

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

March 31, 2024 – Easter



"Noli me Tangere," Giotto, 1320, Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi

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–	5:15–6 PM
Saturday	(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

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	
	EUCHARISTIC ADORATION		
	Sunday	3-4:30 PM	
		(September 14 through Corpus Christi)	
	Thursday	5:45-7 PM	

The Parish

Parish Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone Number Email

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Reginald Hoefer, O.P.
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Francis Belanger, O.P.
Sacristan	Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.
Deacon	Deacon John M. Powers
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St. Vincent Ferrer

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 5:25 PM	Matins and Lauds Rosary and Vespers		
Saturday	8:30 AM 5:25 PM	Matins and Lauds Rosary and Vespers		
Sunday	8:45 AM 5:25 AM	Matins and Lauds Rosary and Vespers		

St. Catherine of Siena

GENERAL INFORMATION

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, Wednesday, and Friday	8 AM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Lauds Rosary Vespers		
Tuesday	8 AM 4:45 PM 6 PM	Lauds Rosary Vespers		
Saturday	8:40 AM 9 AM	Rosary 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.

Parish Prayer Intentions

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Frank Boyle, Catherine Carty, Tony Crowly, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Frank Maillano, Fred Marks, Agnes McGrath, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Carmen Santiago, Helen Skoratowicz, Denise Swantek, and Edward Williams.

Join and Donate

MARRIAGE

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

svsc.info/sacrament-of-holymatrimony. Please review the Wedding and Marriage Preparation Policy and note that it takes a minimum of six months preparation time before the wedding.

RCIA

deceased.

For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email **rcia@svsc.info** to ask about our RCIA program.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Win Brown, Sandy Campasano, Marian

Clark, Mattie Connolly, Jose Countinho,

Eugene F. Gaughan, Fr. William Holt, O.P.,

Orjugo, Eddie Reyes, Stathy S. Tripis, Lucille

Sr. Maureen Doonan, Mary Fordiani,

Jeanette McCloskey-Moore, Emanuel

Witty, and the souls of all our recently

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.

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.

COME JOIN THE PARISH

We welcome new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Visit **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**.

引 tinyurl.com/SVSC-FB ②@SVSC.NYC



DONATE TO YOUR PARISH

You can fulfill your stewardship with an online service through WeShare. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll in online giving, visit **svsc.info/ways-to-give.**

You can also give via text message: text keyword **SVSC to (800) 950-9952**. Click the link and complete your donation.

Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8 PM (Vigil) Easter Vigil 8 AM For the People of the Parish 9:30 AM For the People of the Parish 12 NOON For the People of the Parish 6 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 1

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 Paul Omondi (D) 6 PM Michael & Elizabeth Regan(D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8 AM Kevin C. Walsh (D)12:10 PM Special Intention6 PM For blessings upon our Foundation'sBenefactors and their Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8 AM Virginia Santos (D) 12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D) 6 PM Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8 AM Margaret Kerns & Harold Kerns (D) 12:10 PM Steve Creagh & Shirley Gomez (D) 6:30 PM Stefanatos & Hetzel Families

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8 AM Carmen Moreno 12:10 PM Elizabeth Wijangco & Abeja Family, in thanksgiving 6 PM Howard Shapiro

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8 AM Thomas McHugh

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

4 PM (Vigil) No Mass - Holy Saturday 10 AM For the People of the Parish 5 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 1 7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph 5:15 PM John & Franziska Koestner (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7 AM Andrea Browne (D) 5:15 PM Pietro & Mimma Spani (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude 5:15 PM James P. Allen III (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7 AM St. Philomena, spiritual guidance of priests 5:15 PM Leoncia Ventigan (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena 5:15 PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9 AM David Johnson (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Michael Wilson (D); Margaret Williams (D); Julio Vega (D); Souls in Purgatory; People of the Parish; Intention of Donor

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

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 Maria Marta Litrenta

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

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.

The New Life of Easter

GROUNDING OUR FAITH AND HOPE

"Resurrection is a restoring from death to life" (St. Thomas Aquinas, ST III, q. 53, art. 3, corp.). Christ's resurrection is about new life. This isn't just His new life, though. It's also about our new life. Jesus' resurrection bolsters our faith, it strengthens our hope, and it enlivens our charity. Why? St. Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain...If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:14, 17, 20). Since Jesus truly rose from the dead in such a way that He would die no more, then everything He said is true. Our faith in His resurrection, in His divinity, in the Eucharist, in heaven, in everything that He said and promised is truly grounded in reality.

