



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

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April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery. This is liturgically observed with a procession, blessing of palms, and proclamation of the Gospel passage recounting Christ's entrance. The Gospel of the Mass itself is the Passion according to Matthew. The liturgical color is now red throughout.

In our parish, *Blessing of Palms will take place at 11:30 AM at St. Catherine* of Siena followed by a procession through the streets, accompanied by a brass quartet, to St. Vincent Ferrer for the **12 Noon Solemn Mass**.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

The complete Holy Week Mass and Confession Schedules are available on the parish website, svsc.info, and a booklet is also available in both churches.

HOLY WEEK FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Day of Abstinence:

Good Friday is a day of abstinence for all who have reached their 14th birthday, no meat can be taken.

Day of Fast:

For all aged 18 to 59, inclusive, one full meatless meal permitted and two other meals, which, when combined, are less than a full meatless meal, on Good Friday.

Easter Duty Obligation:

The Easter Duty to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion must be made from the First Sunday in Lent (February 26) through Trinity Sunday (June 4th).

Self Denial:

Is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and deeds of mercy and kindness.

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).

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.

You can also contribute online using **WeShare** via our website, svsc.info *ways-to-give*, to make your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday of Holy Week, **April 3**, is Reconciliation Monday throughout the Archdiocese, an opportunity for all to make their confession before Easter. Confessions will be heard at St. Catherine of Siena from 2–5:05 PM and 6–9 PM and at St. Vincent Ferrer from 2–4 PM and 5:15–9 PM.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Good Friday and Easter, the Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, April 7 and Monday, April 10. The Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 11.

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

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Office Hours:

Monday–Friday:

9 AM–1 PM and 2 PM–4 PM

St. Catherine of Siena

411 East 68th Street, NY, 10065

Office Hours:

Monday–Friday:

10 AM–3 PM

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Francis Belanger, O.P.

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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 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 or email the Parish office, parish@svsc.info.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

To our Parishioners ...How Wonderful... You have donated 51 large boxes of food. Think of all the "least of all my brethren" you have helped.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

Each year, the Holy Father asks each Catholic parish around the world to collect a Good Friday offering to assist Christians in the Holy Land. The collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines and parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people there. A donation to the Holy Land's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence, and instability in this region. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Today and Easter Sunday, our parish coffee hour will not be held after the 12 NOON Mass. Please enjoy celebrating these days with your family and friends.

CONCERT BY CHOIR OF PEMBROKE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

The Choir of Pembroke College, Cambridge (Anna Lapwood, director) will offer a free, hour-long concert at St. Vincent Ferrer on Easter Thursday, April 13 at 7 PM as part of the choir's American tour. The program will include music of English composers Byrd, Stanford, and S.S. Wesley.

The Pembroke Choir will also join the Parish's Schola for the Solemn Mass of Low Sunday, April 16.

MUSIC NOTES

Please consult the Holy Week flyer or the Music List on the tables in the narthex and online for a complete list of choral repertoire during Holy Week, and consider making an Easter contribution to our St. Cecilia Guild, the group of patrons who financially support the music program.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit svsc.info and go to "Ways to Give."

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

6:00 PM (Vigil) Teresa Latawiec Zatorska (D)
8:00 AM Fr. John Barnabas Davis, o.p. (D)
9:30 AM Dr. Gregory K. Harmon & Staff In Thanksgiving
12 NOON Annarose Panebianco-Cecere (D)
6:00 PM Richard Rothman (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 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 Marie Louise Montigny & Philip Wolf (D)
6:00 PM Mystagogy Parish Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 AM For all who have made Profession in the Province of St. Joseph, living and deceased
12:10 PM Steve Creagh & Shirley Gomez (D)
6:00 PM Richard Surazynski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Michael Bruno (D)
12:10 PM Dorothy & Jim Hill (D)
6:00 PM Victoria Osejo Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 AM *Holy Thursday, No Mass*
12:10 PM *Holy Thursday, No Mass*
6:30 PM *Holy Thursday, Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper*

