



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

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February 14, 2021 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

PRESIDENTS' DAY—PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Presidents' Day, the Parish offices will be closed Monday, February 15. There will be regular weekday Mass and confession schedules.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, February 15 at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. The Parish's Solemn Mass with the Schola Cantorum will be at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

St. Vincent Ferrer:

8 AM Low Mass
12:10 PM Sung Mass
6 PM Solemn Mass

St. Catherine of Siena:

7 AM Low Mass
1 PM Low Mass
5:15 PM Low Mass

Ashes will be imposed *in-between* all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

St. Vincent Ferrer:

8:45 AM—12 NOON
1 PM—5 PM
After the 6 PM Mass

St. Catherine of Siena

7:30 AM—12:45 PM
1:45 PM—5 PM
After the 5:15 PM Mass

The Wednesday evening Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer will take place as usual following the 6 PM Solemn Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses: 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 5:15 PM St. Catherine of Siena.

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

PARISH OFFICE

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St. Vincent Ferrer

869 Lexington Ave, NY, NY 10065

Office Hours: Monday–Friday:

9 AM–1 PM and 2 PM–4 PM

St. Catherine of Siena

411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065

Office Hours: Monday–Friday:

10 AM–3 PM

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SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT

Every Sunday during Lent, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer following the 12 NOON Solemn Mass, with:

3 PM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4 PM – Preaching

4:15 PM – Organ Recital by James Wetzel

5 PM – Benediction

These Sunday afternoon events will also be livestreamed. There will also be Adoration from 3–5 PM on Sundays at St. Catherine of Siena as usual

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.

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."

HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED

During Lent, and especially during this most difficult time in our country, the Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a FOOD DRIVE in our parish for the New York Common Pantry. The specific food items to be collected are those the Pantry runs low on at this time of year and are most needed and requested.

The New York Common Pantry has requested our help in collecting: *canned or dry beans, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna, salmon, and chicken, grains, peanut butter, shelf stable milk, and sugar free cereals.*

Our drive will last 4 weeks beginning this weekend and ending on Laetare Sunday, March 14.

There are bins for your donations at the back of both Churches.

Thank you from the Social Concerns Committee.

MUSIC NOTES

The penitential season of Lent (from the Old English meaning 'spring' and also known as *Quadragesima* in Latin, meaning 'fortieth') begins on Ash Wednesday. In Lent, violet vestments are worn. The *Gloria* is omitted except on feastsdays and the *Alleluia* is replaced with the Tract. According to the *General Instructions of the Roman Missal*, the document governing the celebration of the Ordinary Form of the Mass, the organ is to be used only "to give necessary support to the singing," so organ voluntaries are omitted except on Laetare Sunday. As always in privileged seasons (Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Eastertide), the Schola will sing a polyphonic setting of the Mass Ordinary at the Solemn Mass.

Next week, for the First Sunday of Lent, the Litany of Saints will be sung and the Rite of Election will be offered at the 12 NOON Solemn Mass. The Schola will sing music of the Spanish Renaissance.

Missa Tristezas me matan – Cristóbal de Morales (c. 1500-1553)

Ductus est Jesus – Si filius Dei es á 5 – Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6:00 PM (Vigil) Lawrence Alkin (D)
8:00 AM Lucille McGrath (D)
9:30 AM Jane Sellner (D)
12 NOON For the People of the Parish
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Monta Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Kathleen S. Meehan (D)
6:00 PM Teresa McGovern (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
8:00 AM Carole Premone (D)
12:10 PM Arthur & Rosegean
Bulong
6:00 PM George Conor (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM Angelina Finguerra and
Rose & Andrew Mannella (D)
12:10 PM Veronica Bulong
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A.
Foye Sr. (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Fanny De La Cruz
Medina (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connelly
6:00 PM Paddy & Kathleen
Kisane (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8:00 AM Daniel J. Stigna (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Geraldine
Young (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Victor & Martha
Berrocal (D)
5:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Renato S. Ventigan (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
7:00 AM Helen & Thomas
Fahey (D)
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests
of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Ash Wednesday
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
1:00 PM Positive Relationship
Between the Police and Our
Community
5:15 PM Miguel & Teodola
Lucido (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7:00 AM Patrick Curran (D)
5:15 PM Giuseppe Cichi (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Irene Mitchell (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
9:00 AM Stanley Nadel (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) Mary Lynch (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

