



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

February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent



"Transfiguration," Raphael, 1516-1520, Pinoteca Vaticana, Rome

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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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.

BAPTISM

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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. 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, Catherine Canty, 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 Skorutowicz, 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.

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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 25

6 PM (Vigil) Geraldine Young (D)
8 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Donna Landau Hardiman (D)
12 NOON Michela Presciutti
6 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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 Thierry De Ganay (D)
6 PM Fr. Albert Paretsky, O.P.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8 AM Adolfo Sardina (D)
12:10 PM Kathleen Hazelwood (D)
6 PM Anna & Philip Donohoe (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8 AM Deborah Decker (D)
12:10 PM Stewart Ryan
6 PM Holiness in all Vocations

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8 AM Carmin D. Collazo (D)
12:10 PM Joseph So (D)
6 PM Francis & Richard Reynolds and Edmund Lukas (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8 AM Virginia Frances Guadarrama & Rosa Maria Guadarrama (D)
12:10 PM Elaine Arace
6 PM Debby Vencleef

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8 AM Bernardity Daty

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4 PM (Vigil) Mr. & Mrs Oettinger & Family (L&D)
10 AM Cipriano Ruiz (D)
5 PM Catherine O'Connor (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Stanley Nadel (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7 AM James P. Allen III (D)
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for God's Love & Mercy

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7 AM St. Philomena, Spiritual Guidance of Priests
5:15 PM Christine Tablang

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9 AM Special Intention

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Six Sanctuary Lamps in honor of Donna Landau Hardiman (D)

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Peace in the World

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 Intellectual Life of St. Thomas

A SAPIENTIAL VIEW

At one point in St. Thomas's life, he was invited to the court of St. Louis IX, the King of France. As the legend has it, as he was entering Paris, someone was speaking of all the splendor of the great city, to which Aquinas reportedly replied, "I would rather have that [St. John] Chrysostom manuscript. I can't get hold of." Soon after, he then arrived at the court of the saintly king and was invited to the table. Again, as the legend has it, during the meal, St. Thomas, oblivious to all that was happening around him, slammed his fist on the table and definitively stated, "And that will settle the Manichees." Even though he wasn't the best house guest, the king was a saint and instructed his scribes to immediately write down what Thomas would dictate to them.

In both of these pericopes, we can see Aquinas's mind was always in the world of truth. He sought it more than manmade glory and more than the greatest hospitality. Not just in these moments, but throughout the whole of his life, he sought to find truth in all things. While it is well known that his teacher St. Albert the Great wrote on philosophy, theology, botany, zoology, and a host of other topics, Aquinas only wrote on philosophy and theology, but what he gave us has guided the Church for centuries and made its way into the liturgy, ecumenical councils, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and the minds and hearts of believers since his day. The search for truth guided everything for him.

This wasn't just for any sort of truthful thing, though. Rather, it was the search for truth itself. In this, he ultimately sought how the one truth could be understood in a variety of ways. Philosophy led to truth; theology led to truth; and the various subjects like biology, mathematics, music, chemistry, and politics led to truth (that is when done correctly). Ultimately there is one truth, and all subjects should lead to that one truth.

In this, we see a sapiential vision for truth. All the elements and parts of it fit into something larger. They all reveal the deeper reality of Truth itself, but they do so in different lights and with different hues. In this way, the kaleidoscope of truth no longer needs to be refracted but can be caught up in the pure with light of reality and shine on the one Truth, God Himself.

A SERVANT'S VIEW

St. Thomas's search for wasn't for some vainglory on his part. It



"St. Thomas Aquinas, Fountain of Wisdom," Nicolas Antoine, 1648, Notre Dame, Paris

wasn't to perpetuate his teachings because they were *his*, but rather because they were God's. Above all else, he was a servant of the truth who sought to share that Truth with anyone who would heed his words. There are even stories of times when St. Thomas would struggle to understand some theological question. It was said that when this happened, he would go to the chapel, rest his head against the tabernacle, and ask for clarity on the question. Sometimes the Lord would provide.

