



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

February 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent



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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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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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

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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.

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** 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

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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, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Frank Maillano, Judy McLennan, Eithne Moloney, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Virginia Riviera, Carmen Santiago, Helen Skoratowicz, Edward Williams, and Susan Williams.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Ryan and Jen Ambrosio, Alice Fleming, Mary Fordiani, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Matthew Martinez, Jeanette McCloskey-Moore, Philomena McGovern, John J. Nash, Bishop Lawrence Nicasio, Emanuel Orjugo, Kipling Parke, Robert J. Quackenbush, Eddie Reyes, Carolina Sumilang, Lucille Witty, 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



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We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Visit **svsc.info/join-our-parish**, or stop by the Parish office to register as a parishioner.

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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6 PM (Vigil) Anne Marie & Dolores
McCullagh and Family Members (L&D)
8 AM Thomas Parsons (D)
9:30 AM Michael James Killackey (D)
12 NOON Lunetta Family
6 PM Marie Teresa Morosetti (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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 Mary Lee Hartzell (D)
6 PM Francesco Rapanotti (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8 AM Frank & Sue Mrnik & Family
12:10 PM In Thanksgiving
6 PM Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8 AM Veronica Januskewicz (D)
12:10 PM Mary Meade(D)
6 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8 AM For the Members of the St. John
Paul II Society
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6 PM Florencia & Brendan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8 AM Silvino Oculam (D)
12:10 PM Charles H. Drew (D)
6 PM Cesare Bigolin (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8 AM Rene Concepcion (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4 PM (Vigil) Teodola & Miguel Lucido (D)
10 AM For the People of the Parish
5 PM Living & Deceased Parish Priests

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7 AM Vincent S. La Spina (D)
5:15 PM Walter Johnson (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7 AM Roger V. & James P. Allen III (D)
5:15 PM Martha O'Leary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of
St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Romoe & Carola Spani (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9 AM Maria Macadaeg (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Salome Coronado; Elizabeth Donnelly (D);
Agnes Donoghue (D); People of the Parish;
Special Intention; and Souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Peace in the World

Holy Name Candle

Special Intention

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

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

St. Lorenzo Ruiz,

Infant Jesus of Prague

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.

The Religious Life of St. Thomas, Part 2

A GIVING HEART

During the celebration of Mass on St. Nicholas Day in 1273, only a few months before St. Thomas's death, he went into ecstasy. After this, he ceased his normal routine of dictating to Br. Reginald, his scribe. Confused by the new pattern, Br. Reginald asked what happened, to which St. Thomas replied, "All that I have written seems like straw to me." As a result, Aquinas never finished his monumental work, the *Summa Theologiae*.

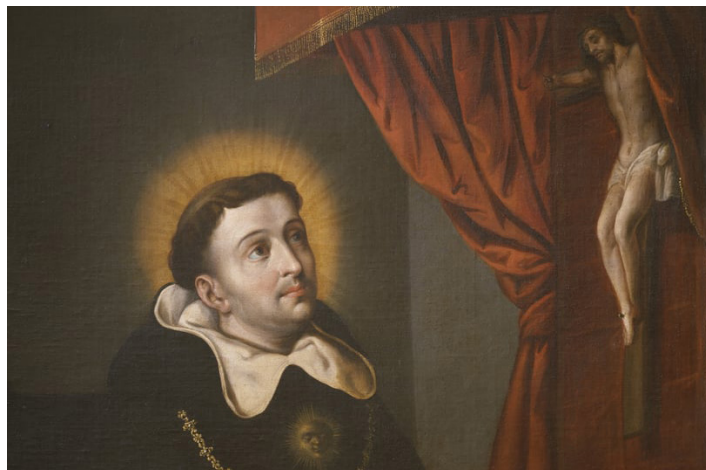
From the time that he escaped his imprisonment from his family's castle to this point in his life, St. Thomas had been prolific in his academic work. In fact, much of his religious life consisted of being assigned to a priory to undertake some special intellectual task. He had been assigned to Cologne, Paris, Naples, Orvieto, Rome, and then to both Paris and Naples again. He had written everything from works to settle controversies over the validity of the mendicant religious orders (i.e. could the mendicant orders like the Franciscans and Dominicans legitimately exist in the Church), Averroism, and the eternity of the world; to the liturgical texts for the new feast of Corpus Christi; to a new guidebook for seminarians, i.e. the *Summa Theologiae*; to designing an entire curriculum for academic formation for religious.

This all seemed to fulfill St. Albert the Great's comment about Aquinas. During their time together in Cologne, some students were making fun of how quiet Thomas was. Albert said in reply, "You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world." It is so apparent, even from this brief overview, that the majority of Aquinas's life was for the service of the Church and the Dominican Order. He was always giving, and we have been receiving ever since.

At the end of his life, though, this abundant and generous output just stopped on a dime. While it's not known exactly what happened during that ecstasy, it is often assumed that St. Thomas had a vision of heaven and so couldn't bear to write anything more, for it would only be like straw before the reality of the perfections of heaven.

A HEART FOR HEAVEN

In this, St. Thomas offers a most beautiful example for Christian



"Saint Thomas Aquinas," Antonio Rodriguez, 17th century, National Museum of Art, Mexico City, Mexico

living. At various points in our lives, the Lord might call us to serve Him in different ways. We might be teachers; have public service jobs; or work as doctors, lawyers, financiers, waiters, secretaries, consultants, and everything in between. Even at different points in life, the Lord might lead us from one area to another. There are periods where we are clearly called to serve Him and His people.

