



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

April 7, 2024 – Divine Mercy Sunday



"The Incredulity of Saint Thomas," Guercino, 1621, National Gallery, London

St. Vincent Ferrer

MASS TIMES

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| 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

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| 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

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

MASS TIMES

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| Weekday | 7 AM, 5:15 PM |
| Saturday | 9 AM, 4 PM (Vigil) |
| Sunday | 10 AM, 5 PM |

CONFESSION TIMES

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| Weekday | 4:40–5:05 PM |
| Saturday | 3–3:50 PM |

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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| Sunday | 3–4:30 PM (September 14 through Corpus Christi) |
| Thursday | 5:45–7 PM |

The Parish

Parish Information

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St. Vincent Ferrer

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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 AM Rosary and Vespers

St. Catherine of Siena

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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.

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.

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. 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 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.

Parish Prayer Intentions

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Frank Boyle, Catherine Carty, Tony Crowley, 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.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Win Brown, Sandy Campasano, Marian Clark, Mattie Connolly, Jose Countinho, Sr. Maureen Doonan, Mary Fordiani, Eugene F. Gaughan, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Jeanette McCloskey-Moore, Emanuel Orjugo, Eddie Reyes, Stathy S. Tripis, Lucille Witty, 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.

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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.

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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

6 PM (Vigil) Teresa Zatorska (D)
8 AM Mary Jane Murray (D)
9:30 AM Myrna Romero
12 NOON Margaret McMahon (D)
6 PM Catherine & Patrick Gorman (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

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 Helen M. Regan
6 PM Maria Caltabiano (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8 AM Gladys Gatino (D)
12:10 PM Rudolph Addressi (D)
6 PM Lucy & John P. McGrath (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8 AM Kenneth Gerard Marchinda (D)
12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick McGlade (D)
6 PM Holiness in All Vocations

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8 AM Thomas McHugh (D)
12:10 PM Simpson Family
6 PM Edmund Lukas (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8 AM Riccardo Leonini (D)
12:10 PM Marie D. Powers (D)
6 PM For the needs and intentions of the parish staff

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory (D)
9:30 AM Special Intentions of PHI Circle of Life Members

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

4 PM (Vigil) Mr. & Mrs. Oettinger & Family (L&D)
10 AM For the People of the Parish
5 PM John Nash (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 8

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7 AM Richard & Sandra Beradett
5:15 PM John Nash (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM John Nash (D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7 AM Natalie Frankowski (D)
5:15 PM Katrina Fablang

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Ricardo Abella (D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9 AM Special Intention (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Mary McCarthy (D); Kevin Wilson (D); Souls in Purgatory; People of the Parish; Special Intention; Intention of Donor

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Holy Name Candle

Salome M. Nuez

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.

Living Mercy

MERCIFUL HEARTS

After my mom passed away when I was young, our neighbors saw how difficult things were for our family and offered some great support. Many of them began regularly to cook or prepare dinner for us, and one of the homes even became like an after school program. Each day after school, I would go to their house, and they would not only help me finish my homework but also would keep me busy with things until my older siblings came to get me. These neighbors saw our challenges, they recognized the misery that we were experiencing, and their hearts welled up with love as they supported us in various ways. That is a beautiful example of mercy.

THE HEART OF MERCY

Today, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, and I think that the wider culture misunderstands how profound mercy can be. Often, it is seen as a reduction or removal of justice, as if the two were opposed. The merciful thing to do would be not to give the criminal as hard of a sentence as is owed for the crime. The criminal gets off light, and the jury is happy because they were merciful. It is almost as if mercy and justice are opposed. Yet, in this jubilee of St. Thomas, we can turn to the perennial wisdom of our brother to see that mercy is far richer than that and need not oppose justice.

Aquinas points out that the word mercy (the Latin is *misericors*) comes from being sorrowful at heart (*miserum cor*). At its heart, pun intended, mercy comes when our hearts sorrow for the pain that another person experiences. When this sorrow wells up into actions which seek to dispel what is lacking or what is wrong, then we have mercy (cf. ST I, q. 21, a.3, corp.). In other words, mercy comes when we see the plight of another, such as when a family that has just experienced an untimely death, and we respond by trying to dispel the suffering they experience, such as by making food for the family or babysitting their children.

In this, mercy does not oppose justice. Rather, the two are complementary. St. Thomas even points out that justice is about what is owed to someone, but mercy flows out simply from goodness (cf. ST I, q. 21, a. 4, corp. and ad 4). Mercy is like the outpouring of love which wells up in another person and comes out in actions that are meant to dispel their sadness (cf. ST II-II, q. 30, a. 4, ad 2 and ad 3).



*"Divine Mercy," Eugeniusz Kazimirowski, 1934,
Shrine of Divine Mercy, Vilnius, Lithuania*

ORDERED TOWARD MERCY

Isn't that what we see all throughout the life of Christ? He saw the uneducated crowd, and He felt their misery from the core of His being (Matthew 9:36). He saw the blind, paralyzed, and deaf, and His heart groaned in pain (Matthew 14:14). When He saw the large crowd that hadn't eaten in days sitting before Him, He was moved with compassion (Mark 8:2). In fact, all throughout His ministry, Jesus' heart is ordered by mercy.