August Arace, Roseann Connelly,
Andrew Fraser, Maggie Heath,
David Ruck Keene, Thomas Linson,
Rosie Mann, Maurice A. Murphy,
David Olivier, Adolfo Sardina, Blair
Scribner, and Gary West.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Samantha Bing, Rory Boyle,
Maria Coutinho, Sue Crissy,
Francisca Garcia, Kathy Mendlinger,
Matthew Martinez, Marie O'Brien,
Juan de Jesus Piraquive, Rosa Sabio,
Lucille Witty 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
Marge English (D); Nora Griffin (D)
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L)
Special Intention; Intention of
Donor; Souls in Purgatory; The
People of the Parish.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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.*

MAKING AN INTENTION

I find that when I face a challenge, I do better if I sit myself down with the situation and resolve to receive it in faith, to accept that God is allowing this event. Lent offers such a time of intentional living.

For me, this Lent will be a quest to establish, under grace, that health in myself by which I actually live life, rather than just respond to it. Christian virtue seeks this well-being as wherewithal for a lively and steady walk to God. Often the pursuit of temperance launches people on the quest for soundness of life. Temperance consists in the happy, measured enjoyment of life's good things, and tradition reckons these as food, drink, and sex. Thus the temperate person moves comfortably from feast to fast to pot roast on Thursday. Somehow it seems appropriate to apply the logic of temperance to the use of technology. How do I make use of its excellent services, and also calmly decide to put away my devices and do human things like being aware of my companions on the street? How do I embrace the gifts of connectivity, and also, reasonably, make myself unavailable?

We understand Lent as a season of penance, and we grasp that penance is something we do, as when the Confessor assigns us a penance in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But works of penance are themselves intentional and intensified practices of the virtues. In this light, Lenten works are less about appeasing God, or punishing ourselves, than they are about growth. Fasting and almsgiving represent means by which we gain control of life by detaching ourselves from its particulars, such as food, drink, and money. Prayer depends on that degree of control, and in turn teaches us about God's yet greater mastery over reality. Taken together, the Lenten practices teach the self-control necessary not to be in control, and this is one of the lovely paradoxes of the spiritual life.

Hopefully the foregoing will be of some help preparing a plan of penance that is neither rote nor grandiose, but focused on the solidity and joy of spiritual maturity. Please consider the following as parts of a Lenten discipline:

Receive Ashes. On Wednesday, February 17, departing from our usual practice, ashes will be given in-between all Masses. This will allow us to take the extra time needed for proper pandemic safety procedures. Please see page 1 of the bulletin and our website, *svsc.info*, for details. Taking ashes is a public commitment to perform penance. We place before the world the gap between our profession of Christianity and our actual practice of it.

Practice Fast and Abstinence. The days of common fasting, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of common abstinence, the Fridays of Lent, offer us the chance to create an empty space in life for God to fill. By giving up good things we train ourselves to long for better ones.

Make the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent, after the evening Mass in each Church, beginning February 19, we make spiritually this procession of the Passion. (This year the priest will walk alone.) It is an opportunity get out of ourselves to focus on the self-gift of Jesus, by which our ordinary life has become a way to an eternal one.

Practice Silence. We are able to offer lovely and effective periods of silence on our Saturday morning retreats. On Saturday, March 13 we will have our Parish Lenten retreat and mark the anniversary of our Covid lock-down. We will ask the question: "What have we learned from Covid?" Details will follow.

On the Saturday before, March 6, Visitation Circle will host our annual retreat for women. The topic and details will be forthcoming. This retreat has special resonance for me as it was the last parish event we held before the lock-down began in March of 2020.

We hope to live-stream both retreats.

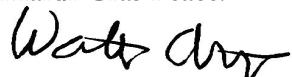
Adore the hand at a Holy Hour. You will also find times of nourishing silence in our weekly Holy Hours following the 6 PM Mass on Wednesdays at St. Vincent Ferrer and the 5:15 PM Mass on Thursdays at St. Catherine of Siena. We also have a very prayerful time of adoration from the 3-5 PM at St. Catherine's each Sunday.

This year we will add a Sunday afternoon experience of adoration, catechesis, and music at St. Vincent Ferrer. Page 2 and our website will have the details.

Observe Sundays and Feasts. The significance of self-denial becomes clear in its mitigation. The Sundays of Lent, and its three great Solemnities: St. Patrick (March 17), St. Joseph (March 19), and the Annunciation (March 25) are to be taken as days of joy on which we "break Lent." These relaxations remind us that our self-denial is not simply an endurance, but a way to live more securely rhythms of a balanced life.

