



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

December 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family



"Holy Family - The Rest on the Flight to Egypt," Jacques Stella, 1652, Museo del Prado, Madrid

St. Vincent Ferrer

MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSION TIMES

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30–8 PM
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St. Catherine of Siena

MASS TIMES

Weekday	7 AM, 5:15 PM
Saturday	9 AM, 4 PM (Vigil)
Sunday	10 AM, 5 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekday	4:40–5:05 PM
Saturday	3–3:50 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday	3–4:30 PM (September 14 through Corpus Christi)
Thursday	5:45–7 PM

The Parish

Parish Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

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St. Vincent Ferrer

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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 AM Rosary and Vespers

St. Catherine of Siena

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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. 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 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.

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 or call **(212)-744-2080** to set up an appointment.

Parish Prayer Intentions

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Tony Crowley, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Jeremy Kyser, Judy McLennan, Eithne Moloney, Nidia Pichardo, Robert J. Quackenbush, Elizabeth Rice, Virginia Riviera, Helen Skoratowicz, and Ingrid & Guido Urzua.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

James P. Allen III, Suzanne Augustine, Stanley Castillo, Adele Cerasoli, Maureen Dorsey, Sr. Pius Fagan, O. P., Francisca Garcia, Lloyd Garcia, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Jeanne Conway O'Connor, Peggy Phillips, Steven Rinaldi, Jr., Edna Rivera, William Young, 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.

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COME JOIN THE PARISH

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To receive up to date information also, sign-up for Parish emails via our website or email the Parish office, parish@svsc.info.



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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

6 PM (Vigil) Terese Cunningham (D)
8 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Christmas Octave Intentions
12 NOON Ann & Jimmy Carty (D)
6 PM Rosemary & Edward
Munshower, Sr., (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

8 AM 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 Christmas Octave Intentions
6 PM Marissa DiMaggio

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8 AM Tom & Julia Downey
12:10 PM Letizia B. Rizzo & the Deceased
Members of the Barbetta & Rizzo Families
6 PM Peter Henry Moens (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

8 AM Joan & Christopher and Family
12:10 PM Kamila Kovarikova (D)
6 PM Park B. Smith(D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8 AM Wayne Scambler (D)
12:10 PM Robert Mullen (D)
6 PM Dolores Branger De Sosa (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

8 AM Nelligan Family
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6 PM Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

8 AM Fran Meaney (D)
9:30 AM Fr. Frederick Damien Hoesli, O.P.

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

4 PM (Vigil) Maria Macadaeg (D)
10 AM Anthony Michael Toto (D)
5 PM (Vigil) Maria Macadaeg

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

10 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Norah Greene (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7 AM Pat Sarle (D)
5:15 PM Elizabeth Quinn (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7 AM Jode Kane
5:15 PM Ernest Channer (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9 AM Special Intention (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Margaret Williams (D); Jack Ryan Keegan;
Intention of Donor; People of the Parish;
Special Intention; and Souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Madonna Advent Wreath

Mary & Angel Soldato
Pryor & Adrian Family
Deceased Members of the Lunetta Family
Mildred & Philip La Salle

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Manni Bynoe

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 Candle

Maria Marta Litrenta; Rose Ann
Connolly (D); Bridget Heeran (D)

St. Thomas Chapel, St. Dominic, Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Margaret of Costello, Priory Chapel, and St. Jude Shrine

Maria Marta Litrenta

Rosary Altar

Maria Marta Litrenta; 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.

New Year, New Opportunities

NEW YEAR

"New Year, new me!" Those famous words often famously don't last. "Well, this year, I'm actually going to do it," we think. Yet, even that falls short. Often, the problem isn't the resolution or the set of resolutions. Rather, it's that the stakes are too low. For instance, there's a big difference in stopping eating red meat either because of a desire to lose some weight or because of a heart condition. If someone finds out that they have a heart condition which necessitates that, then they'll do it, but the same isn't true when it comes to shedding a few pounds. Unlike New Year's resolutions, other challenging things become possible when we realize the importance of them. When they're truly important, then we follow through.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

This is what guides the Church with her five (or six) precepts. From ancient times, the Church has asked five things of the faithful: (1) "you shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor," (2) "you shall confess your sins at least once a year," (3) "you shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season," (4) "you shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church," and (5) "you shall help to provide for the needs of the Church" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2042-2043).^{*} As the *Catechism* explains, the precepts "are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor" (CCC, 2041).

These are the minimum things we need to do to get to heaven, and they are about shaping us to be united to God through truth and charity. For by coming to the liturgy, by receiving Communion, by being forgiven of our sins, and by making sacrifices of things we love and from the things we earn, the whole of our lives is bound up and united to God in a beautifully transfigured way. These precepts are all about heaven and helping us to get there.

^{*} The Baltimore Catechism also included "to observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage" (281) as a sixth precept, but it is not included in the newer Catechism of the Catholic Church.