At some point, things can change, and that's when the heart of the matter can come to the fore. No matter what sort of vocational work we carry out, what is at the center of our hearts? Is it us, or is it God? St. Thomas's life is an example that leads to an invitation: how much do we search for heaven? Even in the midst of his incredibly generous work that is still affecting millions today, when the Lord showed Him something even deeper and more real and when the Lord revealed Himself to Thomas in a most particularly way, even a saint like Thomas changed his focus and followed God, and God alone. He simply wanted to sit before the reality of what He saw and bask in the light of the eternal Son of God.

How beautiful and how challenging! Yet, it is possible for the Lord to always be at the center of our lives and the center of our hearts. And when He rests there, then we too can rest in Him with the pledge of His future glory, dwelling deep within our soul.

In Christ and through St. Thomas's intercession,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent after the 12 Noon Mass. In addition, St. Catherine will have their monthly coffee hour following the 10 AM Mass today, February 18. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

President's Day

In observance of President's Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, but the Parish will offer a regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6:45 PM

Parish Study: Aquinas and Christian Living

In this Double Jubilee of St. Thomas Aquinas, join us on Tuesdays from February 20 to March 12 at 6:45 PM in St. Vincent's Lower Church for a Parish Study on "Aquinas and Christian Living." The Angelic Doctor's perennial wisdom and profound insights can help us more deeply understand what it means to live in a redeemed, sacramental, moral, and prayerful way. In other words, he can still guide us to live an authentically Christian life.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6 PM

Chair of St. Peter

For the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (*Cathedra Petri*), celebrating the papacy and St. Peter as the first Bishop of Rome, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's.

The chair itself, a wooden throne that tradition claims the Apostle used as Bishop of Rome, is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica and which was enclosed in a gilt bronze casing by Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598-1680). Pope Benedict XVI described the Chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6:15 PM

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 6:15 PM in St. Catherine's. Those who suffer cancer are invited to join a Catholic community of support in carrying this cross. Please email Fr. Hyacinth at director@healthcareministry.org to RSVP and to join the group.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH MONDAY, MARCH 18

Help Those in Need

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a Food Drive in our Parish for the New York Common Pantry. Our annual Lenten Food Drive runs from Saturday, February 24 through Monday, March 18. This is a great form of Lenten Almsgiving. 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. These are the food items to be collected in both churches:

- Canned or dried beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned tuna, salmon, and chicken
- Brown and white rice
- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Shelf stable milk
- Sugar free cereals

There will be bins for your donations at the back of both Churches. Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the Current Discipline:

Laws of Days of Abstinence:

For all aged 14 and older, obligatory abstinence 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.

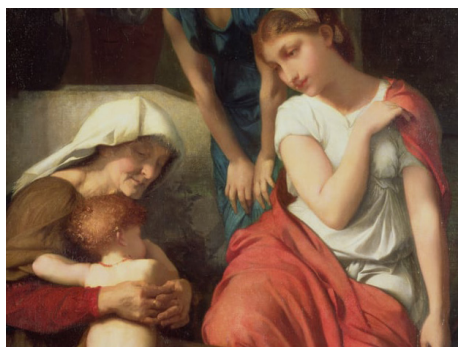
FRIDAY'S DURING LENT**Stations of the Cross**

Beginning February 16, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses: 5:15 PM at St. Catherine's and 6 PM at St. Vincent's.

We will be using the *The Way of the Cross* booklet published by Magnificat. Copies will be available in both Churches while supplies last. We are asking for a \$2 donation to cover the cost of the book.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 9 AM**Men's Lenten Retreat: Strong and Free - Be Trained by St. Joseph**

Join us for a Lenten Day of Recollection for Men on Saturday, February 24 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Our Lord presents us with guides, trainers, coaches, leaders in our battle with evil and our struggle to grow in virtue. Chief among these holy guardians is St. Joseph, the man given the role of father for the Savior of the World. With his guidance, we can find the grace to grow in strength, in virtue, in self-possession, all for the sake of freely handing our lives over to the God. There will be talks by Fr. Jonah Teller, O.P., Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, discussion, and fellowship. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There will be a \$20 charge to cover the cost of food. Scan the QR code below to register and pay or visit our website at svsc.info/news for additional information and to register.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 9:30 AM****Women's Lenten Retreat: Blessed Relationships - Ruth and Naomi's Guide to Interpersonal Living**

Join us for a Lenten Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 2 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM to reflect on how Ruth and Naomi experienced great healing and found meaning through their relationships with one another and the Lord. Through their example, women of all generations can find healing and growth through the Christian life. There is no charge but a free will offering is asked to cover the cost of breakfast. Scan the QR code below to register or visit our website at svsc.info/news for additional information and to register.

**MUSIC NOTES****For This Sunday**

Missa Paradisi portas

Angelis suis mandavit

– Manuel Cardoso (1566-1650)

Ductus est Jesus – Si filius Dei es á 4

– Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

The 'Propers' of the Mass are the scriptural texts that change daily according to the liturgical calendar and include the five Minor Propers, namely, the Officium (Introit), Gradual, Alleluia or Tract, Offertory, and Communion. The texts of these Propers are usually excerpts from the Psalter, and these for the First Sunday of Lent are unique as they are all taken from the same psalm: 90 (91). Lent 1's are also unusual because the Offertory and Communion Antiphons set the exact same text, although the chant melodies are different.

For Sunday, February 25, 12 Noon

Missa Locutus sum

Quicumque Christum quaeritis

Pater noster (1565)

– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

PARISH ROSTER UPDATES**Updating Your Parish Record**

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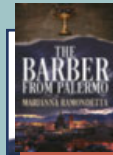
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