



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

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March 29, 2020 – 5th Sunday of Lent

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.

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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9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

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PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.
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Vicar

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Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.
Sacristan

Bro. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.
Deacon

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Deacon

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This Week of Grace

General Intentions

- Pray for all who have contracted Covid - 19, and all who are trying to help them.
- Pray for those who have died from the virus.
- Pray for all who are quarantined.
- Pray for those whose livelihood has been affected by the outbreak.

NB

- During Lent, when there are few feasts, we have been focusing on the entrance antiphonal of the Mass as a way to enter into the liturgy. But now that we are living without public Mass, we have switched to providing the communion antiphon for each day instead. We hope this will serve the practice of spiritual communion

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

- This prayer may be helpful during a week without Mass:
Lord Jesus, since I am not able to receive you today under the sacramental veil of Holy Communion, I therefore pray to you with my heart full of love for you to be present in my heart with your divine presence, your strength, your graces, your consolation, and most of all, Lord Jesus, your wonderful love. Amen.

March 29 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- *Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.* John 11: 25
- Pray for our Elect who today would have undergone the third scrutiny.

Passion-tide

- On this Monday after the Fifth Sunday of Lent the season make a shift in focus from promoting individual conversion to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's Passion. The Lenten prefaces yield to this one. ... *For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgement on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified.* Preface of the Passion of the Lord I
- The Injustice of Cross reveals all this is wrong with us and thus God's judgement. Yet the fact of God allowing reveals his unfailing love in the face of sin.

March 30 Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.* Jn. 8:11

March 31 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.* John 12: 32

April 1 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *God has brought us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption through his Blood, the forgiveness of sins.* Colossians 1: 13 – 14

April 2 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all; with him he has given us all things.* Romans 8: 11

April 3 Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the cross, so that dead to sin,, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.* I Peter 1: 14

April 4 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *Christ was handed over, to gather into one the scattered children of God.* Cf. John 11: 52

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 6:00 PM (Vigil) Zaldy Isidoro (D)
 8:00 AM Raquel Taton (D)
 9:30 AM Michael Travis (D)
 12 NOON Lee O'Neil (D)
 6:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 30
 8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
 12:10 PM Natalie Frankowski (D)
 6:00 PM Aquila Zacharilla (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
 8:00 AM For the Deceased Members
 of the Parish & the Order (D)
 12:10 PM Rosario Scolaro (D)
 6:00 PM William Selby (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
 8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj
 12:10 PM Ita McEneary
 6:00 PM Salvatore & Joan M.
 Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
 8:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Michael
 Bruno (D)
 12:10 PM Jakob & Marija Kegel
 6:00 PM Louis Acero (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
 8:00 AM Veneracion Czobor
 12:10 PM Ita McEneary
 6:00 PM Linda Gliatta (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
 8:00 AM Steven Creagh (D)
 6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
 10:00 AM Fabian Ventigan & Sabina
 Ventigan (D)
 5:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Dino
 Evangelista

MONDAY, MARCH 30
 7:00 AM For the Province of
 St. Joseph
 5:15 PM Giorgio Cichi (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
 7:00 AM Lisa Schaffer (D)
 5:15 PM Ms. Rosemary Doino

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
 7:00 AM For the Patrons of the
 Shrine of St. Jude
 5:15 PM Sabina Quiguyan (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
 7:00 AM Peggy O'Connor (D)
 5:15 PM Rose Baldwin (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
 7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
 of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
 5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
 9:00 AM Leoncia Ventigan (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 Ethel Garcia, Lawrence Marquez,
 Ellorine Martinez, Pakie McMahan,
 William Selby, Margy Stewart, &
 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);
 Nora Griffin (D); James Mohr (D);
 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

*Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM,
 and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.*

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 and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit 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.

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.

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.

LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

According to the Current Discipline:

Laws of Days of Abstinence:

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

Laws of Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Laws of 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.

Law of the Eucharistic Fast:

Complete fast from all food and drink (excluding water and medicine) for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. This applies throughout the year.

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 and the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* are omitted. 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." Thus, as much as possible, the Mass is sung *a cappella*, the hymn accompaniments are subdued, and the organ voluntaries are omitted.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

For general information about the Parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, and how to become more involved in our common life, please take a green Parish Handbook.

For information about the music program, please take a Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching'. Both of these booklets are available in the narthex and online.