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 AM *Good Friday, No Mass*
12:10 PM *Good Friday, No Mass*
6:00 PM *Good Friday, No Mass*

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 AM *Holy Saturday, No Mass*
6:00 PM *Holy Saturday, No Mass*
8:00 PM *Great Vigil of Easter*

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM For the People of the Parish
5:00 PM Richard Surazynski

MONDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Pour Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Leoncia Ventigan (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for for God's Mercy and Love

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 AM *Holy Thursday, No Mass*
5:00 PM *Healthcare Ministry Low Mass of the Lord's Supper*

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 AM *Good Friday, No Mass*
5:15 PM *Good Friday, No Mass*

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 AM *Holy Saturday, No Mass*
4:00 PM *Holy Saturday, No Mass*

**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:

Eleanor Barba, William Breen, Sr. Michael Mary Campbell, Mary Keegan, Martina Miller, Michael Muretti, Emmanuel Orjiugo, Nilda Ortiz, 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; Catherine Lynch (D); Mary Bradford (D); Intention of Donor; Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention; and the People of the Parish.

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

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.

A PARISH FRAGRANT AND PLEASING TO THE LORD

During Holy Week, there is an oft forgotten Mass—the Chrism Mass—at which the bishop consecrates the holy oils that will be used throughout the year. (Here, in the Archdiocese of New York, the Chrism Mass takes place on Tuesday of Holy Week at 4 PM at the Cathedral.) The Oil of the Catechumens for those preparing for baptism; the Oil of the Infirm for Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites; and the Sacred Chrism for baptisms, confirmations, and ordinations are all consecrated at this Mass. At the end that Mass, there is a beautiful Prayer after Communion:

We beseech you, almighty God, that those you renew by your Sacraments may merit to become the pleasing fragrance of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

While we might be inclined to think just of those who will receive these oils, how as a Parish can we enter more deeply into this? In a sense, this is not just an invitation for those receiving these oils throughout the year. Rather, we are called to become “the pleasing fragrance of Christ.” Yet, how do we do that?

This all starts with a life of prayer and is then carried out in good works. Having a life of deep prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments is at the heart of being Christ’s pleasing fragrance in the world. For when our minds and hearts are more and more conformed to His Truth and Love, the more others will see Him in us. The more we become united to Christ, the more that we will offer ourselves to the Father like He did. Through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we can become Christ’s instruments to help bring about the salvation of the world.

Imagine what it would be like if our whole Parish were one pleasing fragrance of Christ. How beautiful would it be if as a Parish we drew others to Christ by our fragrant way of life: a life of prayer and sacraments, a life of service, a life of truth and charity. How blessed would this be not only for us but also for all those who come to be with us!

There are three very practical ways that we can see this play out. First, on the night of Holy Saturday, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil and welcome new brothers and sisters into the Church as well as adult Catholics who will be confirmed. In charity, let us welcome them with our friendship and be sure to pray for them throughout the week and throughout their first year as Catholics. Our support, assistance, and love for them can help them to become a fragrance pleasing to the Lord. This year, we will have a time for fellowship after the Easter Vigil, which will be a wonderful time to do just this.

Second, there is service to the Parish, which can be manifest in many ways. From assisting as lectors, servers, ushers, and money counters; to volunteering for the Parish Coffee Hour on Sundays; to providing expertise to help with



Parish Coffee Hour



New Veils at St. Vincent Ferrer

particular projects throughout the year; and to many other things, there are numerous ways to support the Parish through offering the gift of your time and talents. If you are looking for ways to serve, we can use more volunteers for the Sunday Parish Coffee Hour as well as additional ushers for Sunday Masses. I would also like to compile a list of volunteers to help arrange for fellowship on certain feast days such as Candlemas, St. Joseph's Day, St. Dominic's Day, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Cecilia's Day, and other special occasions like Easter Vigil and the end of the 125th Anniversary Year of St. Catherine's this August. If you would be willing to volunteer to help on these days, please contact Ginny in the Parish Office.

