



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

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## March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent

### COME JOIN OUR PARISH - ALL ARE WELCOME

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](http://svsc.info/join-our-parish) to register as a parishioner. You can also stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form.

### SIGN-UP FOR 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](http://svsc.info) or email the Parish office, [parish@svsc.info](mailto:parish@svsc.info).

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed Friday, March 17.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses: 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena and 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

We will be using The Way of the Cross booklet published by Magnificat. Copies are available for a \$2.00 to cover the cost of the book.

### NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On **Monday, March 13** at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. This day marks the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the High Altar at St. Vincent Ferrer, so the Mass will be offered particularly for the benefactors of the Parish. All are most welcome.

### ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

From Sunday, **March 12 through Saturday, March 20**, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Parish will offer a Novena of Prayer. Holy cards will be available at both Churches, and the Novena Prayer will be recited at all Masses during this period.

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK

**Friday, March 17** is the Solemnity of St. Patrick, the Patron of the Archdiocese of New York. There will be a Sung Mass and Procession with the traditional blessing of the shamrocks at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Stations of the Cross will follow the evening Masses as usual. Because it is a Solemnity, the abstention from meat is lifted within the Archdiocese on Friday, March 17.

### PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Our parish coffee hours are held at St. Vincent Ferrer after the 12 NOON Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments. All are most welcome.

### MASS AND CONFESSIONS

#### ST. VINCENT FERRER

##### MASSES

*Weekdays:* 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

##### CONFESSIONS

*Weekdays:* 5:15–6 PM

*Wednesday:* 7:15–8 PM

*Saturday:* 5:15–6 PM

*Sunday:* 7:45–8 AM, 9:15–9:30 AM,

11:30 AM–12 NOON, 5:15–6 PM

#### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

##### MASSES

*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

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

#### AND OTHER PRAYER

#### ST. VINCENT FERRER

##### Weekdays:

7:25 AM: MATINS AND LAUDS

5:25 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

##### Wednesday:

6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

##### 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

##### 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 68<sup>th</sup> Street, NY, NY 10065

#### Office Hours:

Monday–Friday:

10 AM–3 PM

## PARISH STAFF

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## SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

**Monday, March 20** is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church and of the Eastern Province of the Order of Preachers. There will be a Solemn Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer followed by a light reception in the cloister walk. The Schola Cantorum will sing *Mass for Four Voices* by Thomas Tallis. (This year, the Solemnity is transferred from the 19th, as that date is a Sunday.)

The Mass will include the traditional blessing St. Joseph's Day bread. Parishioners are also invited to bring any images, statues, or devotionals of St. Joseph from their homes, and to place them in the St. Joseph Chapel on the north side of the church prior to Mass so that they may be blessed alongside the traditional sweets.

This is the last day of the Lenten Food Drive (see below). There is a custom of offering food for the poor with the blessing of food on St. Joseph's Day, and so this is a great way to combine these two customs.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

**Saturday, March 25** is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. There will be a Solemn Mass at 12 NOON at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Ave Virgo sanctissima* by Juan Esquivel; and *Ave Virgo sanctissima* and *Canite tuba – Rorate caeli* by Francisco Guerrero.

## FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

This is the final week of our Lenten Food Drive. Donations will be accepted through **Monday, March 20**. Thank you for your generosity!

Here is a list of specific items the New York Common Pantry needs at this time of the year.

canned and dry beans	canned tuna and chicken
canned fruit and vegetables	brown and white rice
shelf-stable milk	pasta
peanut butter	dry cereal

“For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink” and “whatever you do for one of the least of my brothers, you do for me.” (*Matthew 25:34, 40*)

## PARISH STUDY

### “LORD, GIVE ME THIS WATER”

#### WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN

Our Lenten Parish Study began **Tuesday, February 28** and meets at 6:45 PM in St. Vincent Ferrer Lower Church. The Sunday Readings in Lent this year are meant to teach us about the meaning of Baptism. We will take the opportunity to reflect on why the Church of old has seen three passages from John's Gospel — the Samaritan woman, the healing of the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus — to be about Christian initiation. These, as well as the other Lenten Gospels, reveal to us the implications of baptism in our private, ecclesial, and social lives.

Join us on Tuesdays for this five-week study. Please visit our website [svsc.info/news](http://svsc.info/news) to register.

## MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare), the Schola will sing a setting of the Ordinary composed by Mozart in 1773 in Salzburg.

*Missa Brevis in G Major*, K. 140, 'Pastoralmesse'

– Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

*Laudate Dominum* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Ave Regina á 5* – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

6:00 PM (Vigil) Fanny De La Cruz Medina (D)  
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Jane D'Agostino (D)  
12 NOON Deceased Members of the Sharbel Family  
6:00 PM Sr. Anna Maria Lionetti, RSHM

**MONDAY, MARCH 13**

8:00 AM Special Intention  
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Victoria Osejo Special Intention

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

8:00 AM For the deceased of the Parish and the deceased brothers, sisters, familiars, and benefactors of the Dominican Order  
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)  
6:00 PM Frances (L) & Edmund Lukas (D)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

8:00 AM Alex & Bridget Heeran (D)  
12:10 PM Joseph Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Joan M. & Salvatore Carvo (D)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

8:00 AM Joseph Sabo (D)  
12:10 PM Manuel Anthony May (D)  
6:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

8:00 AM Mark Flesher (D)  
12:10 PM Michael & Elizabeth Regan (D)  
6:00 PM Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

8:00 AM Fr. William C. Cunningham, S.J. (D)  
6:00 PM Carlos Averos (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

4:00 PM (Vigil) Mr. & Mrs. Oettinger & living and deceased family members  
10:00 AM R. & R. Ventigan  
5:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

**MONDAY, MARCH 13**

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

7:00 AM Sophia & Aldo Vecchio (D)  
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

7:00 AM Richard Surazynski  
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena  
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

9:00 AM St. Joseph Novena  
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY  
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.

**PARISH PRAYER  
INTENTIONS**

Elaine Arace, August Arace, Annette Cunningham, Maggie Heath, Gaye Hooks, Jeremy Kyser, Robert J. Quackenbush, Giovanni Rampone, and Bruce Trousdell.

***Please pray for the repose of the souls of:***

Jane D'Agostino, William Breen, Sr. Michael Mary Campbell, Mary Keegan, Thomas Lilburn, Jim Reid, Annette Simon, Marilyn Tracy, Amelia Weitzman, and the souls of all the recently deceased.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS  
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

***Sanctuary Lamps***

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Patrick McCarthy (D); Thomas Marone (D); Thomas Parsons (D); Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention; and the People of the Parish.

***Sanctuary Madonna***

Jack Ryan Keegan

***Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine***

Gilberto Rosado

***St. Joseph's Altar***

Peace in Ukraine

**CANDLE INTENTIONS  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

***Purgatorial Altar 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 Candle***

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

*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.*

# THE DOMINICAN SHRINE OF ST. JUDE

## ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

### MARCH 12 - MARCH 20

Dear parishioners,

As always, I take this opportunity to extend my prayerful best wishes to you from the Shrine of St. Jude.

Today we begin our third week of Lent, and I hope it will be a grace filled one for you. On Ash Wednesday, we listened to the words of the prophet Joel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; for gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment."

Joel is speaking of how God is ready to forgive us. On our part we must seek that pardon and find peace. The external sign, the reception of ashes, must accompanied be our willingness to change both our hearts and our actions. When we do this, we can truly accept the love and mercy that God offers us during this holy season.

Each year, the Shrine of St. Jude celebrates a novena of prayer leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19. We honor St. Joseph as the husband of Mary, and as Patron of the Universal Church. This title was given to him in 1870 by Pope Pius IX. Pope Saint John Paul II gave him the title "Guardian of the Redeemer" in 1989. Joseph became the most intimate companion and protector of Jesus and Mary. Can we not add St. Joseph as intimate companion of all who invoke him in prayer as a guardian and protector?

Our common intention for this novena will be our family members and friends who are no longer practicing their faith. We all know someone we love who for whatever reason is indifferent about the Catholic Church and the gift of faith received at baptism. St. Joseph is a perfect intercessor for this intention. He looked after and cared for his family with loving devotion. May we approach St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Redeemer, with confidence and assurance that our prayers will be heard and answered.

Recently, I began to reflect upon just how many times within the Gospels we read about St. Joseph. They can be listed as follows: betrothal to Mary, birth of Jesus, visit of the shepherds, presentation in the Temple, flight into Egypt, return from Egypt to Nazareth, finding of the child in the Temple. Even with so few references to him in the Bible, he still has a universal appeal, and volumes have been written about him.