St. Thomas, following St. Augustine and St. Bede, also points out that since the risen Christ still bears the scars of the passion—the trophies of His victory—this should confirm our faith in the mercy of God. The wounds, which "have never since been removed from His body" (ST III, q. 54, art. 4, ad 3) are signs that He still loves us and recognizes our pain. Yet, just like wounding, pain, and even death did not hold Him back from loving us 2000 years ago, so too will they not hold Him back from loving us even now.

GROUNDING OUR LIVES

All of this should truly lead us to live in a whole new way. Drawing on St. Augustine, St. John Paul II famously said, "We are an Easter people" (Angelus, 30 November 1986). This beautifully encapsulates something we see in the Easter Masses: "Paschal joy." In the Preface during Mass throughout the entirety of the Easter season, the Church invites us to live with Pascal joy, the joy that comes from the reality of the resurrection. This is a joy that should well up in our hearts because if Jesus rose from the dead, then He can conquer everything. He can conquer sin in our lives, He can conquer fear and doubt that come with terminal sicknesses, He can conquer scrupulosity, He can conquer all forms of attacks by the evil one and his minions, and He can conquer each and every challenge that we experience. Since Jesus rose from the dead, we can live in a whole new way where we place all our hope and trust in Him. For just as He rose from the dead so too does He want to raise us up from those things that would seem to weigh us down or



"Christ Appears to Mary Magdalene on Easter Morning," Peter Paul Rubens and Jan Brueghel the Younger, 1626, Kunsthalle Bremen Museum, Bremen, Germany

even destroy us. He desires that we too live in the freedom that He now experiences in heaven. This is something about which we can be truly joyful!

This then should ground our lives. It should propel us forward to share the joy of the Gospel. It should lead the Paschal joy to well up in our hearts so that others can see that something is different. From our interactions with the homeless on the streets or in parks, to even the briefest conversations with the cashier at the grocery store, to the longer conversations with bosses or coworkers in the office, our Paschal joy can become a means to help them see that something is different in us. Sometimes, that might even lead to a conversation about what is different in our lives: Jesus' risen presence with us and how that leads to a deep and abiding joy.

So let us enter into this Easter Season with a new joy, a joy that comes from the Resurrection and which overflows into all aspects of our lives. For when we live with Paschal joy, God can use us as His instruments to help bring about the salvation of the world.

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

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 Solemn Vespers of Easter Sunday

Solemn Paschal Vespers will be celebrated on Easter Sunday afternoon at 5 PM at St. Vincent's for which the Schola Cantorum will sing. Please consider making this part of your Easter celebrations.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is usually held at St. Vincent's after the 12 NOON Mass on Sundays. So that we all may enjoy Easter with our family and friends, coffee hour will be canceled this Sunday March 31.

MASSES OF EASTER WEEK

The Octave of Easter, also known as Easter Week, is the eight-day period of celebration that runs from Easter Sunday through Low Sunday. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's, Monday–Friday (April 1–6).

In the Christian tradition, the number eight is a symbol of fulfillment and transition, breaking the seven-day rhythm of life to a new way of being. (That is why, for example, many baptismal fonts have eight sides.) Some of the greatest feasts of the liturgical calendar are given an "Octave," prolonging the joyful festivities of the solemnity.

Because Easter Sunday is the highest ranking of all days of the liturgical year, Easter not only gets an Octave, but an entire season, known as Eastertide, which encompasses the Ascension and lasts 50 days until Pentecost. The Pascal Candle, blessed on the Easter Vigil, is kept burning in the sanctuary throughout Eastertide.

MONDAY, APRIL 1 Parish Offices Closed

In observance of Easter, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, April 1.