This should, in turn, give us some encouragement. We too are invited to be servants of the Truth, rather than ones who master it. We too are called to search through all fields of knowledge and see how the different aspects of truth that they highlight can be illuminated and clarified by what is true and comes from the Lord. We too are called to search for the Truth, to study it, to pray over it, even to proverbially lay our heads against the tabernacle (no need to do this last thing in actual fact, just proverbially) so that we may seek and find what is true, good, and beautiful.

St. Thomas's intellectual legacy is one that is not only solidified by the *Summa Theologiae* but also by his approach to searching truth: bits and pieces of it could be found everywhere, but they all pointed to one thing, to one person, very Truth itself.

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's after the 12 Noon Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Lenten Food Drive

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 Tuesday, March 19. 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:

- 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.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 this, we'll see that he can still guide us to live an authentically Christian life.

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 10:30 AM

Men's Group Monthly Meeting

On Saturday, March 2, 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, MARCH 2, 9:30 AM

Women's Lenten Retreat: Blessed Relationships - Ruth and Naomi's Guide to Interpersonal Living

Join us for a Women's Lenten 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 growth in 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.



**THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 7 PM****Dominican Rite Mass for the 750th Anniversary of the Death of St. Thomas Aquinas**

On Thursday, March 7 at 7 PM at St. Vincent's, we will celebrate the 750th Anniversary of the Death of St. Thomas Aquinas with a Solemn Dominican Rite Mass.

Because of the Double Jubilee of the 700th Anniversary of his Canonization last summer and the 750th Anniversary of his Death on this day, the Dominican Order has been granted an indult by the Vatican so that everyone who comes to a Mass in St. Thomas's memory and that is offered at a Dominican church can receive a plenary indulgence (under the normal conditions).

This is a beautiful way to celebrate this once in a lifetime moment, and it can be a beautiful complement to the Lenten Parish Study and the Lenten Holy Hour Preaching that are happening right now too.

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.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8-SUNDAY, MARCH 10
Forty Hours Devotion**

The Parish will offer the Forty Hours Devotion, beginning with Solemn Exposition after the 12:10 PM Mass on Friday, March 8. During this time, we will have various other devotions like a Children's Holy Half Hour, the Frassati Fellowship month Holy Hour, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, preaching, and more. A more complete schedule will come soon.

On Sunday, March 10 at 4 PM, the Schola will offer 30 minutes of choral music featuring Eucharistic texts of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. set to music from across the centuries. Immediately following, at 4:30 PM, Forty Hours will conclude with a Solemn Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.

The practice of offering an extended period of Eucharistic Adoration lasting forty hours dates back at least to the 1520s. It was introduced in the U.S. by St. John Neumann in Philadelphia and quickly spread around the country. 40 is a holy number which occurs throughout salvation history: Noah's days in the ark, the Israelites' years in the desert, the days between Jesus's Nativity and Presentation (Christmastide), His days of fasting in the desert (Lent), and the days between His Resurrection and Ascension (Eastertide).

To sign-up for an adoration slot, scan the QR code below or visit svsc.info/news.

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

Missa Locutus sum

Quicumque Christum quaeritis

Pater noster (1565)

– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

The Gospel of Lent II (Mark 9:2-10 in Year B) is the same as on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up Mount Tabor where they encounter Moses and Elijah, see Jesus transfigured, and hear the voice of God the Father. The Schola will sing a setting of the Office Hymn appointed for Vespers of the Transfiguration: *Quicumque Christum quaeritis (Whosoever seek Christ)*. Lasso uses a common technique for hymns known as *in alternatum*, meaning that verses 1, 3, and 5 are sung to the original chant melody, while verses 2 and 4 are sung to polyphony (in parts).

For Sunday, March 3, 12 Noon

Mean Mass – John Taverner (c. 1490-1545)

Ad te levavi oculos meos – *Miserere nostri*

– Robert White (c. 1538-1574)

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