The time of our St. Joseph Novena can be a Lenten Pilgrimage of sorts. Let us move forward prayerfully, contemplating these moments in St. Joseph's life. Outwardly he was an ordinary man who, as the Gospels teach us, lived an extraordinary life.

The Solemnity of St Joseph normally falls on March 19, but since that day falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent this year, the feast will be moved to Monday, March 20. Our novena will begin March 12 and culminate on March 20. The Novena intentions will be remembered at Mass each evening at 5:15 at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena. Our Novena Prayer will be recited at each of the five daily Masses as well as each of the eight weekend Masses in the parish.

There will be an altar in each of the churches with an intention book and prayer cards. I invite you to use the novena card and join us in daily prayer.

Please know that our prayers to St. Joseph will be instrumental in our common efforts to restore and build up the Body of Christ. Let us pray the following prayer together each day:

*Hail, dear Spouse of the Virgin Mother Mary! Hail, watchful Guardian and faithful Protector of her child! Joseph, best of teachers! Hail, Protector of the poor and frail! Hear me, kind St. Joseph! Hear me who most needs your love and who know you will not turn away from me in the hour of my great need. Amen.*

May this season of Lent be a source of special graces and blessings for you and your loved ones! Always be assured of the continued prayers of the Dominican Friars and the Shrine staff, and may St. Jude and St. Joseph bless you abundantly.

Peace be with you now and always,  
Father Joseph P. Allen, O.P.  
Shrine Director





## MONDAY, MARCH 20 SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Spouse *of the* Blessed Virgin Mary *and* Patron of the Universal Church *and the* Eastern Province *of the* Order *of* Preachers.

**There will be a Solemn Mass and Procession *at* 6 PM  
*at* St. Vincent Ferrer.**

The Mass will include the tradition of blessing  
St. Joseph's Day bread.  
Following the Procession, there will be a light reception  
in the Cloister walk of the Church

The Parish will *pray a novena* to St. Joseph  
beginning *on* March 12.

# Lenten Holy Hour Preaching



## The Sacred Heart and the Sorrowful Mysteries

**ST. VINCENT FERRER CHURCH  
WEDNESDAYS, 7PM**

**March 1 - Agony in the Garden**

**March 8 - Scourging at the Pillar**

**March 15 - Crowning with Thorns**

**March 22 - Carrying of the Cross**

**March 29 - Crucifixion**

*Photo: "The Crucified Christ with the Virgin Mary, Saints and Angels" (The Mond Crucifixion), Raphael, 1502-1503, National Gallery, London*



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**MARCH 18**  
**SATURDAY MIDDAY RETREAT**  
**WITH THE MYSTICS:**  
**BL. HENRY SUSO, O.P.**

On Saturday, **March 18**, 12 NOON to 3 PM, in St. Catherine of Siena's Church we'll continue our Midday Retreat with the Mystics, focusing on Bl. Henry Suso, O.P. (1300-66), one of the Rhineland Mystics. He has been a beloved spiritual writer of Dominican nuns for centuries, for his tender devotion to Jesus Crucified, the Holy Name of Jesus, and Eternal Wisdom.

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P. will give a conference talk on Bl. Henry, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided meditations from his writings. A social with light refreshments will follow, along with an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity oil. During our Lenten journey, Bl. Henry will help us discover the freedom of detachment for a more pure and complete love of God.

For more information, see News & Events at <http://www.uppergarden.org/>.



**UPPER GARDEN PRAYER NIGHT**

7:30pm on the Friday before the 3rd Saturday of each month

St. Catherine of Siena Church  
411 East 68th St.

Join us for a monthly prayer gathering at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Friday, **March 17** at 7:30 PM (the Friday before the 3rd Saturday of each month). It will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, songs of praise, spontaneous prayer, sacred silence, Scripture reading, deep listening, brief preaching and an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Oil and also prayed over as you present your particular needs of mind, body, and spirit.

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P. will lead the gathering as we open ourselves to what the Holy Spirit wants to do among us.

Seekers are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. Come, as we open the garden of our hearts to the Lord's personal touch and loving care!

For more details, see [www.uppergarden.org](http://www.uppergarden.org) and click on the "News and Events" tab.