To register as a parishioner, please use the form found at the back of the Handbook or online. Follow us on facebook @StVincentAndStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

COLLECTIONS

MARCH 22, 2020

Parish Pay: \$4,563

YOU ARE THE ONE WHO IS COMING INTO THE WORLD

Those fortunate enough to hear Mass on this Sunday will encounter another long gospel reading, 44 verses of John, chapter 11. After following the Woman of Samaria into the life of faith, and receiving enlightenment alongside the Man Born Blind, the congregant will share with Mary, Martha, and Jesus, the anguish that death causes, and the longing to recover lost time and lost people. Jesus though will reveal the soul's desire for life utterly beyond the familiar. We of course cannot congregate, but we can read or hear this Gospel and let it challenge us at this unforeseeable and incomprehensible moment in time.

When his friend Lazarus falls ill, Jesus waits two days before setting out to see him. By the time he arrives, Lazarus has died. He meets the dead man's sisters separately but each greets him with the same words; "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." (Vs. 21 and 32) "If only" points longingly to the way things were. All of a sudden a death, or a move, or a breakup, or a virus, has left me exiled from the familiar, and but for this I could be happy right now. Mary and Martha desired to preserve their brother, and their whole status quo ante. With his own tears Jesus acknowledges this very human longing, but he declines to grant it.

Yes, he restores Lazarus to his sisters, but he does not erase the memory of his dying for either of them, and who would be the same after experiencing, or witnessing, death and resuscitation? Indeed Jesus makes this moment lead to a new depth of believing. Under an action of the Holy Spirit Martha moves from her wistful and reproachful "if only" to confessing, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (V. 27). In the end Jesus is not a savior for resuscitation but for resurrection, not for merely surviving the travails of human life but for eternal thriving of humanity in the presence of God.

Martha's reorientation is what the Church proposes to our elect in the Third Scrutiny. This year we hope they can take up the Gospel of John and let the Holy Spirit scrutinize their hearts by means of this story of Lazarus. Perhaps we may do it with them in a time that will surely elicit reorientation from us. Here are the prayers of the Third Scrutiny:

Father of life and God not of the dead but of the living, you sent your Son to proclaim life, to snatch us from the realm of death, and to lead us to the resurrection. Free these elect from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil, so that they may bear witness to their new life in the risen Christ, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Here the celebrant would lay hands on the elect:

Lord Jesus, by raising Lazarus from the dead you showed that you came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Free from the grasp of death those who await your life-giving sacraments and deliver them from the spirit of corruption. Through your spirit who gives life fill them with faith, hope, and charity, that they may live with you always in the glory of your resurrection, for you are Lord for ever and ever.

How do I need to be scrutinized by these prayers and by the story of Lazarus and his sisters?

Ten years of living in our neighborhood have made it my neighborhood. Its rhythm of life, its eateries and its merchants have woven together a fabric of familiarity in which I am happy to luxuriate. I will have to say for myself that I never took it for granted; I have always recognized, gratefully, the privilege of being part of such a singular environment. So when it was locked down, the realization of loss was immediate, and the memories of happy routines flooded my mind. Between me and so much that I cherished there was now a locked glass door, shielding a darkened interior and bearing a kind note of *au revoir* to "our loyal customers."

Walking connects me to neighborhood and city, but recently I have avoided it. I finally called myself on this and went to walk my streets and confront our neighborhood's moribund state. Looking straight at it freed me from the selfishness of wanting just to get my lifestyle back, and opened me to pondering how much more has been lost than my hangouts. Perhaps it is the local impact that brings the global statistics off the page and put them in my face. My lost familiarity pales in comparison to the lost time, lost work, and lost people faced by countless people around the world.

No doubt, the residents of Wuhan and Lombardy would give anything to retrieve life before Covid-19. But surely the experience of pandemic has marked them, and the way toward a full life after Covid will demand pondering vast losses and then discovering the God who sees them and sees beyond them. Just putting things back would be to paper over wounds and insights that must be integral to the new fabric of things.

I cannot now imagine the world after Covid, but God beholds it, and in that fact of faith I trust. I believe that he built into that new time what we have suffered, and learned, what we have resisted and accepted, and how we have regressed and grown during these singular days. Under the scrutiny of Jesus, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus grow through the loss of a lifetime to the confession of the resurrection. If we can make a like move then the truth of Easter will become ever more the truth about us.

Passiontide Peace!



Fr. Walter