



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

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February 27, 2022 – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT – MARCH 5

Come join us for a women's retreat to prepare for Lent with the Blessed Mother. We will enter into the "School of Mary," to sit at the feet of the Blessed Mother as she teaches us how to know her Son better and to prepare our hearts for Lent and Holy Week. Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., will lead the Retreat.

The Parish Women's Retreat, sponsored by the Visitation Circle, will be on Saturday, March 5 at St. Vincent Ferrer. The reflection will begin with some light refreshments in the Parish Offices at 9:30 AM and the first reflection at 10 AM. The official program will conclude with the praying of the Rosary and Mass starting at 11:40 AM. For those who would like to come for a light breakfast and or stay for lunch afterward, we ask that you make a freewill offering for the food and are vaccinated.

To register for the Parish Women's Retreat, please visit our parish website, svsc.info, to complete the brief registration or call the **Parish office at 212-744-2080**. Please make your reservations by March 1 so that we can prepare for the appropriate amount of attendees. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH MEN'S RETREAT – MARCH 12

For the first time, we will host a parish Lenten retreat for men. All men seeking Christ are welcome. Together, we will enter the "School of Joseph" to learn from him how to live faithfully as men with Jesus Christ and how to serve others as spiritual fathers. Fr. Joseph Hagan, O.P., will lead the Retreat.

Our retreat will be at St. Vincent Ferrer, beginning with light refreshments at 9:30 AM in the Parish Offices and the first session at 10 AM. The highpoint of the retreat will be the Holy Mass at 12 NOON, followed by lunch. The retreat is free, though we welcome any freewill offering to cover the cost of food.

To register for the Parish Men's Retreat, please visit our parish website, svsc.info, to complete the brief registration or call the **Parish office at 212-744-2080**.

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 PM

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

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

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

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DOMINICAN RITE MASS FOR ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, O.P.

Monday, March 7 is traditional feastday of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P. There will be a Mass in the Dominican Rite at 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Cantate* by John Sheppard.

PARISH STUDY: IMITATING CHRIST

Join us for a Parish Study on how to better imitate Christ. Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. will examine the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and Bl. Columba Marmion on how meditating on Christ's life can lead us to imitate His virtues. ***The conferences will be on Tuesday nights in the Parish Hall at 6:45 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer from March 8 through April 5.***

To register for the Parish Study, please visit our parish website, svsc.info, to complete the brief registration.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the First Sunday of Lent, the Schola will sing a setting of the Ordinary by Manchester-born John Gardner. He studied at Exeter College, Oxford and was music master at Repton School for two years before enlisting in the Royal Air Force in World War II. At the end of the War, Gardner was hired as a repetiteur at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and in 1956 he joined the staff of the Royal Academy of Music. Gardner later followed Gustav Holst and Herbert Howells as director of music of the St. Paul's Girls School, Hammersmith. He also served for a time as the director of music of London's Morley College. For his musical contributions, he was made Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1976 and an Honorary Member of the Royal Philharmonic Society in 1997.

Mass in C, Op. 70 – John Gardner (1917-2011)

Scapulis suis – George Malcolm (1917-1997)

Attende Domine – arr. James D. Wetzel (b. 1987)

HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED

A REQUEST FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Our food drive, which began on February 14, will end on March 6. Please be as generous as you can be and always are. We ask that you join in our effort this coming Lent by donating some select items that the Pantry runs low on at this time of year.

Please select from the foods listed below and drop them off in the bins at the back of either of our churches:

Canned or dry beans; canned fruits and vegetables; canned tuna, salmon and chicken; grains (rice, pastas, barley, quinoa); peanut butter; shelf stable milk; and sugar free hot and cold cereals.

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.

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
6:00 PM (Vigil) Rev. Barnabas Gorski, OFM (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Adolfo Sardina (D)
12 NOON Kristian Serrano (D)
6:00 PM Livia Andreotti (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Andrew Bauman III (D)
6:00 PM Debbie Van Cleff, Manola Green, Lenny Gelin, Jean Edward Gelin, Jackson Lewis, Danielle Gelin, & Edward Gelin

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
8:00 AM Sallie Ann Gattuso (D)
12:10 PM Families in Crisis to Experience Christ's Strength, Healing, & Hope
6:00 PM James Mooney (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
8:00 AM Faustino Eroles (D)
12:10 PM Una & Winifred Reilly (D)
6:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
8:00 AM Shirley Gomez (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly
6:00 PM Kate Carty (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
8:00 AM Francis Goss
12:10 PM Luigi & Marinella Lombardo (D)
6:00 PM Vincent Bartiromo (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget McGovern (D)
6:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
4:00 PM (Vigil) Stanley Nadel (D)
10:00 AM John McCadden (D)
5:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Cesar Bernando (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1
7:00 AM Winifred O'Grady (D)
5:15 PM Poor Souls In Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
1:00 PM Cox, Foster, Nadel, & Synan Families (D)
5:15 PM Tranquilino Madamba (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3
7:00 AM Special Intention
5:15 PM In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, MARCH 4
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Nanetta Ong (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
9:00 AM John & Franziska Koestner (D)
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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, Residents of the Mary Manning Walsh Home, and the Intentions of the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry.

