



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

February 4, 2024 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



World Day of Consecrated Life : "Our Blessed Nuns," Dominican Nuns' Convent, Rome, photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

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

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St. Vincent Ferrer

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Address	869 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10065	
Office Hours	Mon–Fri, 9 AM–1 PM and 2–4 PM	
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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Address	411 East 68th Street New York, NY 10065	
Office Hours	Mon–Fri, 10 AM–3 PM	
LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS		
Monday,	8 AM	Lauds
Wednesday,	4:45 PM	Rosary
and Friday	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

For information about the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at either St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, visit:

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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, Fr. William Holt, O.P., John A. LaRosa, Matthew Martinez, Jeanette McCloskey-Moore, Philomena McGovern, John J. Nash, Bishop Lawrence Nicasio, Kipling Parke, Robert J. Quackenbush, Carolina Sumilang, Josephine Woodward, 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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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6 PM (Vigil) Elizabeth Regan (D)
8 AM Mary Borg (D)
9:30 AM Serge Duroseau (D)
12 NOON Jack Powers (D)
6 PM Anna & Philip Donohoe (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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 Charles McCragh (D)
6 PM Eugene Colley (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8 AM Helen Elizabeth & Alexander Charles Witkowski (D)
12:10 PM Terrence James Werron (D)
6 PM Christine Anne Slattery McCarthy (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8 AM Anniversary of Deceased Fathers and Mothers of the Members of the Order
12:10 PM Betty Warren (D)
6 PM Julia G. Phillips (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8 AM Thomas Parsons (D)
12:10 PM Mary Garvey (D)
6 PM Paul Pellicci (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8 AM Eugene, Josephine, Raphael, and Francois L. Dossou (D)
12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)
6 PM Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, and Murphy Families (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8 AM Lucy & John P. McGrath (D)
9:30 AM Special Intentions of PHI Circle of Life Members

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

4 PM (Vigil) Nora M. Hickey (D)
10 AM For the People of the Parish
5 PM Ann Kennedy (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Jimmy, Mercy, & Joy Madamba

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7 AM Catalina Asuncion (D)
5:15 PM Cesare & Maria Cichi (D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7 AM Anniversary of Deceased Fathers and Mothers of the Members of the Order
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Avelino Asuncion (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9 AM David Johnson (D)

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.

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
Patricia Mohan (D); Daniel Donoghue (D);
People of the Parish; Intention of Donor;
Special Intention; and Souls in Purgatory.

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

Peace in the World

Holy Name Chapel

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

The Religious Life of St. Thomas, Part 1

A CHASTE HEART

As a nineteen or twenty-year-old, St. Thomas Aquinas had a completely transformational moment. His parents, simultaneously recognizing his intellectual gifts and desiring to have a greater honor to their family name, had sent him to the famous Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino at the age of five, hoping that one day he would become the abbot. As he got older, he went to study in Naples, and there he met the Dominicans. Seeing how these Dominican friars lived out religious life opened the door of his heart, and he became desirous to join the Friars Preachers. His family wasn't pleased, to say the least, and as he was traveling from Naples to Rome, his brothers kidnapped him, locked him in the tower of a family castle, and tried to break his vow of chastity by sending a loose woman to him. God's grace was stronger than their fetters, though, and Thomas drove the woman from his room with a flaming log from the fireplace. As the tradition has it, after that moment, two angels came and girded him with a cincture of purity. From that moment on, Thomas never struggled with chastity again.

A DEDICATED HEART

While some Dominicans might think that my next sentence is bold, I feel confident to stand behind it. That moment was one of the most important in the whole of St. Thomas's life. On the one hand, it did lead to the development of the Angelic Warfare Confraternity and the means of grace that that has been for the life of the Church. On the other hand, and possibly more importantly, it also led to a deep wisdom and intellectual clarity. This is because, as St. Thomas so keenly noted again and again, the temptations of lust affect the mind more powerfully than other sensual temptations. They inhibit the use of reason, which gets preoccupied and overcome by the passions. Yet, for St. Thomas, without his mind being drawn away to the pleasures of the flesh, his use of reason was far more perceptive of the things of heaven. In turn, this led St. Thomas to have an intellectual clarity about the most important things, such as the Eucharist.

This isn't just about intellectual prowess though. This also reveals a heart that can be dedicated to one thing and to one thing only: God Himself. This moment in which Thomas sought to defend his vocation and the purity of his heart actually became the moment



*"Temptation of St. Thomas Aquinas," Diego Velázquez, 1631-1632,
Museo Diocesano de Arte Sacro, Oribuela, Spain*

that cemented his vocation and made his heart adamant in his love for the Lord. In other words, because he went to such great lengths to cultivate the virtue of chastity and because of the depth of God's grace, it became the foundation for living out the vow throughout the whole of his life and having a heart that was entirely dedicated to the Lord. In a sense, then, you could say that this was a pivotal moment for his vocation that catapulted him into the heart of religious life, namely, to offer oneself fully to God.

