



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

January 12, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord



"Baptism of Christ," Pietro Perugino, 1482, fresco, Sistine Chapel, Vatican City

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30–8 PM
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St. Catherine of Siena

MASS TIMES

Weekday	7 AM, 11:45 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

EUCHARISTIC 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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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 PM Rosary and Vespers

St. Catherine of Siena

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Address 411 East 68th Street
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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](https://www.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](https://www.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:

[svsc.info/sacrament-of-holy-matrimony](https://www.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 children's 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, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Angie Guyott, Scott Klaben, Jeremy Kyser, Cheri & Gary Langer, Molly Minicozzi, Gladys Pedraza, Natasia Pelowski, Thomas Pentz, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Jairo Rojas, Carlos Alberto Sandoval, Helen Skoratowicz, Edward Williams.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Jane Ann Amorosi, Larisa Bajek, Lawrenson Castillo, Francisca Garcia, William Gillespie, Casey Gruber, Felicinda Hernandez de Pedraza, Ellorine Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Mary Moore, John Ogaldez Jr., John Ogaldez Sr., Daniel Olivas Jr., Michael Pribitello, Carlos A. Sandoval, Anthony Spinelli, David Walsh, 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



COME JOIN THE PARISH

We welcome new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Visit [svsc.info/join-our-parish](https://www.svsc.info/join-our-parish), or stop by the Parish office to register. To receive up to date information, sign-up for Parish emails via our website or email parish@svsc.info.

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St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

6 PM (Vigil) Mary O'Brien Heller (D)
8 AM Odette van Acker
9:30 AM Pats Kirby
12 NOON For the People of the Parish
6 PM Ambika Carrera (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

8 AM For the 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 Pats Kirby
6 PM Phyllis Nelligan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8 AM Phyllis Nelligan
12:10 PM Kuantai Yeh
6 PM Lois Ann Bennett (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8 AM In Honor of Saint Ita and the people of Killeedy
12:10 PM Infant of Prague Shrine
6 PM Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

8 AM Mark Flesher (D)
12:10 PM Robert Mullen (D)
6 PM Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

8 AM Fabiola Suwanto
12:10 PM John Lytwyn (D)
6 PM Deceased Members of Foye, Armstrong, Gorman, Donohoe, and Murphy Families

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8 AM Zeferino Luiz Ambrosi
9:30 AM Monica Meade (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

4 PM (Vigil) Mr. and Mrs. Oettinger & Living and Deceased Members of the Oettinger Family
10 AM Josephine Smith (D)
5 PM Letty Dolan

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM To the Blessed Mother, in Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7 AM Edward Feeley (D)
5:15 PM Maria Nazzareno (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7 AM David Johnson (D)
5:15 PM Marina Lucido (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Nellie Lucido

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9 AM Avelino Asuncion (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez, Intention of Donor, For Deathbed Conversions, For the People of the Parish, Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention, Special Intention

Madonna Candle

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

Carlos Alberto Sandoval

Our Lady of Fatima Candle

For 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,

St. Thomas Chapel, St. Dominic,

Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph,

St. Margaret of Castello, 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.

Staff Updates

STAFF EXPANSION

We have been blessed in many ways over the past few years. Our Parish has continued to grow in many ways: a continuous stream of new individuals and families registering, groups that are growing or just getting started, and a liturgical life that continues to bear fruit in various ways. Because of all this, the Parish has expanded at a rate more quickly than the Staff. As a result, we added a new position, the Evangelization Coordinator, this past spring. It has helped, but it isn't enough.

Thus, we are adding two additional staff positions: a Facilities Manager and an Executive Assistant to the Pastor. We have hired a Facilities Manager, John Davis, who will begin work this week. He will help oversee the facilities in both churches, the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory, the Holy Name Building (the Provincial Office building between the St. Vincent Ferrer Priory and St. Vincent Ferrer High School), and the sisters' convent on 66th Street. This is a very needed position, especially as we continue to restore and repair so many things in both of the churches.

We are still trying to hire an Executive Assistant to the Pastor. This position will provide good support for me to carry out my work more effectively and respond to correspondence much more quickly. I will be so grateful when this position is filled.

STAFF CHANGES

At the same time, we are also in a period where life is changing for certain staff members. First, Lee Ann Rubino, our Business Manager, is retiring. After her many years of diligent service to the Parish, she has decided to retire. We will greatly miss her presence among us, and it will be hard to replace someone with as much knowledge of the Parish's finances and buildings as she has. I am so grateful for all that she has done to serve the Parish well. We have just begun a hiring process for her replacement. If you get a chance, please offer your words of gratitude and your prayers as she enters into this next stage.

Similarly, Camila Salcedo, our Evangelization Coordinator, has decided to pursue graduate studies in theology. Her position was new, and she has been very helpful in many ways, including media management and volunteer coordination, especially during the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, the visit of the relic of St. Thomas Aquinas, and the weekly coffee hours at St. Vincent's. In evaluating



Detail of the Friars' Chapel Window, St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City, photo by Lindsay Silverman

the needs of the Parish, we opted to tweak her job, and we just hired a Media Coordinator, Lisa López-Lupo, who began working here this past week (see the Upcoming Events section below for a brief bio for Lisa). During Camila's remaining days with us, please offer your prayers as she enters a new stage in her life.

