



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

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## April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### PARISH OUTREACH

We continue to wrestle with the dangers of gathering. In light of canceling Masses, adoration, and confession we would like to continue to stay connected with each of our parishioners. Fr. Walter continues to grace us with his beautiful reflections, Fr. Joseph has provided for us some refresher lessons that he has so wonderfully shared with our Candidates and Catechumens, and Br. Hyacinth has graciously been livestreaming a nightly rosary through Facebook. You can access these wonderful opportunities for prayer and reflection on our website (<http://www.svsc.info/outreach/>), through our emails, and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine/>)

If you are not receiving our parish emails but would like to, please email us at [parish@svsc.info](mailto:parish@svsc.info).

We hope to be able to continue to serve your faith throughout this confusing and difficult time.

### MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat has generously gifted all of us with complimentary access to their online version to help us all pray from home during this time. To use this beautiful source of for prayer, please visit <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

### CANCELED MASSES

All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration are canceled in the Archdiocese of New York during this time.

While Masses in the Archdiocese of New York continue to be canceled you can still access Mass online at <https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live> and <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>.

### MASS AND CONFESSIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

12:00 NOON, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,  
6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

*Confessions*

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

*Confessions*

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY:

8:50 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (SUNG VESPERS)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:25 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS  
AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY:

3:00 PM (EUCHARISTIC ADORATION)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 5:45 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

\*We will continue to keep you up to date as we are informed of new information and guidelines.

## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.  
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*Vicar*

Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.  
*Vicar for Formation*

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.  
*Sacristan*

Bro. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.  
*Deacon*

Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.  
*Deacon*

Deacon John M. Powers  
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## Eight Days of Grace

*This singular span of days summons us each year to a long steady gaze at the Lord's Resurrection and the promise of our own. But this year we receive the heritage of life in a time of sickness and death. So as inheritors of eternal life we intercede for suffering life.*

We remember first all those who have been affected by the pandemic; those who have died, those who are sick, those who are afraid of becoming ill, and those who are caregivers.

We remember all whose livelihood has been affected by the advent of Covid-19, those who have been laid off, and those who have had to lay someone off.

We remember our leaders who have the task of organizing a disaster and then a recovery.

We remember all those who are working and learning from home: may they persevere in their task.

We remember all the relationships now being tested by prolonged proximity; may couples, families, and communities work through the issues that emerge and so come out of this time with a growth in charity.

Most Easters begin a season of rites of passage. We remember those whose baptisms, communions, confirmations, weddings, graduations, and ordinations, have been delayed. May they and their families wait in patience for the fulfillment of so many dreams.

We remember, with love, all those from whom we are separated by the miles of distance and distancing.

We remember our Parish, asking that the we give good witness to the Risen Lord in these challenging days.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 12  
EASTER SUNDAY  
*No Announced Masses*

MONDAY, APRIL 13  
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members  
of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 PM Monica Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Jack O'Brien (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14  
8:00 AM Sr. Jaques Egan, RSHM (D)  
12:10 PM Marie Ogaldez (D)  
6:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15  
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &  
Kathleen Redmond (D)  
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Francesca Rooney (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16  
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj  
12:10 PM Mark Flesher (D)  
6:00 PM For the Deceased Members  
of the Lay Fraternities of  
St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17  
8:00 AM James R. Fay, Jr. (D)  
12:10 PM For the Living & Deceased  
Members of the Gorski Family  
6:00 PM Julia Ames (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18  
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Joseph & Angeline  
Sabo (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, APRIL 12  
EASTER SUNDAY  
*No Announced Masses*

MONDAY, APRIL 13  
7:00 AM For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Ricardo Abella (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14  
7:00 AM Joseph Esposito (D)  
5:15 PM For the Poor Souls in  
Purgatory (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15  
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the  
Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 PM Dan O'Leary & Kathleen  
O'Brien (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16  
7:00 AM Franziska & John  
Koestner (D)  
5:15 PM Marina Lucido & Maria  
Cecilia Punzalan (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society  
of St. Catherine of Siena (D)  
5:15 PM George Cruz (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18  
9:00 AM Perpetuo Silan, Sr. (D)  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER**  
**INTENTIONS**

*Contact the Parish Office to add  
a name to this list.*

Dr. Aborosi, Michael Aerts, Mike  
Borland, George Brooksbank, Jan  
Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William  
Feeley, Emily Garnett, Maggie Heath,  
Christine Heller, Joseph Henao,  
Douglas Kozak, Jack Mangin, Jared  
Miller, Murphy, David Olivier,  
Fernandez Randely, David Reid,  
Isabelle Rivera, Lorna Shepherd,  
Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina,  
Lisa Selby, Prechry Thongtha,  
Barbara Tracy, & Michael Travis.

