



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

## December 29, 2024 – Feast of the Holy Family



*“The Holy Family,” Francisco Goya, 1787, Prado Museum, Madrid*

### St. Vincent Ferrer

#### MASS TIMES

<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

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

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

#### MASS TIMES

<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

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

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Sunday</b>	3–4:30 PM (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  
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**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.  
**Email** director@healthcareministry.org  
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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 children's 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, Lawrenson 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, 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 29

6 PM (Vigil) Frances & Richard Reynolds & Edmund Lukas & Joshua Ristaino (D)  
8 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Janet Omondi  
12 NOON Eugene Colley (D)  
6 PM Andres Quintian (D)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

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 Sabrina Chartrand & Lane Dubreuil  
6 PM Terese Cunningham (D)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8 AM AnnaRose Panebianco and Alphoso Piscano (D)  
12:10 PM Ann & Jimmy Carty (D)  
6 PM Rosemary & Edward Munshower, Sr. (D)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

8 AM Niamh Collins (D)  
12:10 PM CHRISTMAS OCTAVE  
6 PM For the People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8 AM The Intentions of Tom & Julia Downey  
12:10 PM Letizia Rizzo & the Deceased Members of the Barbetta & Rizzo Families  
6 PM Anthony Mortelliti (D)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

8 AM Carol Ann De Waele (D)  
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)  
6 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8 AM Maureen Nelson McGovern (D)  
9:30 AM Stephen Sersanti (D)

## St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

4 PM (Vigil) John La Rosa (D)  
10 AM John La Rosa (D)  
5 PM Dr. Sidney Medley (D)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Felicita Spani (D)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7 AM John & Franziska Koestner (D)  
5:15 PM In Thanksgiving for God's Love & Mercy

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

7 AM Joseph Shortt (D) & Laura Shortt  
5:15 PM Brendan Burke

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 PM John Nash (D)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena  
5:15 PM John & Franziska Koestner (D)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9 AM Rogue Reyes (D)

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.

## Candle Intentions

### ST. VINCENT FERRER

#### Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez, Domenica & Anthony Maruffi, Parsons & Romeo Families, Peter & Aquila Zacharilla (D), Carmen Taton, Lucia Chong Kim, Special Intention

#### Madonna Candle

Jack Ryan Keegan

#### Rosary Altar Candle

Venancio Laplana Sr. (D),

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

Domenica & Anthony Maruffi (D)

#### 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

# A Family Affair

## HOLY FAMILY IN THE CHURCH

There is something so striking about a church Nativity scene. Whether it is the one on the corner of Lexington Avenue and 65th Street or one of the many scenes inside our churches, Nativity scenes invoke a sense of peace and hope. There, we have the chance to sit with the Christ Child, the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, the shepherds, the magi, and the animals. There, we have the chance to rest in the peace of Bethlehem and soak in all its graces.

For instance, take the Holy Name Chapel at St. Vincent Ferrer. The manger scene is placed below the image of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. The soft light from Christmas trees frames the pastoral scene, as the shepherds stand in peaceful serenity and gaze upon the infant Lord. In the painting above them, the Lord comes into the Temple to redeem mankind. The manger and paint unite the imagery as if wrapped by the Lord Himself. Christ, who went into the Temple in Jerusalem as the one to bring about salvation, now has come into our church, and He desires to bring us salvation. He who became incarnate among us wants to come into our lives to bring His gifts of grace.

## HOLY FAMILIES IN OUR HOMES

While this is fitting and beautiful in a church, what is it like in our homes? The home is sometimes referred to as the domestic church. Just like the Lord wants to come dwell in our churches in the Eucharist, so does He want to come and dwell in our homes through faith, hope, and charity. He desires to be present within us as we love one another, as we raise children with faith, serve sick spouses with charity, or attend to elderly parents with hope. The Lord desires to break into our world and touch our lives with His presence. He wants to meet each of us where we are and bring us to Himself. He knows our needs, struggles, and desires, and He offers Himself to us so that we can grow in holiness.

Homes should reflect this. In the artwork on the walls and bookshelves, in the conversations with one another, and in the daily interactions that happen, the Lord wants to be present. He does not simply want to be born in our hearts, but also to dwell in our homes. He wants holy families and holy friend groups to dwell in the peace of Bethlehem, in such a way that it overflows in all they do.

Easier said than done, one might reply. Yes, that is true. Yet, that



*Holy Name Chapel with the Crèche, St. Vincent Ferrer Church,  
photo by Corinna Gabrielle*

doesn't mean it's not worth the effort. In fact, outside of churches, the home and the workplace are the two most likely places where the Lord desires that we exercise virtue and live in holiness. Unless we live alone or rarely visit with friends in a home setting, homes are a primary place for finding the Lord in this way. Thus, they are worth the effort.

What will our Christmas season look like then? Are we willing to go down the road to Bethlehem as we walk down the hallway? Are we willing to be patient spouses just like Simeon patiently waited for the revelation of the Lord? Will we accept God's mysterious providence when it unfolds in challenging ways, just like Mary and Joseph did when they went searching for Christ, who was teaching in the Temple? Holiness is not limited to our churches. It also has a most beautiful place to place in the home.

