

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

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February 12, 2023 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come Join Our Parish - All Are Welcome

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.

SIGN-UP FOR 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*.

CONFESSION TIMES AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

Evening confessions at St. Vincent Ferrer will now be heard every day of the week beginning at 5:15 pm. All other times will remain as before.

ARCHDIOCESAN PETER PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend is the Peter Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the works of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information visit *obolodisanpietro.va/en.html*

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP AT ST. VINCENT FERRER

This Sunday, February 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 the friars; fellowship will follow. To stay updated, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Si bona suscepimus* by Cristóbal de Morales; *Exaltabo te, Domine* by Andreas Hakenberger; and *Emendemus in melius* by Andrae Gabrieli.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a 10 AM School Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer and a 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

The Wednesday evening Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer will take place as usual following the 6 PM Solemn Mass, but there will be no preaching this week during the Holy Hour.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning **February 24**, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses: 5:15 PM St. Catherine of Siena and 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

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

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 5:20-6 рм Wednesday: 7:15-8 рм Saturday: 5-6 рм Sunday: 7:45-8 ам, 9:15-9:30 ам, 11:30 ам-12 NOON, 5:30-6 рм

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Masses 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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays: 7:25 AM: MATINS AND LAUDS 5:25 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS Wednesday: 6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 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 Weekdays: 4:50 PM: ROSARY Thursday: 5:25 PM: ROSARY

5:45 pm: Eucharistic Adoration Sunday: 3 pm: Eucharistic Adoration

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St. Catherine of Siena 411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065 *Office Hours:* Monday–Friday: 10 ам–3 рм

PARISH STAFF

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PRESIDENT'S DAY

In observance of President's Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, February 20,** but the Parish will offer regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule.

New Parish Men's Group

The newly formed men's group will be meeting on the first Saturday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Parish Center. (Enter through the street level red door on Lexington Avenue.) We'll have prayer, a reflection by one of the priests, and fellowship. Email Fr. Francis Belanger with questions, *vicarscs@svsc.info*. The next meeting is March 4. Please join us!

PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Our parish coffee hours are held at St. Vincent Ferrer after the 12 NOON Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome!

To continue our successful coffee hours, we are in need of additional volunteers for February and March. Can you help one time, once a month, or even more if your schedule allows? If you can help, please reach out to *coffee@svsc.info* with any questions. Thank you for considering serving the parish in this way.

Mystagogy: Catholicism from Soup to Nuts

On Mondays until Lent, at 7 PM, in St. Vincent's Parish Center, we will have adult faith formation. The word "mystagogy" literally refers to the last stage of faith formation for converts. But, in another way, it is the lifelong process by which fully initiated Catholics re-discover the faith and delve more deeply into the call of Christian discipleship. Feel like you missed some of the basic teachings? Aren't sure how to respond when your non-Catholic friends ask about your beliefs? Want to go past a high school understanding of your faith? *This is for you!*

Parish Study "Lord, Give Me This Water" What it Means to be a Baptized Christian

Our Lenten Parish Study will begin **February 28**, at 6:45 PM in St. Vincent Ferrer Lower Church. The Sunday Readings in Lent this year are meant to teach us about the meaning of Baptism. We will take the opportunity to reflect on why the Church of old has seen three passages from John's

Gospel — the Samaritan woman, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus — to be about Christian initiation. These, as well as the other Lenten Gospels, reveal to us the implications of baptism in our private, ecclesial, and social lives.

Join us on Tuesdays for this 5 week study. Please visit our website to register.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Sunday next before Lent, the Schola will sing two motets of the Spanish Renaissance. Cristóbal de Morales, the first internationally recognized Spanish composer, is considered the most influential composer between Josquin and Palestrina. Born in Seville, he held many positions throughout his life in both Spain and in Rome (singing in the Papal choir between 1535 and 1545). He wrote numerous settings of the Mass, 22 of which survive, over 100 motets, 5 settings of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, and 18 settings of the Magnificat.