SUNDAY MARCH 31 & APRIL 7 Additional times for Confession

Today, Easter Sunday, the Parish will be offering confessions 7:45-8 AM, 9-9:30 AM, 11:30 AM - 12PM, and 5:30-6 PM at St. Vincent's; and on Divine Mercy Sunday, 7:45-8 AM, 9:15-9:30 AM, 11:30-12 PM, and 3:15-6 PM, also at St. Vincent's. Visit **svsc.info** for more information on the Divine Mercy Sunday indulgences & devotions.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 7:30 PM Catholic Medical Association Monthly Meeting

The Catholic Medical Association of New York City Guild regularly meets on the first Thursday of every month, following our Healthcare Holy Hour at St. Catherine's. All physicians, nurses, medical students, and allied health professionals are invited to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 6:15 PM God and Cancer: Prayer and Support Group

The Prayer and 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, APRIL 6 Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group is sponsoring the annual Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. All are welcome to join.

For more information and to register, please visit our website **svsc.info** or contact Ms. Gertie Jackson at 646-853-4254. Please register as soon as possible as tickets sell quickly. The cost is \$63 (cash only), which includes bus transportation and gratuity. Please bring your own lunch.



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 10:30 AM Men's Group Monthly Meeting On Saturday, the Men's Group will meet in the Parish Center at St. Vincent's. There will be prayer, a reflection by one of the priests, and fellowship. Email mensgroup@svsc. info if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 Visitation Circle Monthly Meeting

Saturday, April 6, is the monthly meeting of the Visitation Circle. It will be held at St. Vincent Ferrer Church, starting with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:35 AM, followed with Mass at 12:00 NOON. A meeting will follow in the Church Priory. Refreshments will be pre-ordered; cancellations are requested 24 hours in advance. A small, free-will donation to cover costs will be appreciated.

Fr. Peter Martyr will discuss the March 2024 Women's Retreat, including the outstanding participation by women in the Parish. He will outline the success of—and findings resulting from—the discussion groups.

The Visitation Circle celebrates Catholic women living on their own in New York as widowed, divorced, single, or separated women. For additional information–and a reservation for Saturday's meeting–contact the Visitation Circle at **catherone_o_ rourke@hotmail.com** or email the Parish Office at **parish.svsc.info**.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 Almsgiving Sunday

Next 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 after Mass to support the New York Common Pantry. You can also contribute at **svsc.info/ways-to-give**. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 Afternoon Organ Recital and Exposition

On the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Low Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday, the Parish's Director of Music James Wetzel will offer an organ recital at 2 PM at St. Vincent's. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be offered at St. Vincent's, with Exposition and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 PM, and Benediction at 4:30 PM. Confessions will also be heard from 3:15-6 PM. Adoration at St. Catherine's from 3–5 PM will also be offered as usual.



MONDAY, APRIL 8, 7 PM Mystagogy: Church History, Characters, and Doctrines

Our journey through Church history, led by Fr. Francis, continues with a reflection on the age of the great missionary endeavors of the Church: St. Francis Xavier, St. Louis Bertrand, Matteo Ricci and the Chinese Rites controversy, and defender of the Indians, Bartolome de las Casas. In subsequent weeks, we'll look at the Church Councils of the Modern era, from Trent to Vatican II.

The group meets on Monday at 7 PM in the lower church. Visit our website, svsc.info/mystagogy for past lectures and additional information. All are most welcome. Bring a friend!

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 6 PM Solemnity of the Annunciation

This year, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is transferred from March 25 to the Monday after Easter week. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Missa in G minor, Op. 187, Ave Maria, Op. 171, No. 1a, and Ave Maris Stella, Op. 171, No. 4 by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901).

MUSIC NOTES

For Sunday, April 7, 12 NOON

Missa Victimae Paschali laudes - Giovanni Animuccia (c. 1520-1571) Angelus Domini descendit - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594) Expurgate vetus fermentum - Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585) From Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, the Parish offered 8 services with the Schola Cantorum, recognized as one of the finest Catholic choirs in the country. The ensemble sang 4 settings of the Mass Ordinary, 18 motets, 2 Passions, 1 Magnificat, and 1 Nunc dimittis. All but three of these items were brand new to our repertoire! This does not even consider the approximately 50 pieces of chant for which the group was responsible. For every Mass, the only rehearsal the Schola has is for 75 minutes immediately beforehand.

Please consult the Music List on the tables in the narthex and online for a complete list of repertoire for Eastertide and upcoming feasts and consider making an Easter contribution to our St. Cecilia Guild, the group of patrons who financially support the music program. Email James Wetzel, the Director of Music, with any questions: jwetzel@svsc.info.

