



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

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December 27, 2020 – Feast of the Holy Family

Whether Christmas brings you near or keeps you far, we rejoice to be your spiritual home, where together we come to adore Him, Christ the Lord.

The Dominican friars and parish staff pray for God's blessing on you and your family this Christmas and New Year.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31, 2020

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

Low Mass of the Vigil at 6 pm – St. Vincent

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

Friday, January 1, 2021

Regular Weekday Mass Schedule

The Parish's Solemn Mass with the Schola Cantorum will be at 12:10 pm* – St. Vincent Ferrer

*Mass will also be livestreamed via svsc.info

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1. There will be regular Mass and Confession schedule on these days as indicated above.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Monday, December 28 is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs. 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). There will be a Sung Mass at 6 pm at St. Vincent Ferrer for this Fourth Day of Christmas.

EPIPHANY

Next Sunday, January 3 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. 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 Christmas organ music from 4:30-5 pm.

The Epiphany is a very ancient feast with origins in the Christian East. It 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 is traditionally celebrated on January 6 is also known as 'Little Christmas' or 'Three Kings Day,' and is considered the 'peak' of Christmastide.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, our second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of New York to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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: 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

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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PARISH STAFF

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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.

HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For health care emergencies please call (212) 988-1351. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care to patients and their families at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery. Please visit *healthcareministry.org* to learn more about the Ministry.

SIGN UP FOR PARISH EMAILS

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

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.

WINTER PARISH STUDY

Fr. Walter will examine the concluding chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. He and James Wetzel will discuss hymns of Advent in our new Advent series. These sessions are offered virtually, with videos uploaded to the Parish website, *svsc.info*. Please go to the website to register and view both study series. It's never too late to join!

MUSIC NOTES

Choral Music for Upcoming Solemn Masses:

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

12:10 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Plainsong Mass for a Mean – John Sheppard (c. 1515-1558)
Angelus ad pastores ait – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)
Gaudete omnes – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 3

12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Missa Illuminare Jerusalem – Ippolito Baccusi (c. 1550-1609)
Surge, illuminare Jerusalem – Francesco Corteccia (1502-1571)
Magi videntes stellam – Bartolomeo Lombardo (fl. 1578)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Sunday, January 10

12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent

Missa O magnum mysterium – Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)
Pastores loquebantur – Videntes autem cognoverunt
– Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
6:00 PM (Vigil) Mary Miller & Patrick Murphy (L) & Deceased Members of the Miller & Murphy Families
8:00 AM Estella Alvertz (D)
9:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
12 NOON Wladyslawa Sadecka (D)
6:00 PM Anthony Mortelliti Jr. (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish and the Order
12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM Richard & Frances Reynolds & Joshua (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Gorski Family
6:00 PM Andres R. Quintian (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
8:00 AM Therese Cunningham (D)
12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr. (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Thanksgiving
6:00 PM Edward Munshower, Sr. (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Donald A. Delaporte (D)
6:00 PM Ellen Keane & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
8:00 AM Rose & Andrew Minnella and Angelina Finguerra (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Letizia B. Rizzo & the Deceased Members of the Barbeta & Rizzo Families

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
10:00 AM Franziska & John Koestner (D)
5:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Evelyn Bryant (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:00 AM Rocco Toto (D)
5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
7:00 AM The Bond Family
5:15 PM The O'Leary Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Philip J. Smith (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2
9:00 AM Sylvia DeRogatis (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

- 1) Mary & Angelo Soldato
- 2) Jack Ryan Keegan
- 3) Rosemary Munshower
- 4) Mary McCarthy (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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

Roseann Connelly, Andrew Fraser, Maggie Heath, Ramoncito Isidore Sr., David Ruck Keene, Thomas Linson, Rosie Mann, Maurice A. Murphy, David Olivier, 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, Catherine, Michael, & Alexandro Martinez, Carol McKillop, James Neville, Isabella Petillo, Wayne Rogers, Jack Scaccio, Sr. Padraic Mary, Celia Vestey, 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
Daniel & Mary Donoghue (D);
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);
Sr. Marianne Morelli, O.P. (D);
Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Souls in Purgatory; The People of the Parish; Christmas Novena.
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.

THE HOLY NAME

The festive season in pandemic has meant extraordinarily early bulletin deadlines. Writing two weeks in advance I am not going to try for timeliness. Better to go for timeless, and the prayer of the Holy Name of Jesus fills the bill wonderfully for a winter like ours. This timeless word is always timely. I have adapted the text from 2017.