There are four Marian antiphons sung across the year; the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* is sung from Advent until Candlemas. The *Ave Regina caelorum* is sung from Candlemas through Holy Week.

> *Ave Regina á 5* – Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611) *O sacrum convivium* – Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)

MASS INTENTIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:00 PM (Vigil) Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Chloe Sofia Libreros (D)
12 NOON Fausto Rodriguez (D)
6:00 PM Anne Marie McCullagh (L) & Living and Deceased Members of the McCullagh Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 AM Fr. William C. Cunningham, s.j. (D) 12:10 рм Jeanne Gorski (D) 6:00 рм Francis Goss

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 ам Lucille McGrath (D)
12:10 рм Annarose Panebianco-Cecere (D)
6:00 рм Jane Sellner (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish and the Order12:10 PM Jerry Byritter (D)6:00 PM Victoria Osejo Special Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Mark Flesaer (D) 12:10 PM Katherine S. Meehan (D) 6:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory 12:10 рм Mary Ellen Rustum (D) 6:00 рм Nancy & Luke Foye, Sr. (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Brandon Kuchta & Daniela Garza 6:00 рм Dorothy Bergeron (D)

Mass Intentions St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

4:00 рм (Vigil) Rosa Olga Terisa Litrenta (D) 10:00 ам Fidela Calderon Suarez (D) 5:00 рм Catalina Asuncion (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 амFor the Province of St.Joseph5:15 РМFr. Joseph P. Allen, о.р.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 7:00 ам Thomas J. Fahey (D) 5:15 рм Renato S. Ventigan (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 ам For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude 5:15 рм Giuseppe Cichi (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:00 ам Helen Fahey (D) 5:15 рм David Johnson (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Teodola & Miguel Lucido (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 AM Sheila & Mike Maloney 4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Oettinger & Living and Deceased Members of the Oettinger Family

HOSPITAL MINISTRY 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.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, August Arace, Maggie Heath, Gaye Hooks, Jeremy Kyser, Robert T. Quackenbush, Giovanni Rampone, Bruce Trousdell and Amelia Weitzman

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Jane D'Agostino, William Breen, Eufemia Flores, Walter A. Jasinskas, Thomas Lilburn, Domnica Nemtanu, Jim Reid, Catherine Reyes, James Reyes, Annette Simon, and the souls of all the recently deceased.

CANDLE INTENTIONS St. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Ronald Wilson (D); Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Stefani Diaz; Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention; and the People of the Parish.

Sanctuary Madonna Klajdi Plasari

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Jack Ryan Keegan

St. Joseph's Altar Peace in Ukraine

CANDLE INTENTIONS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Purgatorial Altar Candle

Renato S. Ventigan (D); Rosa J. Silan (D) Marie E. Litrenta (D) Olga Rose Litrenta (D) Pedro Litrenta, Sr. (D) 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 of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM. UCHARISTIC REVIVAL



History of Active Participation, Part IV

In addition to Vatican II's comment on "fully conscious, and active participation" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 14), the Council also stated: "To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs, as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 30).

This idea is built on something that Pope Ven. Pius XII had already described in *Mediator Dei*: "The worship rendered by the Church to God must be, in its entirety, interior as well as exterior. It is exterior because the nature of man as a composite of body and soul requires it to be so" (Mediator Dei, 23; see also Sacrosanctum Concilium, 19). Here, Pius XII grounds this wholistic approach to worship on the reality that we are composites of body and soul, a truth that is given new meaning in light of the Son of God's taking on a human body. Because of the Incarnation, Christ sanctifies all aspects of human life, and so the body itself is able to enter into the divine worship in a newly grace-filled way. On top of this, Pius XII pointed out that the exterior actions of the body should be seen as flowing from the interior actions, which are of chief importance (Mediator Dei, 24).