Finally, there is almsgiving and the financial support for our Parish, which benefits not only community but also all those visitors who join us for prayer and the sacraments. As you might have noticed in the last few months, we were blessed to create a new atrium for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Vincent's, to be able to veil the statues at St. Vincent's again for the first time in many years, and to refurbish the Mary Shrine and the Sacred Heart Shrine at St. Catherine's. Thanks to the generosity of some parishioners, our churches have become more beautiful and more inviting for reflective and contemplative prayer and Christian formation. I would love to see more of the Shrines at St. Catherine's be refurbished as well as the refurbishing of the side doors by the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent's. Because of the continued blessing of additional young families, we also need to continue expanding the atriums for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Finally, I would like to renovate the Parish Center at St. Vincent's to turn it into a multipurpose room that could provide for the Parish life in a number of ways. Finally, while veiling the statue of the Porta Caeli at St. Vincent's, we noticed that one of Mary's hands needs some restoration work. If you would like to support any of these projects either in small or large ways, please contact Lee Ann in the Parish Office.

Along these lines, one thing that you will see begin over the next few weeks is the renovation of our confessionals at St. Vincent's. After a long wait, this renovation will begin on Easter Monday, and the whole process should be completed by Pentecost. This is an incredible need for the Parish, especially since our confession lines have grown much longer over the course of the past year. What a blessing it is for me and the other Dominicans to hear so many confessions!

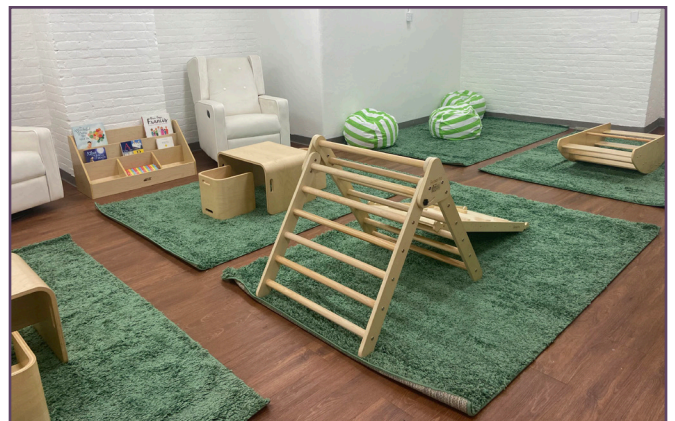
I am so grateful to be with you all at this time as the Parish life is becoming an ever more pleasing fragrance of the Lord. May He bless you and your loved ones this Holy Week and Easter Season so that the coming graces of the Resurrection may bear sweet fruit in your souls. Let us keep one another and our Parish in prayer!

In Christ and through Our Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.



Mary Shrine at St. Catherine of Siena



Holy Family Atrium at St. Vincent Ferrer

Holy Week



Washing the Disciples' Feet (Bl. Fra Angelico, detail from Armadio degli Argenti, San Marco, Florence)

Holy Thursday

8 AM at St. Catherine – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

9 AM at St. Vincent – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

5 PM at St. Catherine – Healthcare Ministry Low Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 PM at St. Vincent – Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with

11:45 PM at St. Vincent – Compline

On *Holy Thursday*, the Evening Mass commemorates the Institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and the ordination of the Apostles. (No other Mass is celebrated on this day, excepting the Chrism Mass) The Mass of the Lord's Supper is therefore a Mass of joy and thanksgiving. Hence the Church replaces her penitential violet with white; the altar is decorated; and the *Gloria in excelsis* is sung during which bells are rung for the last time until the Easter Vigil. Also at this Mass, an extra ciborium of hosts, consecrated for Good Friday's Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, is borne in procession to an Altar of Repose. The other altars are stripped, signifying that the holy Sacrifice will not be offered again until the Vigil.