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Roseann Connolly, Arnold Drucker, Milley Frias, Dale Graves, Maggie Heath, Susan Heller, Barbara Decker Lenihan, Luca Lopez, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and Norma Altagracin Torres.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rudolph Bachraty, James Cummings, Noreen Delaney, Francis Lesperance, George Hart, Richard Hawkins, Matthew Martinez, Monica Meade, P.O. Wilbert Mora, P.O. Jason Rivera, Joseph Rondina, Fr. Giuse Tran Ngoc Thanh, o.p., Lucille Witty. and the souls of all the recently deceased.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Dominic Rice; John Kampman; Margaret Williams (D) People of the Parish; Souls in Purgatory; Intention of Donor

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

Renato S. Ventigan (D); Rosa J. Silan (D)

St. Catherine – Rosary Altar

Maria Marta Litrenta; Intention of Donor

St. Catherine – Blessed Mother

Priscilla Ventigan

St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres

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.



LENT

Ash Wednesday

In the Old Testament, ashes were generally a symbolic expression of grief, mourning, or repentance. In the Early Church, the use of ashes had a like signification and with sackcloth formed part of the public penances. The blessing of the ashes is one of the great liturgical rites of the year. It was originally instituted for public penitents, but is now intended for all Christians, as Lent should be a time of penance, contemplation, and renewal for all. The ashes used on this day are obtained by burning palms from Holy Week of the previous year.

Ashes (and the receiving of the ashes) are a sacramental, not a sacrament like Holy Communion. Sacramentals are intended to foster the proper respect and focus due to the sacraments, and so to excite piety and increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart to remit venial sin. And while it is a useful form of evangelization to be marked with ashes as a sign of faith and need for public penance, the passage from St. Matthew's Gospel read on Ash Wednesday instructs that true devotion manifests itself inwardly, in the heart, not outwardly or visibly.

Lenten Liturgical Observances

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 feastdays 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.

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.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Required Days of Abstinence:

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

Required 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.

Required Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and also Fridays outside of Lent. However, when a solemnity falls on a Friday, even during Lent, the abstinence is optional.

Self Denial:

Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

What will your Lenten practices look like this year?

He fled the scene but was caught. The man Carino from Balsamo in Italy was trying to evade the same fate he had given to the Dominican preacher Fr. Peter from Verona. Fr. Peter had been preaching in Milan during Holy Week and Easter Week, and Carino had been hired to assassinate him. Carino had dealt the deathblow and would have received it himself if it had not been for the mayor who had participated in the plot to get rid of Fr. Peter. So Carino fled Milan, and when he got to Forli he collapsed in exhaustion. His crime was unknown there, but the Lord gave him a great grace of conversion. Turning away from his evil deeds, he sought the sacrament of confession. The priest? Bl. James Salomonio, O.P. This conversion and confession led to a profound change in Carino's life, and he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother and spent the rest of his life doing penance for martyring his now-brother St. Peter Martyr. From this beautiful conversion and life well lived, in a story so similar to that of St. Paul and St. Stephen, Carino is now a blessed.

There is something so powerful about conversion stories. They can speak to our hearts and our struggles and aid us in breaking free from a life of sin. They show the power of God's grace, and His desire to lead us to Himself. They make a life of holiness that much more understandable.

Isn't this at the heart of the Christian life? Isn't this what Lent tries to accomplish? When you think about the reasons for our Lenten practices in light of the process of the Christian life of conversion, there needs to be a twofold movement of the heart. First, we need to move away from sin. Second, we need to move toward God. These go hand in hand, and both are necessary as we strive to live the Christian life and as we seek God. After the grace of his conversion, Bl. Carino was able to distance his heart from the place where it had been when he killed St. Peter Martyr. At the same time, God was drawing Carino to Himself, and Carino responded faithfully. He was drawn toward the good.

It is helpful to see Lenten practices, or disciplines, in this way. How do they help bring about this twofold movement of the heart away from sin and toward God? It became kind of vogue in recent years to do something extra during Lent. There's nothing wrong with that, provided it fits into the bigger picture of these two aspects of conversion. What might be an even more excellent plan, though, would to both give something up and also to do something extra. In that way, the giving something up can be a means of turning away from sin, and the doing something extra can be a means of turning toward God. Maybe it's trying to curb our appetite by giving up coffee, ice cream, sweets, or meats? Maybe it's trying to give up the snooze button or social media? In each of these ways and so many more, when our desire to put away bad habits, or more importantly sinful habits, underlies the Lenten practice, then it can bear great fruit to help us avoid sin in the future. Likewise, when we strive to take on something extra like spending more time reading the Bible, praying the Rosary more frequently, or going to daily Mass, the movements of our hearts are directed toward Christ. These two styles of Lenten practices, especially when seen together, are such a profound means to aid us on the path to a converted life. And isn't that what Lent is all about? Lent prepares us for Easter, and when we come to the Easter mysteries with hearts made new, what a blessing that will be.

So as we begin Lent this week, may the Lord give you wisdom to find both those Lenten practices that will lead you away from bad or even sinful habits and also those that will lead you closer and closer to Christ. Conversion is possible, and it's beautiful. The saints, like St. Paul and Bl. Carino, have walked this journey ahead of us, and now they guide us on the path to eternal life.

May this Lent be filled with many graces for you.

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.



*Ash
Wednesday
is March 2*

Wednesday, *March 2 is Ash Wednesday*, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence.

*Ashes will be imposed during
all Masses on Ash Wednesday.*

There will be a *6 PM Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer* for which the Schola Cantorum will sing music of the Iberian Renaissance: *Missa Paradisi portas* by Manuel Cardoso and *Emendemus in melius* and *Inter vestibulum* by Cristóbal de Morales.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be 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.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations *of the Cross* is prayed every Friday during Lent *after* evening Masses

Friday Mass Times:

St. Catherine of Siena – 5:15 PM

St. Vincent Ferrer – 6 PM

We will be using *The Way of the Cross* booklet published by *Magnificat*.
Copies will be available for a free will donation.
It is the same book that we used last year.