This seems to be the best context for understanding how the body should be used during the Mass and what should be at the heart of the "acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs, ... actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes" of which Vatican II spoke. All of our actions-standing, sitting, kneeling, processing, striking our breast during the *Confiteor*, etc.—should flow from our interior life. Kneeling should reflect a state of humility, sitting should reflect a receptivity to God, singing and speaking should reflect a desire to publicly profess what has interiorly welled up in our hearts, processing should reflect a sense of moving from this life to the next, and so forth. In other words, all that we do physically should be united to an interior state where we gaze upon the Lord in loving adoration and with receptivity to His providence and His grace.

This is most important when it comes to receiving Holy Communion, which Vatican II described as "that more perfect form of participation in the Mass" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 55). In approaching the minister for Holy Communion, whether on the tongue or in the hand, we should come with an attitude of receptivity. Both our external reception and our response of "Amen" should exteriorly manifest what is going on in our hearts, namely that we desire to receive from the goodness of God and to entrust ourselves to His loving care.

May we be given the graces to participate in the Mass worthily and reverently, with bodily actions that reveal a deep, interior union with the Lord so that the whole of our lives truly can be an "Amen" to the Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.



February 18

Saturday Midday Retreat with the Mystics:

Hesychasts and the Jesus Prayer



UPPER GARDEN PRAYER NIGHT

7:30pm on the Friday before the 3rd Saturday of each month

> St. Catherine of Siena Church 411 East 68th St.

On **Saturday, February 18**, 12 NOON to 3 PM, in St. Catherine of Siena Church, we'll continue our Midday Retreat with the Mystics, focusing on the Hesychasts and the Jesus Prayer, with their quest to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17).

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P., will give a conference talk, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided meditations from writings from key figures among the Hesychasts, including John Climacus (6th-7th century), Symeon the New Theologian (949–1022), the anonymous Russian layman of The Way of the Pilgrim (19th century), and Lev Gillet (1893-1980). A small social gathering will follow upstairs in St. Dominic Hall, along with the opportunity to be anointed with St. Elisabeth of the Trinity oil.

For more information, including the list of mystics for 2023, see News & Events at *www. uppergarden.org/*

Join us for a monthly prayer gathering at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Friday, January 20 at 7:30 PM (the Friday before the 3rd Saturday of each month). It will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, songs of praise, spontaneous prayer, sacred silence, Scripture reading, deep listening, brief preaching and an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Oil and also prayed over as you present your particular needs of mind, body, and spirit.

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P. will lead the gathering as we open ourselves to what the Holy Spirit wants to do among us.

Seekers are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. Come, as we open the garden of our hearts to the Lord's personal touch and loving care!

For more details, see *www.uppergarden.org* and click on the "News and Events" tab.



Parish Men's Retreat

Peter, Paul, and Mary: What Two Apostles and the Mother of Jesus Can Teach about Being a Christian Man

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9AM-12:30PM ST. VINCENT FERRER LOWER CHURCH

St. Peter suffered from misplaced confidence but arrived at humility and courage. St. Paul clung tenaciously to an ideology of force until Christ knocked him down, and he discovered the power of the Cross. The Blessed Mother teaches us tenderness of heart. These heavenly companions guide us to Christ amidst all the aspects of our life — family, work and society.

To register, go to <u>svsc.info/news</u> or scan the QR code below. There is no charge, but free will offerings are accepted to help cover the cost of food.

Photo: "St Peter and St Paul," mosaic, St. Peter's Square, Vatican City, photo by Fr. Lawerence Lew, O.P.



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Parish Women's Retreat



A Tale of Two Mary's: What St. Mary Magdalene and the Mother of Jesus Can Teach about Being a Christian Woman

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 9:30AM-12:45PM ST. VINCENT FERRER LOWER CHURCH

St. Mary Magdalene lived far from the Lord, but returned to Him through the power of His grace and His love. The Blessed Mother lived with perfect purity of heart but still need the pains and sufferings of the world. These heavenly companions guide us to Christ amidst all the aspects of our life — family, work and society.

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Photo: "Entombment of Christ," Bl. Fra Angelico, 1436, San Marco, Florence.



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