OUR DEDICATED HEARTS

In two weeks (taking a break for Lent in next week's bulletin), we'll continue to unpack St. Thomas's religious life, especially its culmination. For now, though, it is worth sitting with this pericope. How profound it can be in our own lives! If we desire to grow in purity, then we can turn to St. Thomas. If we desire to grow in our understanding of the truth, then we can turn to St. Thomas. His example and his intercession can be a powerful means to help us break free from both sins of the flesh and sins of the mind.

In the midst of this Double Jubilee, may St. Thomas help us all to grow in purity of heart and purity of mind. For in knowing and loving the Truth, we find salvation.

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

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:30 AM

Final Profession of Vows for Sr. Julia

The Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Springs joyfully announce the Final Profession of Vows of Sr. Julia Balu, O.P. at St. Vincent's. All relatives, friends, parishioners, and students of St. Vincent Ferrer High School are invited to attend.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Almsgiving Sunday

This weekend, the Parish's monthly second collection will be taken-up for H.E.L.P. (Heating, Electricity, Lighting, and Property Management). Donations will also be taken-up after Mass by members of the Social Concerns Committee to support the work of the New York Common Pantry.

You can also contribute on-line using WeShare via our website, svsc.info/ways-to-give, to make your donations.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

PARISH ROSTER UPDATES

Updating Your Parish Record

If you have recently moved or have changed your name due to a recent marriage, notify the Parish Office via email, parish@svsc.info. Please help us to keep our parish roster up to date and accurate.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7 PM

Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

The Mystagogy group, led by Fr. Francis meets in the Lower Church at St. Vincent's. The word "mystagogy" refers to the last stage of faith formation for converts. But, in another way, it is the life-long process by which fully initiated Catholics delve more deeply into their faith.

This year we are reflecting on the history of the Church, with an emphasis on Councils like Nicaea, Ephesus and Trent, all the way down to Vatican II. We'll learn about theology, important events, saints, and sinners. Visit our website, svsc.info/mystagogy for past lectures and additional information. All are most welcome. Bring a friend!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7 PM

New York Purgatorial Society Mass

A sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. All are most welcome.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 10, 12 NOON

World Day of the Sick

For the World Day of the Sick, there will be a Sung Votive Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at 12 NOON at St. Catherine's. The Mass will include a sprinkling with Lourdes Water and a blessing for the sick and for healthcare workers. (The Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes is usually on February 11.) Following the Mass, a light reception will be held in St. Joseph Hall.

Many of our Dominican Friars serve as chaplains in the hospitals surrounding St. Catherine's through the Dominican Healthcare Ministry. Every Thursday, the chaplains sponsor a Holy Hour following the 5:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine's at which we pray for the sick and those who care for them.

As Catholics, it is our duty to pray for the sick: kindness (benignity) is a Fruit of the Holy Spirit which may be expressed by visiting the sick (a Corporal Work of Mercy) and praying for the afflicted (a Spiritual Work). Consider joining us for Mass and Holy Hour or offering a private prayer for those who are sick.





SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 9:30 AM Family Fellowship

Next Sunday, after the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent's, we will have our monthly Family Fellowship. Families gather after Mass for a blessing in the Friars' Chapel and then have time for fellowship and food. We welcome all families to attend. To stay updated, please 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 Peter's Pence Collection

Next Sunday, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. 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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the penitential season 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 *Mass for Five Voices* and *Defecit in dolore* by William Byrd; *In manus tuas* and *O salutaris hostia* by Thomas Tallis; and *Quaesumus omnipotens* by Christopher Tye.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a 10 AM School Mass at St. Vincent's and a 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine's. The Wednesday evening Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer will take place as usual following the 6 PM Solemn Mass. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.



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.

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MUSIC NOTES

For This Sunday

O quam suavis est

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus

– Giovanni Croce (c. 1557-1609)

For Sunday, February 11, 12 Noon

There are four Marian antiphons sung across the year: *Alma Redemptoris Mater* (Advent until Candlemas); *Ave Regina caelorum* (Candlemas until Maundy Thursday); *Regina Caeli* (Easter Sunday until Trinity Eve); *Salve Regina* (Trinity Sunday until Advent). These antiphons are attached to the night office of Compline, the last in the daily round of prayers. In medieval times, at the conclusion of the service, the religious community would process to the Lady Chapel of the church (typically behind the High Altar) where either the Gregorian chant melody or an elaborate polyphonic setting of the text was sung in devotion. The traditional for the appointed antiphon to be sung at the end of Mass developed subsequently.

O sacrum convivium á 6

– Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Ave Regina á 8

– Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla (c. 1590-1664)

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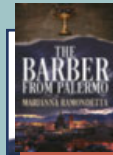
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