

THE PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER: 869 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10065

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December 5, 2021 – Second Sunday of Advent JOIN OUR PARISH

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*.

SECOND COLLECTION - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits 26,000 Catholic senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. During their days of active ministry, they worked tirelessly to build Catholic schools and hospitals, promote social justice, and embrace the neediest among us. Your gift to next week's collection helps provide care, medicine and more. Please be generous.

MARIAN LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Tuesday, December 7 at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This hour-long celebration of the life of Mary will consist of a sequence of scripture readings, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation and the Patronal Feast of the United States. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Felix Mendelssohn's *Mass for Double Choir* and Anton Bruckner's *Ave Maria* and Tota pulchra es, Maria.

The 12:10 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be a Sung Mass.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

The evening Masses on Tuesday, December 7 will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity.

The Act of Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary will be made 4:50 pM: ROSARY after Wednesday's 5:15 pM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

Our Lady of Guadalupe – St. Juan Diego

This year, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) is superseded by the Third Sunday of Advent. Therefore, the Parish will instead have a Sung Mass and Procession to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 9 at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. This is the Feast day of St. Juan Diego, the Mexican peasant to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared on Tepeyac hill in Mexico City. Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2002, Juan Diego is the first Catholic saint indigenous to the Americas.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

St. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays: 8 ам, 12:10 рм*, 6 рм Saturday: 8 ам, 6 рм (Vigil) Sunday: 8 ам, 9:30 ам, 12 NOON (Solemn)*, 6 рм

Confessions Weekdays: 5:20–5:50 pm Wednesday: 7:15–7:55 pm Saturday: 5–5:50 pm

St. Catherine of Siena

Weekdays: 7 ам, 5:15 рм *Saturday*: 9 ам*, 4 рм (Vigil) *Sunday*: 10 ам, 5 рм

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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PARISH STAFF

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MISA DEL GALLO AND ADVENT NOVENA

The Parish will offer a Novena of Masses in honor of Our Lady of the Expectation from December 17-24. A special early morning Mass, known as the Misa de Gallo, will be offered each of these days at 6 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. The intention during this Novena is for the safety of children.

FRASSATI HOLY HOUR & FELLOWSHIP

All young adults are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour with praise & worship music at St. Vincent Ferrer on Sunday, December 12 at 7:30 PM. It will be a very prayerful night with priests available to hear Confessions. After the Holy Hour, we will get together to enjoy light refreshments and to have great conversations with friends!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, December 20 is Reconciliation Monday throughout the Archdiocese, an opportunity for all to make their confession before Christmas. Confessions will be heard at both churches from 11 AM-1 PM. In the evening, confessions will be heard at St. Vincent Ferrer from 4–6 PM and at St. Catherine of Siena from 6–8 рм.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, featuring the art and Christmas decorations of our beautiful church, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer vestibule. Here is an opportunity to share with your friends and family the beauty that is ours all year round.

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 "Ways to Give." You can also give via text message: text keyword SVSC to 800-950-9952. Click the link and complete your gift.

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 of Siena to submit your matching donation.

MUSIC NOTES

Next weekend, for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Schola will sing music from the German Renaissance. Hamburg-born Hieronymus Praetorius first studied organ with his father Jacob Praetorius the elder (1520-1586) and served as his assistant at St. Jacobi, becoming principal organist upon Jacob's death. In 1596, Hieronymus traveled to Gröningen where he met Michael Praetorius (no relation) and Hans Leo Hassler. It is likely that from this encounter Hieronymus adopted the progressive Venetian polychoral style that he introduced into north Germany. He was also the first composer to compile a collection of four-part German chorales with organ accompaniment which would become the typical sound of Protestant music for centuries. Praetorius took musical material from Meiland's Advent motet, which sets a text adapted from Genesis, and wrote an Ordinary based on it.