Next to August, January might be my favorite month to be in New York. Sure, it's cold; granted there may be blizzards, but a marvelous quiet also steals over the city. After all the hurly burly of Christmas and New Year's what a treat to walk out onto a cold, clear Sunday morning. After a few steps arctic energy kicks in and one establishes a vigorous harmony with winter. Manhattan, though, has no monopoly on this; the shore can so lift my spirit on such a day that I am sure June will come if only I walk a little faster.

In the days of true winter, hidden in plain sight lies one of the calendar's greatest opportunities for reflection and prayer. Official Church agencies have not yet found out about this time, so no hype announces it. Here is the time to be productively unbothered. After the thunder of *O Come All Ye Faithful*, and before the Lenten solemnity of *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*, we need a prayer for that winter walk in the park, or for tea by the fire. This prayer will allow us to let an unfelt sorrow rise to the surface, or a long unmet longing, or an unacknowledged happiness.

As God's providence would arrange, the season itself offers a suggestion. On the first day of 2021, the Gospel for the Solemnity of Mary employs the Gospel of the circumcision and naming of Jesus.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. (Luke 2:21)

The tradition begins to regard that Name as powerful in itself. Consider St. Paul's lyrical passage in his *Letter to the Philippians*, "At the Name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on the earth..." (Phil. 2) The *Acts of the Apostles* corroborates this witness. Peter, accompanied by James and John, says to a beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." (Acts. 3, 1-6)

Somehow the name becomes a sacrament of the person, and to this day we give a quick bow of the head when the Liturgy mentions the Holy Name. The name connects to the one named. If you harbor doubts here, think about being in love. What is the effect of the beloved's name when seen attached to a gift or heard in a message? Consider also the power of our own name. When we make marriage vows, or religious vows, we use only the "first name."

Jesus builds upon the power of the name to make his name a one-word prayer. These two syllables carry so much: sorrow, longing, entrustment, and praise. One wonders how many people pack all of this onto the Holy Name because emotion or health will not allow them to form even a sentence. We will never know how many Christians mustered only this word in the last seconds of fleshly life, and who doubts that it did the work of volumes.

If the Holy Name accesses the Holy Savior, it also reaches inward to ourselves. We use the Name of Jesus viscerally and so our inflection of it may teach us about our own hearts if we will but listen to ourselves. Sometimes we use this name of the Most Beloved in ways we regret, but these moments also tell us the story of our stress and anger. Holy Name Societies have worked to end swearing, but the sacramental power of the Name suggests that this demands a more profound conversion than governing our tongue for politeness' sake.

The prayer of the Holy Name invites us to an ongoing intimacy with the Savior. This is a companionship we can carry with us and within us even when winter's quiet yields to the resurgence of activity in the "spring semester." The prayer holds a promise that even our instinctive reactions can change under the renovating power of the Gospel.

In 2021 the Feast of the Epiphany concurs with that of the Holy Name on January 3, a happenstance that allows us to ponder how the Holy Spirit has made the Name of Jesus known in so many times and places.

Christmas Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

December 27, 2020 - January 2, 2021

Antiphon of the Blessed Mother for the ending of the pandemic

- At Night Prayer during Advent and Christmas 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.*

The Octave of Christmas

- For eight days (from Christmas Day to New Year's) the Church stays in festal mode. The *Gloria is said* each day at Mass. The liturgy hopes this is a prolonged sabbath for you. Maybe with the commotion passed, we can rest in the gift of Jesus at the heart of our lives.

Sunday, December 27

The Feast of the Holy Family

- Pray for perseverance in the discipline of family life, for families that struggle, and families that are broken.
- Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of our own families.
- Remember those who are distant from their families.

Monday, December 28

The Feast of the Holy Innocents

- The presence of Christ has consistently drawn the wrath of the powerful. We see this in his crucifixion, but even his birth provokes the violence of Herod who slew the baby boys of Bethlehem in a futile attempt to thwart the plan of God.
- Obviously we want to pray today for children everywhere who are vulnerable to the violence of others. But we can also pray that the rule of law everywhere replaces the arbitrary and vengeful use of power.

Friday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

- This day celebrates the Blessed Mother as God-Bearer, Theotokos.
- Ponder the amazing coming together of humanity and divinity in the person of Christ.
- Ask to be a bearer of Christ in word and deed.

The Turn of the Year

- Pray for those who today resolve on a change of life.
- On this World Day of Peace, please pray for peace among nations.

Saturday, January 2

The Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nanzianzen

- On this feast of two great Doctors of the Eastern Church, please pray for the reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Again this year the Advent Wreath is placed 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 Second Week of Christmas 4 lamps

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