"New Year's Day, New Amsterdam, 1876," George Henry Boughton, 1876.

When we fail to do one of these things, though, we fail to live up to the minimum that God and the Church ask us to do to prepare for heaven. We fail to follow through with the principal means for the conversion of our minds and hearts. This often leads us to trust in ourselves, rather than God, as the source of our salvation because we think we know better regarding what we actually need for heaven. That is why failing in any of these ways is a grave sin.

In all of this then, we can actually see that these are some pretty high stakes. These precepts are about eternal life. It's not just a heart condition, as serious as that is. Rather, this is about the eternal condition of the heart and making sure that we are prepared to say yes to the Lord when our time comes.

NEW LIFE

So when it comes to reflect on what your New Year's resolution(s) might be, if you haven't made these precepts part of your regular practice of the faith, they are a great place to start. For in them, we have something that is both vitally important and also so rewarding. In them, the path to heaven is laid out before us so that we truly will be transformed and prepared for the new heavens and the new earth where we will join in the heavenly worship for all eternity.

In Christ, the newborn King,

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.
Pastor

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is usually held at St. Vincent's after the 12 Noon Mass. So that we all may enjoy New Year's Eve with our family and friends, coffee hour will be canceled this Sunday. Coffee hour will resume January 7.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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.

JANUARY

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

JANUARY 1 AND 2

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed January 1 and 2.



MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Octave Day – Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day, is the Octave Day of the Nativity: the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Parish will offer a regular weekday schedule of Masses and Confessions. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing.

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.

JANUARY 6 AND 7

Solemnity of the Epiphany

For the traditional date of the Epiphany, there will be a Solemn Dominican Rite Mass on Saturday, January 6 at 9:30 AM at St. Vincent's. At the 12 Noon Solemn Mass on Sunday, January 7, there will be a Three Kings Procession in which the figurines of the Magi and their courtiers will be brought to the crèche.

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. Also known as "Little Christmas" or "Three Kings Day" and traditionally celebrated on January 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas, is January 6. Epiphany 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).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 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 if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**Visitation Circle Meeting**

Saturday, January 6 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 with light refreshments will follow in the Church Priory. Refreshments will be pre-ordered; cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance. A small free-will donation to cover costs will be appreciated.

This month's meeting begins VC's thirteenth year of bringing women together—to pray, socialize, and exchange ideas.

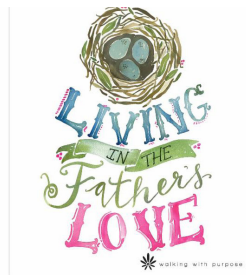
The Visitation Circle celebrates Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single, or separated women. For additional information, and a reservation for Saturday's meeting, contact catherine_o_rourke@hotmail.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 7 PM**Blessing of Epiphany Water**

Following the 6 PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Blessing of Epiphany Water will be given at St. Vincent's. There is an ancient tradition to bless holy water on this feast in honor of Jesus' sanctification of the waters of the Jordan at his Baptism. The Church asks God to unseal the font of grace to bless the water and make it a means of both protection from evil and sanctification for people and places. Please bring a bottle of water if you would like to have Epiphany water at home.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

For the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's. The Baptism is the official end of the Christmas season, although some Christmas traditions continue until Candlemas.

**THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 7****Women's Bible Study**

On Thursdays, from February 1 to March 7, the Women's Bible Study will meet again for a study on reclaiming friendship. The study will be from 9:30-11:30 AM in St. Joseph Hall at St. Catherine's. **Please note that registration ends on January 5.** Here's a little description:

In a world plagued by loneliness, you are invited to encounter God personally through Scripture. Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships, deal with your past friendship wounds, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship.

We hope you will be able to join us for this short but powerful 6-week study.

To register, please email ebgurley@gmail.com. Registration ends January 5. Cost is \$40 which includes the book and refreshments. We will have optional childcare for an additional fee.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**Retreat for Married Couples**

Save the date for an all-day retreat for married couples on January 27, 2024— Learning Prayer with the Holy Family— presented to you by the Holy Family School of Faith from Kansas. Registration details will be provided in early January.

MUSIC NOTES**For Sunday, December 31, 12 NOON**

Missa Brevis in D Major, K. 194

– Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Parvulus hodie natus est

– Girolamo Giacobbi (1567-1629)

O admirabile commercium

– Melchior Franck (1580-1639)

For Monday, January 1, 6 PM

Missa Princeps pacis

– William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982)

Hodie Christus natus est

– Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Quem pastores laudavere

– James Bassi (b. 1961)

For Saturday, January 6, 9:30 AM

Peterhouse Mass

– Christopher Tye (c. 1500-1573)

For Sunday, January 7, 12 NOON

Missa Hodie Christus natus est

Videntes stellam

Tribus miraculis

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

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