The title "Maundy" Thursday is derived from the ceremony of the washing of feet, the *Mandatum*, so called because of the incipit of an Antiphon sung during that ceremony: *Mandatum novum do vobis* (I give you a new commandment.) (John 13:34). The *Mandatum* takes place on this day because the Lord washed the feet of his Apostles before the Last Supper.



Christ Placed in the Tomb (Bl. Fra Angelico, detail from Armadio degli Argenti, San Marco, Florence)

Good Friday

8 AM at St. Catherine – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

9 AM at St. Vincent – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

11 AM at St. Catherine – Stations of the Cross

12 NOON at St. Vincent – Seven Last Words of Christ

3 PM at St. Vincent – Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

5 PM at St. Catherine – Healthcare Ministry Simple Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7 PM at St. Vincent – Service of Mater Dolorosa and Solemn Compline

Good Friday is the anniversary of the death and burial of our Lord who, being both High Priest and Victim, offered himself on the cross for the salvation of the world. This day is called "Good" because on it the condescension and goodness of God were exceedingly manifested toward mankind in Christ's self-sacrifice. Its Solemn Liturgy, customarily celebrated at 3 PM, the hour of the Crucifixion, consists of three parts:

1. The Liturgy of the Word, including the chanting of the Johannine Passion and the Solemn Intercessions, with supplications made for the Church and the whole human race.
2. The Adoration of the Holy Cross.
3. The Holy Communion, with the sacred Host which was consecrated on Holy Thursday. The liturgical color is red. On this and the following day, by a most ancient tradition, the Church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except for Penance and the Anointing of the Sick.

Holy Week



Holy Saturday

8 AM at St. Catherine – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

9 AM at St. Vincent – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

Both churches will close at 12 NOON

and St. Vincent will reopen at 7 PM.

8 PM at St. Vincent – Great Vigil of Easter

Descent into Limbo (Bl. Fra Angelico, detail from Armadio degli Argenti, San Marco, Florence)

Through Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion, Death, and descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection. Of this night's Great Vigil, which is the pinnacle of the liturgical year, there is only ever one celebration in each parish. It consists of four parts:

1. The Solemn Entrance (*Lucernarium*), in which the new fire is kindled, the paschal candle is inscribed, the candles of the faithful are lit (*Lumen Christi*), and the Easter Proclamation (*Exsultet*) is sung.
 2. The Liturgy of the Word, in which up to eight readings (seven from the Old Testament and one from the New) and a Gospel tell of the relationship between God and his people from the beginning of creation through the Resurrection.
 3. The Baptismal Liturgy, in which the Litany of the Saints is sung, the baptismal water is blessed, the Baptismal Promises are renewed, and the Elect are baptized and confirmed.
 4. The Liturgy of the Eucharist, as the first paschal Mass of Easter Sunday. The church's best white or gold vestments are worn.
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Easter Sunday



8 AM at St. Vincent – Low Mass

9 AM at St. Vincent – Morning Prayer

9:30 AM at St. Vincent – Sung Mass

10 AM at St. Catherine – Sung Mass

12 NOON at St. Vincent – Solemn Mass

No Coffee Hour Today

3:15 PM at St. Vincent – Solemn Vespers

4 PM at St. Vincent – Sung Mass

5 PM at St. Catherine – Sung Mass

The Maries at the Tomb (Bl. Fra Angelico, detail from Armadio degli Argenti, San Marco, Florence)

Solemn Paschal Vespers will be celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer on *Easter Sunday* afternoon at 3:15 PM for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Magnificat Primi Toni* by Spanish Renaissance composer Cristóbal de Morales. Please consider making this part of your Easter celebrations. "When evening came on that day, the first day of the week... Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: 'Peace be with you, alleluia,'" (John 20:19; *Antiphon to the Magnificat of Vespers of Easter Sunday*).