This is our invitation. Today is not just about experiencing the mercy of God in the confessional, but it is also about us being transformed by God's mercy so that our hearts can be made like unto His. This feast is about shaping our hearts so that we can recognize the sorrow that others experience, and we can seek to dispel that sorrow. In other words, today is about our hearts being ordered by mercy and ordered toward mercy. May we grow in that way, this day and always.

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

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Low Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is known as *Dominica in albis* (Sunday in White) in Latin because it was traditionally on this day that the neophytes who had been baptized on Easter Eve would lay aside their white baptismal garments for the first time. Its other title is "Low Sunday." The origin of this name is uncertain, but it is possibly intended to indicate the contrast between it and the great Easter festival immediately preceding and also perhaps to signify that, being the Octave Day of Easter, it was considered part of that feast, though to a lower degree. St. John Paul the Great also instituted today as Divine Mercy Sunday in the Roman Calendar. Visit svsc.info for more information on Divine Mercy Sunday's indulgences & devotions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Organ Recital, Exposition & Confession

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Parish's Director of Music, James Wetzell, 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. Adoration at St. Catherine's from 3-5 PM will also be offered as usual. Also on the Second Sunday of Easter we will have additional times for confession at St. Vincent's: 7:45-8 AM, 9:15-9:30 AM, 11:30-12 PM, and 3:15-6 PM.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent's after the 12 Noon Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Parish's monthly second collection will be taken up for H.E.L.P. (Heating, Electricity, Lighting, and Property Management). You can also contribute online using WeShare via our website, svsc.info/ways-to-give, to make your donations.

Donations will also be taken up after Mass by members of the Social Concerns Committee to support the work of the New York Common Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity.

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. We will have a Solemn Mass at St. Vincent's at 6 PM.

APRIL

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Eucharist.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so we can revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 the 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. For past lectures and additional information, visit our website, svsc.info/Mystagogy. All are most welcome. Bring a friend!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 6:15 PM

God and Cancer: Prayer and Support Group

The God and Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 5:15 PM**Mass for St. Margaret of Castello, O.P.**

Join us for our annual St. Margaret of Castello Mass at St. Catherine's. St. Margaret was born with many severe physical disabilities, was rejected by her family, and eventually found a home as a Third Order Lay Dominican. She was renowned for her great holiness, peace, and cheerfulness. Read more about her life at svsc.info. Our St. Margaret Mass is co-hosted by the Dominican Healthcare Ministry and the Friends of St. Margaret, a group of NYC Catholics with disabilities who have placed themselves under her patronage. All are most welcome.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 9:30 AM****Family Fellowship**

Next 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. We welcome all families to attend. To stay updated, please email family@svsc.info.

We also welcome engaged couples, newlyweds, and any parishioner who would like to support the sacredness of human life and love, especially in marriage and family.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 7-10 PM**SVFHS Silent Auction**

Please join the SVFHS Gala & Silent Auction for a memorable night of dining, dancing, mingling, and bidding at St. Vincent's Lower Church. It is one of the school's largest fundraisers. Please get your tickets at svfauction2024.givesmart.com and contact the committee at svfauction@gmail.com if you have any questions. The online silent auction portion is already open, and five other premier items will be available on the night of the gala.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 3 PM**Easter tide Lessons and Carols**

On Good Shepherd Sunday at St. Catherine's, we will have a Service of Eastertide Lessons and Carols. This hour-long celebration will consist of a sequence of scripture readings, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 10:15 AM - 5 PM**Young Adult Retreat: Lifting their Eyes to Heaven**

All young adults who call SVSC their parish are invited to join us for a day retreat to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. Lunch will be provided, and there will be an optional pizza social. All attendees are encouraged to bring a snack to share during the event. For more information and to register, please visit svsc.info. Email youngadults@svsc.info if you have any questions and/or dietary restrictions.

MUSIC NOTES**For This Sunday**

- 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)

By 1550, Animuccia was in Rome at the service of Cardinal Guido Ascanio Sforza. He soon befriended St. Phillip Neri. The two, along with Orlando di Lasso, developed an association with the Florentine Altoviti family, including Archbishop Antonio Altoviti, who was living in Rome. In 1556, Animuccia succeeded Palestrina as *maestro di cappella* of the Julian Chapel of St. Peter's Basilica and would remain there until his death. At that point Palestrina returned to the post.

For Monday, April 8, 6 PM

- Missa in G minor*, Op. 187
- Ave Maria*, Op. 171, No. 1a
- Ave maris stella*, Op. 171, No. 4
- Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

For Sunday, April 14, 12 Noon

- Missa Sexta*, Op. 13
- Michael Haller (1848-1915)
- Pater noster*, Op. 107, No. 1
- Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)
- Da nobis pacem, Domine*
- Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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