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

# Upcoming Events

## DECEMBER 26 - 30

### Masses in Christmas Week

The season of Christmas runs from the Nativity of the Lord through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12 this year). During the first eight days of Christmas, the Christmas Octave, we will have Sung Masses at St. Vincent's every day at 6 PM. The Octave ends on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1. The most important feasts of the liturgical year have such "octaves" to continue the celebration and highlight their importance.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

### Feast of the Holy Family

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Observance of this feast began locally in Canada and France in the 17th century. It is celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas or, in years when there is no mid-Octave Sunday, on December 30.

## EVERY SUNDAY

### Weekly Parish Coffee Hour!

Our weekly parish coffee hour is regularly held at St. Vincent's after the 12 NOON Mass. **However, please note that we will not have coffee hour today, 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 29, 3 PM

### St. Catherine's Weekly Adoration

The weekly Sunday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's will continue all through winter as usual. Please join us!

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 -

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

### Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 31 - Thursday, January 2. However, our Mass and Confession schedules will remain as usual.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

### Octave Day – Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The Parish will offer a regular weekday schedule of Masses and Confessions. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's for which the Schola Cantorum will sing music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina: *Missa Alma Redemptoris Mater*; *Dies sanctificatus á 8*; and *Apparuit gratia Dei*.

Both evening Masses on Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) **will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity and will satisfy the obligation**. We will also have a Holy Hour from 11 PM - MIDNIGHT, and a special Low Mass at 12 MIDNIGHT at St. Vincent's, which will also satisfy for the obligation. For this Mass, please enter via the door mid-block on 66th Street.

**Please note that we will not have our weekly St. Vincent's Holy Hour Wednesday, January 1.** It will be back next week. Adoration will be followed by fellowship in the Parish Center.

## THE MONTH OF JANUARY

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Chapel in the southwest corner of St. Vincent's is dedicated to the Holy Name.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 7 PM

### First Friday Devotions

Join our monthly First Friday Devotions in honor of and in reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart. We will have **Eucharistic Adoration** (6:45 - 8 PM), **Confessions** (6:45 - 7:45 PM), the praying of the **Litany of the Sacred Heart** (7 PM), and **Benediction** (8 PM).

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 10:30 AM

### Men's Group Monthly Meeting

On Saturday, the Men's Group will meet in the Parish Center at St. Vincent's. There will be prayer, a reflection by one of the priests, and fellowship. Email [mensgroup@svsc.info](mailto:mensgroup@svsc.info) if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 11:30 AM

### Visitation Circle Meeting

Saturday, January 4, is the monthly meeting of the Visitation Circle. It will be held at St. Vincent's, starting with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:35 AM, followed by Mass at 12 NOON. A meeting will follow in the Church Priory. Since refreshments are pre-ordered, cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance. A small, free-will donation to cover costs will be appreciated. Members will review plans and events scheduled for 2025.

The Visitation Circle celebrates Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single or separated women. For additional information—and a reservation for Saturday's meeting—email VC at [visitationcircle@svsc.info](mailto:visitationcircle@svsc.info); or email the Parish Office at [parish@svsc.info](mailto:parish@svsc.info).

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 7 PM****Blessing of Epiphany Water**

Following the 6 PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we will have the Blessing of Epiphany Water at St. Vincent's. There is an ancient tradition of blessing holy water on this feast in honor of Jesus' sanctification of the waters of the Jordan at his Baptism. Bring your own (filled) vials and bottles if you'd like to take home some Holy Epiphany Water!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5****Solemnity of the Epiphany**

At the 12 NOON Solemn Mass on Sunday, January 5, we will have a Three Kings Procession in which the figurines of the Magi and their courtiers will be brought to the parish Nativity scene.

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; the Baptism by John in the Jordan River; and his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Also known as "Little Christmas" or "Three Kings Day," it's traditionally celebrated on January 6 the Twelfth Day of Christmas.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5****Second Collection**

Next weekend, a second collection will be taken up to support the fund for Catholic Communications and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Thank you for your generosity.

**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 12 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 welcome to attend and contribute to the party! Please drop off any wrapped mugs for the mug exchange and/or 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 meeting 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 questions or to be added to the distribution list.

**OCTOBER 13 - 23****Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome!**

Our Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage next October 13-23 to **Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome**. This will be the context of the **2025 Jubilee Year**, and the pilgrimage will include the opportunity to pass through the **Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican!**

Visit the Parish Office next to St. Vincent's to pick up a brochure and reservation form!

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

This spring'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. Register at [tinyurl.com/SVSC-2025-marchforlife](http://tinyurl.com/SVSC-2025-marchforlife).

**MUSIC NOTES****For This Sunday: Holy Family, 12 NOON**

*Missa Angelus ad pastores ait*

*Angelus ad pastores ait*

– Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

**For Next Sunday: Epiphany, 12 NOON**

*Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera*

– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*Magi veniunt ab Oriente*

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

*Reges terrae – Et intrantes domum*

– Pierre de Manchicourt (c. 1510-1564)