Please pray for the repose of the  
souls of Pakie McMahon, Mary  
Noonan, Victoria Principe, William  
Selby, Joseph Michael Thomas, &  
Lucille Witty, and the souls of all our  
recently deceased.

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, and  
the Intentions of the Dominican  
Friars Health Care Ministry.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS**

*St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps*  
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);  
Mary McCarthy (D); Ita McEnery  
(L); For the Souls in Purgatory; For  
the People of the Parish; Intention of  
Donor; Special Intention

*St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna*  
Jack Ryan Keegan (L)

*St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp*  
Well-being of Christians in the  
Middle East

*St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp*  
Maria Marta Litrenta

*St. Catherine – Purgatorial Candle*  
Renato S. Ventigan (D);  
Rosa J. Silan (D)

*St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle*  
Maria Marta Litrenta;  
Intention of Donor

*St. Catherine – Blessed Mother Candle*  
Priscilla Ventigan

### HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For Health Care emergencies please call (212) 988-8303. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care of Dominican Friars at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery.

### ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit [www.svsc.info](http://www.svsc.info) and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit [www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26](http://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26) and click "Start Giving."

### MUSIC NOTES

Until the cessation of the 'essential personnel only' mandate, the Schola will not be able to sing. During this time, James Wetzel will chant the Ordinary and Propers for the webcast Masses on Sundays and Feastdays from St. Vincent Ferrer (at 11 AM on Sundays and 7 PM otherwise). Online leaflets for these Masses for the faithful at home to follow will be uploaded to our parish website: [www.svsc.info/music](http://www.svsc.info/music).

### PASSIONTIDE

The season of Lent ends with Passiontide, from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, known as 'Passion Sunday' until the Triduum. The *Judica me* (the psalm traditionally recited by the celebrant as part of his 'Prayers at the Foot of the Altar') and the *Gloria Patri* are suppressed because they evoke sentiments of joy. The liturgy during this time focuses on and commemorates the sorrowful events of the last week of Jesus' mortal life.

During this fortnight of 'deep Lent,' violet veils traditionally cover crosses (until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday) and cover images and statues until the *Gloria* of the Easter Vigil. The veiling was associated with the Gospel (John 8:46-59) formerly read on Lent V, in which Jesus "hid himself" from the people (*Jesus autem abscondebatur se*). Statues and images of the saints are likewise covered because, as theologian Nikolaus Nilles explained, "It would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden." Since the revision of the Roman Calendar in 1969, the name 'Passiontide' is no longer formally used, although the Preface called 'Passion of the Lord I (The Power of the Cross)' is used in the fifth week of Lent.

### Outreach

As we live through this difficult time, our parish clergy and staff hope that we can help you and provide sources of comfort and guidance. For these resources visit [www.svsc.info/outreach](http://www.svsc.info/outreach).

Here you can find:

- Materials used during our daily Masses
- Daily Greetings from the Friars
- Resources for Prayer

Our Religious Education page is available to help your children with:

- Prayer in the Home
- Praying with Children in a Pandemic
- CGS Podcasts

Fr. Joseph Hagan has been kind enough to share with all of us a series of talks (including a handout) on *Credo 22-23: Love of God and Neighbor*. This series has been put together for our catechumens and candidates who have been on a long journey to and through RCIA. This series seems particularly helpful while we learn a new way to live alone, together.

### Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who continue to come in each day to open, clean, and maintain both our churches. All of your work and devotion is deeply appreciated, especially at this time.

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parish has Facebook and Instagram pages to help spread the word about special liturgies, lectures, and social events at the Parish. Find us and 'like' us by searching @StVincentAndStCatherine within Facebook or *svsc\_nyc* on Instagram.

### THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING US DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

MARCH 15 – 28, 2020

Checks Received: \$12,429

Online Giving: \$8,809

Total: \$21,233



*Our publication deadlines demand that I write bulletin letters ten days early. In these days of pandemic that is a much longer time lag than usual. Last week's Palm Sunday letter was obsolete days before the bulletin arrived from the printer. So I have decided to write two letters, one for the bulletin and one for our daily parish email. This will allow me to address two aspects of this year's Easter mystery. First, there is the wistfulness of this day: we might want to spend time with how Easter usually is. Secondly, there is the contemplation of the promise of resurrection in light of this death dealing moment in time. I hope the letter from 2018, printed below, will facilitate reverie, and that the letter in the email will help you face our circumstances in faith.*

## Pastels

Color is the language of Easter. Just think of how this feast revels in its own palette. The eggs we paint, the outfits we don, the flowers we arrange, and even the candy we devour, all sport the light, crisp shades that speak spring to the heart. Remember that at Christmas we relished red, green, and gold opulence, but now we are far from such imperial trappings. Here we are, loving mint green and peppermint pink. Are your eyes not feasting on the buttercup yellows with their foils of lavender and hydrangea blue? Wouldn't you also like to throw a little sherbet orange into the mix. Perhaps it's the flowers of Spring that teach us how to dress our image of the true feast of feasts.

At any time of year our colors make an assertion, even if we do not intend it. Somehow we use Easter's range of shades to assert life at Winter's end. But perhaps with these colors we assert more about life than we realize. For a few days we swath ourselves in these pastels and go for brunch, and then many of us put them away to resume raiment of more sophisticated reserve, daring intensity, or perhaps edgy minimalism. But as the cycle of the year moves on where do Easter's colors remain but among children?

For a glimpse of Easter in July or December visit the nursery or the nursery school, or behold what the little ones wear when they are dressed up for presentation. It's all straight from the Easter basket. Why? We array our children in Easter colors all year long, but we also array ourselves in children's colors at Easter because for us these are the hues of innocence.

Some colors seduce and others enliven. Some shades impress and others soothe. Some tints pack heat, while still others offer a long cool drink. Easter's colors are too fresh to have any such agenda. Where Beaujolais stands among wines, so these colors stand, in the place of sheer freshness, on the arc of the spectrum. When the colors have a cocktail party the pastels are the little kids sent in to be smiled at and then sent to bed. We say they are pretty and mean that they are not more than pretty. But have we reckoned with the power of pretty, the compelling appeal of innocence.

Most of us link innocence with loss. We may have lost it by being hurt, or by making a compromise with life, and so we carry suspicion and calculation as grey baggage that is never checked. We also presume that mature and interesting people have left innocence behind, and that the powerful and political have long discarded it. Even so, we will do anything possible to preserve it in children. We want for them a life that is far from the violence of guns, but also from the violence of manipulation. We do not want them to be hurt, or to respond to being hurt by becoming violent or manipulative themselves. How much this means to us became clear in our horror at the intrusion of violence into our schools, and in our amazement at the eloquence and gravitas of the students' own reaction. They have spoken to us with the power of innocence. They have come before us without any ulterior in their agenda, and so they compel our attention.

Perhaps they can help us grasp Easter this year. For Easter makes the astounding promise that what we crave for kids can be ours again.

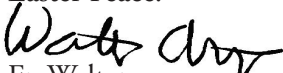
Jesus lived among us and died before us in innocence. He is the adult who never outgrew the child. Through this "narrow way" he enters eternity. Eternal life is not being allowed into God's presence, it means being comfortable there. God and the humanity of Jesus delight in each other's innocence, and here lies the unceasing joy of the resurrected life. Being perfect, that mutual delight does not exclude, and so from the resurrected communion of God and Man the Holy Spirit comes to us and the sacramental life is established among us as the road back to innocence.

Baptism and Eucharist, Confession and the Sacrament of the Sick work in concert to give us the Risen life of Jesus as a platform for living in the world without violence or manipulation, and for walking in this time as an innocent adult. Those who let this work become reliable friends in love and marriage, in work and play. They live without life's greeds because they possess the security of a home in God that cannot be taken away. Their beauty compels because we can see straight through to its source. Those touched by Easter are the are the bright fresh color in the room, relishing all the other bright fresh colors in a life beyond envy and comparison.

You may well smile at the forgoing, but face it; this is what you want for yourself. This desire has brought you to church on this Easter Day and prompted you to pick up this bulletin. It prompted me to labor over these lines. You and I both know who is the Giver of this desire, and who has provided the means for realizing it.

Now is the time to lay hold of Christ's Easter gifts for ourselves and for others. Even as Spring begins our world is grey with worry and needs the Easter color that can be ever fresh in us and among us.

Easter Peace!

  
Fr. Walter