Pray for Those in Formation for the Sacraments. The growth of nature will be matched in our midst by the spiritual growth of those who will be Baptized, make First Communion, be received into the church, and be Confirmed as adults. Please pray for all of them, and for all those who are accompanying them as catechists and sponsors. The contribution of the work of initiation to the vitality of the whole parish cannot be overstated.

Mardi Gras Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

February 14–20, 2021

The Holy Father's prayer intention for February

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

February 14

The Sixth Sunday of the Year

- On this Valentine's Day pray for those who are in love, and in a special way pray for married couples that they may persevere in their wondrous and challenging vocation especially in these challenging times.

February 15

Presidents' Day

- Pray for our President in his singular task of governance.
- Pray for our former Presidents, that they may ponder their experience of the office and share their insights for the common good.

Wednesday, 17

Ash Wednesday (The Beginning of Lent)

- Pray for all who receive ashes today and undertake penance. May they persevere in their endeavors and find that penance yields a harvest of peace and joy.
- Pray that the Lord will use the experience of receiving ashes to invite inactive Catholics to resume the practice of the Faith.
- Pray for our catechumens and candidates for communion that the weeks ahead may bring a real growth in faith, hope, and love.
- Each day of Lent has its own set of antiphons. The Entrance Antiphon of the Mass offers a wonderful perspective on the whole worship of the day. Week of Grace will focus on these for the season since during these weeks there are few feasts. As you read these and pray with them each day, take note of the way humility and confidence set the tone for the season.
- Entrance Antiphon for Ash Wednesday: *"You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God."*

February 18

The Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- *"When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord and he will support you."*

February 19

The Friday after Ash Wednesday

- *"The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper."*
- Today we begin the Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross after the evening Mass in each church. Pray that this beautiful time of shared prayer in procession may give new perspective on the mystery of our Redemption, and upon the whole Christian life centered around it.

February 20

The Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- *"Answer us, Lord, for your mercy is kind; in the abundance of your mercies, look upon us."*

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

We ended with an extra page of space so I include a delightful hymn often used on the Sunday before Lent.
May it inform and leaven our preparations. Peace! Fr. Walter

1. Alleluia, song of gladness,
Voice of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem
Ever raised by choirs on high;
In the house of God abiding
Thus they sing eternally.

2. Alleluia, thou resoundest,
True Jerusalem and free;
Alleluia, joyful mother,
All thy children sing with thee,
But by Babylon's sad waters
Mourning exiles now are we.

3. Alleluia cannot always
Be our song while here below;
Alleluia, our transgressions
Make us for a while for-go;
For the solemn time is coming
When our tears for sin must flow.

4. Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee,
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
At the last to keep Thine Easter
With Thy faithful saints on high;
There to Thee for ever singing
Alleluia joyfully.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the Current Discipline:

Laws of Days of Abstinence:

For all aged 14 and older, obligatory abstention from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

Laws of Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Laws of Days of Fast:

For all aged 18 to 59, inclusive, one full meal permitted and two other meals, which, when combined, are less than a full meal, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of the Eucharistic Fast:

Complete fast from all food and drink (excluding water and medicine) for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. This applies throughout the year.

LENTEN LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES

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As the Church strips herself of festal trimming entering into the spiritual desert, her faithful are likewise called to a heightened order of penitence, fasting, abstinence, and almsgiving. Making a good confession, attending daily Mass, and praying the Office, Stations, and Rosary are all worthy resolutions.

FOOD DRIVE

FEBRUARY 13 THROUGH MARCH 14



MOST WANTED ITEMS

DONATE TO SUPPORT WELLBEING

SHELF-STABLE ITEMS

1 CANNED OR DRY BEANS
15oz or 1LB PLANT-BASED PROTEIN



2 CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
VEGETABLES- LOW SODIUM, NO SALT
FRUIT - IN ITS OWN JUICE



3 CANNED TUNA, SALMON,
OR CHICKEN
PACKED IN WATER



4 GRAINS
BROWN OR WHITE RICE, PASTAS, BARLEY, QUINOA



5 PEANUT BUTTER
NATURAL WITH ONLY
PEANUTS AND OILS IN
INGREDIENT LISTS



6 SHELF-STABLE MILK
LOW-FAT MILK, ALMOND, NUT
OR OAT MILKS



7 SUGAR-FREE
HOT & COLD CEREALS
OATS, CORN FLAKES, FARINA,
OR GRITS



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Thank You from the Social Concerns Committee