Missa Non auferetur sceptrum – Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

Non auferetur sceptrum – Lavabit in vino – Jacob Meiland (1542-1577)

MASS INTENTIONS St. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 6:00 рм (Vigil) Dr. Frank Ciaciola (D) 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sharbel Family 9:30 AM Timothy McDermott (D) 12 NOON For the People of the Parish MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 6:00 рм David Retta (D) Monday, December 6 8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order 12:10 PM Roseann Connelly 6:00 рм Arilda Palces TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 8:00 AM Arilda Palces 12:10 рм Richard Reginald Stphard 6:00 рм Br. Christopher McCabe, O.P. (D) Wednesday, December 8 8:00 AM Louise & Charles Buckley (D) 12:10 рм Mira Jenise Flores 6:00 рм Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 8:00 AM Mary Cunningham Luby (D) 12:10 рм Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D) 6:00 рм Arilda Palces FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 8:00 AM Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D) 12:10 рм Jeanne Gorski (D) 6:00 рм Helen Saulnier (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 8:00 AM Arilda Palces 6:00 рм Maria Gadioma (D)

MASS INTENTIONS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 4:00 рм (Vigil) David Gale (D) 10:00 AM Marcelino Jovero (D) 5:00 рм Anna & Philip Donohoe (D)

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph 5:15 PM Michael Costello

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 7:00 AM Edna Justina Tusico (D) 5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 8 7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude 1:00 pm John Lynch (D) 5:15 рм Ventigan's

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 7:00 AM Mary Padovano (D) 5:15 рм David Johnson (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena 5:15 рм Nora Hickey (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 9:00 AM Martin Bhan (D) 4:00 рм Jean Rich

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

August Arace, Roseann Connelly, Angela Gabriela, Maggie Heath, Anne Hills, Jeanne Krause, Kathy Bojta Krause, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Diane Piro, Lourdes Rodriguez, Blair Scribner, Manfred Stapff, James Sterling, Margery Sugarman, and Kieran Wrynn

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anita Brancaccio, George Brooksbank, Lorraine Capuano, John D. Heffernan, Ana Lobo, Ellorine Martinez, Michael Privitello, Adolfo Sardina, Patrick Tumelty, 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

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez; Christine Fortenberry (D); Sr. Mary Clare Mullen, O.P. (D) Jack Ryan Keegan; People of the Parish; Special Intention.

St. Vincent – Advent Wreath Mary & Angelo Soldato Adolfo Sardina

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 Dominican Charism – Prayer & Compline

When I was in college, I was part of a missionary group that traveled up and down the East coast in the summers and to different places throughout the year. We prayed together, lived together, ministered together, and lived a very beautiful communal life. One of our daily practices was to pray the Divine Office together, and our singing of Compline was particularly important to us. At the end we sang the *Salve Regina*, blessed each other with Holy Water, and then had a sort of *pax* embrace, or offering of peace, where we asked forgiveness for the ways we had offended one another that day.

The post-Compline practices of singing the *Salve* and the sprinkling rite actually have their foundation in the Dominican practice of praying Compline. In the early part of the Order, just after St. Dominic died, a certain Br. Bernard suffered greatly from having been possessed by a demon. This demon spoke profound words to the friars in Bologna in an effort to lead them astray, and he even manifested sweet odors such as no perfumer could concoct. Yet, something about this seemed out of place to Bl. Jordan, St. Dominic's successor as Master of the Order. With a question about what might be happening, one day during the Psalm at Mass, "Judge, O Lord, those who harm me," Bl. Jordan begged the Lord to give him the wisdom to discern whether these words and smells were from the Lord or from the evil one. Hardly had he prayed to the Lord, when the odor was unmasked. The demon, realizing he was discovered, began to spout forth foul words since his wickedness had now been made known.

In response to this, the brethren in Bologna began to chant the *Salve Regina* at the end of Compline. This had profound effects on Br. Bernard and the community, and as such the singing of the *Salve* quickly spread to the rest of the Order. One of the brothers even reported that during the words "Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us," that "he often saw the Mother of our Lord prostrate before her Son praying for the security of the whole Order" (*Libellus* of Bl. Jordan, para. 120).

Similarly, other visions of the Blessed Virgin guided the practice of the Dominican Order. On a couple of occasions (one for St. Dominic and another for Bl. Jordan), the Blessed Mother was seen coming through the dormitory where the friars slept at night and sprinkling them with holy water. This led to the practice of one of the friars sprinkling the rest of the friars in choir with holy water during the singing of the *Salve*.

