4:00 PM **No Mass**
10:00 AM Franziska & John Koestner (D)
5:00 PM Maria Abella (D)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Felicita Spani (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Angel Martin (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
7:00 AM The O'Leary Family
5:15 PM So Shan Mok (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr. (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for God's Love & Mercy
4:00 PM Dr. Lidia Vitale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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.

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Roseann Connelly, Angela Gabriela, Maggie Heath, Jeanne Krause, Kathy Bojta Krause, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Diane Piro, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and Margery Sugarman.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anita Brancaccio, George Brooksbank, Lorraine Capuano, Joseph DeFranca, Francisca Garcia, Lloyd Garcia, Ana Lobo, Ellorine Martinez, Michael Privitello, Adolfo Sardina, and the souls of all our recently deceased.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez; Fr. Raymond Jarboe (D); Jack Ryan Keegan; People of the Parish; Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention; and Intention of Donor.

St. Vincent – Advent Wreath
Mary & Angelo Soldato Lane Family
Mary McCarthy (D)
Rubino Family

St. Vincent – Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
Special Intention

St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp
Well Being of Christians in the Middle East

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

St. Catherine – Purgatorial
Renato S. Ventigan (D);
Rosa J. Silan (D)

St. Catherine – Rosary Altar
Maria Marta Litrenta;
Intention of Donor

St. Catherine – Blessed Mother
Priscilla Ventigan

St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres
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.

What is your Christmas tradition?

There are some really interesting Christmas traditions. One of the more famous would be the Italian Feast of the Seven Fish. Since Christmas Eve used to be a day of abstinence from meat and dairy products, the Italians came up with a creative way to get into the festive spirit while still being faithful to the Church. One of the less famous is the Icelandic Þorláksmessa. St. Þorlákur, or St. Thorlak, whose feast day is December 23, is the patron saint of Iceland. In order to celebrate this, but with a mind toward the same sense of preparatory abstinence and also due to the slim pickings for food, Icelanders savored *kæst skata*, or fermented skate, on the feast ... Well, I'm not sure if savored is the right word.

A tradition close to home, literally, is the Yungwirth Christmas Eve Smorgasbord (unfortunately, that is not an official term). I would like to think that we didn't buy our Christmas Tree until December 23 because we were (1) trying to save money and (2) trying to wait until as close as possible to Christmas in an effort to preserve more of Advent, but I have no idea. Regardless of the real reason, that was our practice. Wait until December 23, and then buy the best tree that was left or at least that we could afford. The next day, when most of the nine children would be home, we would decorate the tree as a family. There was quite a bit of mayhem, but the complementary tradition of beer burgers—a much different approach than either the Feast of the Seven Fish or the *kæst skata*—and the leftover cookies from the extended family's recent "Cookie Bake" would make sure that we could be at peace for at least a few hours.

Many of us have our own stories and traditions that come from our families, our cultural heritage, or both. Some of these are rich in meaning and history, and others have run their course. In our contemporary era where the Internet gives easy access to a whole host of things from videos of Nigerian celebrations of Christmas to recipes for the Greek Βασιλόπιτα, or vasilopita, of St. Basil's Day, there are a plethora of customs that we can easily come across and try and incorporate into our own homes. When it comes down to it, though, I think that there is an important guiding principle: how does this relate to the birth of Christ in time and in our hearts? How does this relate to the deeper practices of the celebration of Christmas?

This is where faith-filled Christmas customs can be such a rich blessing for our families and our homes. From continuing to sing Christmas carols in the home or with other families, to establishing a custom of who and how the Baby Jesus will be placed in the Crèche, to keeping your Christmas tree up until the end of the Christmas season on the Baptism of the Lord (or even the traditional date on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2), to having your home blessed during the Christmas Season, and to many more, there are a great number of ways to enrich the celebration of Christmas.

One thing that seems to have spanned cultures is the idea of the Christmas Light. An ancient Irish custom was for the mother or the father to light a large holly-bedecked candle and pray for the all those dear to the family, both living and deceased. In some Latin American countries, a candle is placed in a paper lantern with Christmas symbols. The longtime English and French custom involved three individual candles that were molded at the base in honor of the Holy Trinity. The Germans developed a Christmas pyramid where heat from the candles moved propellers and spun the different layers of the pyramid. What joins all of these customs, though, comes from the Gospel read on Christmas day: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:3c-5).

Whatever our traditions are or whatever we might be looking to incorporate, the theme of the light of Christ can truly make them rich with meaning and with grace. Christ the Light shines in the darkness. At Christmas, He comes to us, and illuminates the darkened places in our hearts and in our families. He desires to guide us through this darkened world so that we may safely arrive at our heavenly home, where with all the saints and angels we may be incorporated into the customs of the heavenly host.

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas!

In Christ and through Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

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NEW YEAR'S EVE – Friday, December 31

for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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

6 PM Low Mass of the Vigil – St. Vincent

NEW YEAR'S DAY – Saturday, January 1

for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8 AM Low Mass – St. Vincent

9 AM Low Mass – St. Catherine

12 NOON Solemn Mass – St. Vincent*

for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

4 PM Low Mass of the Vigil – St. Catherine

6 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil – St. Vincent

EPIPHANY SUNDAY – Sunday, January 2

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 Sung Mass – St. Catherine

6 PM Sung Mass – St. Vincent

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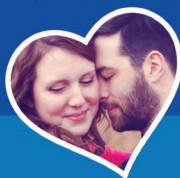
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