THE STAFF'S ROLE IN THE HOLY PREACHING

In the Dominican life, community is central to our ability to carry out the holy preaching. We often think of this in terms of the friars and their communal life; however, it is not limited to just that. Instead, it extends analogously to those with whom we minister. In other words, having a good and healthy staff in a Dominican parish is fundamental for us to carry out the mission of preaching the Gospel for the salvation of souls. As we seek to fill the positions of Business Manager and Executive Assistant to the Pastor, please keep us in your prayers. The better we hire, the better our ministry will be!

In Christ the Tiny King,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

Upcoming Events



LISA V. LÓPEZ-LUPO
Media Director

I grew up in Texas, on the border of Mexico and the U.S. I have always been in-between places which has instilled in me a deep love for adventure, art, and creativity. My journey into Catholic media first began after I re-homed my kidney two years ago, which divinely led me to my first parish role as a Digital Ministries Coordinator in Ohio (feel free to ask me about it sometime). I'm thrilled to be working as the new Media Director at the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. My background is in photojournalism and non-profit marketing. I was raised Catholic, but my journey into the faith really deepened in 2016. I look forward to sharing the Gospel and all the beauty this Parish has to offer through my documentary work and helping spread the light of the faith in whatever way I can, typically with my camera in hand.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

The Baptism of the Lord

In the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrate the Lord's blessing of the waters of the Jordan river and instituting Baptism as a Sacrament. As St. John Chrysostom wrote, "Going down into the water and emerging again are the image of the descent into hell and the Resurrection."



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 9:30 AM

Family Fellowship

This 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 in the Lower Church. **We welcome all families and parishioners to attend.** To stay updated, please email family@svsc.info.

EVERY SUNDAY

Weekly Parish Coffee Hour

Every Sunday, join us for our weekly parish coffee hour in St. Vincent's Lower Church! It is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and Catholics in the city. Parishioners from all ages are most welcome!

Our acclaimed weekly coffee hour is **only possible thanks to our generous volunteers!** If you can join us as a volunteer, please contact us at coffee@svsc.info. The usual commitment is one Sunday per month, but we appreciate any time you can give!

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY, 3 PM

Weekly Sunday Adoration at St. Catherine's

The weekly Sunday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's will continue all through winter as usual. Come and spend some time with God Himself!



TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:45 PM

Mystagogy: Biblical Conversations with God: As a Person Speaks to a Friend

This spring's Mystagogy series will consider some of the numerous dialogues God had with His people in the Scriptures. From Adam and Eve to Moses and the Prophets, to the Gospels, where practically every interaction is a conversation with God, the Word made flesh. Guided by Fr. Francis, these interactions will lead us to ponder the meaning of prayer, a right understanding of God and ourselves, the history of salvation, and key themes of Biblical interpretation. The meetings are held in St. Vincent's Lower Church.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 5:45 PM

Healthcare Ministry Eucharistic Adoration

The Dominican Healthcare Ministry hosts a weekly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's, for its intentions. Everyone, whether affiliated with the health professions or not, is most welcome.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 6:30 PM

Club Dominicana

Following the 6 PM Mass, all young adults are invited to the Lower Church at St. Vincent's for fellowship, pizza, and a brief reflection. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and other Catholic young adults from the area!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**NO Monthly St. Catherine's Coffee Hour!**

We would like to let you know that we will NOT have our monthly St. Catherine's coffee hour this month. See you in February!

MONDAY, JANUARY 20**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, but the Parish will offer regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 7 PM**Thomistic Reading Group**

Our reading group meets bi-weekly at St. Vincent's Parlors, the red brick building to the right of the church. Contact Gregory McNiff at gregorymcniff@gmail.com for questions or to be added to the distribution list.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24****March for Life**

Please join our parish in this year's March for Life! Our day will start at 6 AM and end at 6:30 PM in Washington, D.C., after which we will return to New York City. This is a beautiful opportunity to witness to the sacredness of human life, from conception to natural death. Parishioners and pro-life friends are most welcome. Register at tinyurl.com/SVSC-2025-marchforlife.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 6 PM****Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas**

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas! We will have a special Solemn Mass for his feast at 6 PM. On that day, we will also have an opportunity for enrollments to the Angelic Warfare Confraternity, a spiritual community for the pursuit and promotion of the virtue of chastity. Learn more at angelicwarfareconfraternity.org and email parish@svsc.info if you'd like to enroll!

On that day, we will conclude the Triple Jubilee, with its special plenary indulgences! See details at svsc.info before the jubilee ends!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:30 AM**Parish Young Adult Winter Retreat**

Save the date! All young adults who call SVSC their parish home are invited to join us for a half-day retreat on Saturday, February 8th from 10 AM to 2 PM to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. The day will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for Confession, talks by one of the friars, and time for fellowship over lunch. Registration link and additional details coming soon!

Please email youngadults@svsc.info if you have any questions and/or dietary restrictions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

OCTOBER 13 - 23**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Italy**

Our Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage next October 13-23 to Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome. This will be the context of the 2025 Jubilee Year, and the pilgrimage will include the opportunity to pass through the Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican!

Visit the Parish Office next to St. Vincent's to pick up a brochure and reservation form if you don't have one already!

MUSIC NOTES

The notoriously difficult *Messe in G Major*, completed in August 1937, is one of the most important *a cappella* works written in the 20th century. It is dedicated to the memory of the composer's father; this dedication, twenty years after his death, is a testament the depth of feeling hidden inside Poulenc and released through his new encounter with Roman Catholicism.

For This Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

Messe in G Major

– Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)

Hodie Christus natus est

O magnum mysterium

Videntes stellam

from *Quatre Motets pour le temps de Noël*

– Francis Poulenc

For Next Sunday

Ecce prandium – Comedite panem meum

– Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Nuptiae factae sunt

– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

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