There is something so close to the heart of every Dominican about praying Compline. From the *Salve*, to the sprinkling, to the ancient tradition of the friars visiting the altars in the church after Compline and begging the intercession of the saints before they retired to bed, Compline holds a special place in the daily prayer life of the Dominican Order. This last hour of the Divine Office wraps up our prayers for the day and prepares us for rest before another day of preaching. The Gospel Canticle for Compline, the *Nunc Dimittis*, sums this up so well: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; / your word has been fulfilled: / my own eyes have seen the salvation / which you have prepared in the sight of every people: / a light to reveal you to the nations / and the glory of your people Israel." Having seen the fruits of our preaching during the day and the salvation that the Lord has done in the "sight of every people," we now ask His leave to rest in peace for the night.

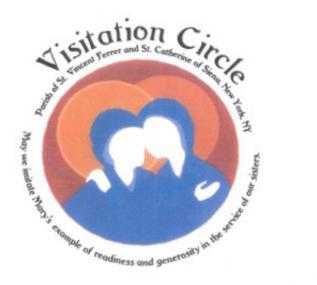
This practice does not just have to remain in our two churches though. The practice of praying Compline as a family and among friends is a beautiful one. There is time for an examination of conscience, which can help ease pains and grudges, the Gospel canticle can help with resting peacefully, and the singing of the *Salve* and the sprinkling rite are beautiful ways to ask the Blessed Mother's guidance and protection on the family and friends. Whether or not you too would choose to introduce a sort of post-Compline *pax* embrace, this prayer can be healing. Moreover, in its brevity, Compline is also completely reasonable to pray weekly or even daily.

As we continue this season of Advent and the preparation for the Lord's threefold coming–at the end of time, in our hearts now, and in Bethlehem–praying Compline as a family or with friends could be a particularly fruitful Advent prayer. When our hearts become more and more freed from burdens and concerns, we are more able to be attentive to the Lord's coming and the graces that He desires to pour out upon us this Christmas.

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Jr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, o.P.

VISITATION CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 11



Saturday, December 11 is the Visitation Circle's Christmas Party. It will be held in the Priory at St. Vincent Ferrer Church from 2:00 to 4:30 PM. Festivities will include parlor games, caroling and a boxed lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift (a value of \$10 or less) for the grab bag.

Additionally, the cost for the party is \$15. Make your reservation by Tuesday, December 7, via email to *catherine_o_rourke@hotmail.com* or call 732-213-9658. Please note that lunch will be pre-ordered; cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance.

The Visitation Circle celebrates Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single or separated women. For additional information, contact the Visitation Circle or email the Parish Office at *parish@svsc.info*.

This upcoming **Sunday**, **December 12**, the Parish welcomes families with young children to attend the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer. After the Mass, please come to the Friars' Chapel for a blessing from one of our priests. After the blessing, we will have some fellowship together. To stay updated, please email *family@svsc.info*. We also welcome engaged couples, newlyweds, and any parishioner that would like to support the sacredness of human life and love, especially in marriage and family.

These are the dates for the rest of the parish year: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 3, May 15, June 12. Family Fellowship



THE ADVENT WREATH

Again this year we will place the Advent Wreath 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 would be as follows:

The Second Week of Advent The Third Week of Advent The Fourth Week of Advent The Octave of Christmas

- 2 lamps 3 lamps
- 4 lamps

4 lamps

The Second Week of Christmas 4 lamps

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



MARIAN LESSON AND CAROLS Tuesday, December 7 7 PM St. Vincent Ferrer 869 Lexington Avenue at 66th Street

An hour-long celebration of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary through a sequence of scripture readings, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns

Choral Repertoire: There is no rose – Sir Richard Rodney Bennet As Dew in Aprylle – Peter Warlock There is a flower – John Rutter Hymn to the Virgin – John Joubert Love came down at Christmas – Richard Lloyd Who is she who ascends so high – Leo Nestor

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ADVENT EVENING RETREAT SERIES Encounter the Incarnation



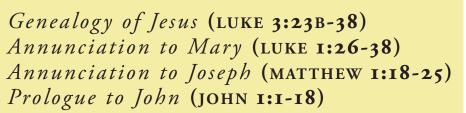
ADVENT WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at ST. VINCENT FERRER

6 PM

7 PM 7:15-8 PM 8 PM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Scriptural Preaching* Confessions Compline followed by Benediction

*SCRIPTURAL PREACHING THEMES

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