



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

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April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The Churches are cleaned between Masses.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 25, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year, a passage from the Johannine Gospel is read in which the relationship of Jesus and his followers is compared to that of a shepherd and his sheep.

Year A, John 10:1-10 – I am the gate for the sheep.

Year B, John 10:11-18 – I am the good shepherd.

Year C, John 10:27-30 – My sheep listen to my voice

SOLEMNITY OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Thursday, April 29 is the Solemnity of St. Catherine of Siena, co-patron of the Parish. There will be a Solemn Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Philippe de Monte's *Missa Quomodo dilexi*; Nicolas Gombert's *Beati omnes á 5*; and Jacob Regnart's *Tollite jugum meum*.

The Dominican Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer established a mission on 68th Street east of First Avenue in 1895 which was placed under the patronage of St. Catherine of Siena. The Priory of St. Catherine of Siena was made a formal, independent Dominican house in 1916. The present church was designed by Wilfrid Anthony, Bertram Goodhue's assistant on the St. Vincent Ferrer project, and was completed in 1931.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. VINCENT FERRER

Wednesday, May 5 is the Solemnity of St. Vincent Ferrer and the anniversary of Church's dedication. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola will sing Orlando di Lasso's *Missa Bell' Amfitrit' altera*; *Deus meus in simplicitate cordis mei*; and *Ecce nunc benedicite Dominum*. A solemn Te Deum will be sung at the conclusion of the Mass.

The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, dedicated on May 5, 1918, was built to the designs of renowned American architect Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue, who considered this his finest building. This National Historic Landmark is widely acclaimed as the foremost American example of French Gothic-style architecture and includes a complete set of Charles Connick stained glass windows, carvings by Lee Lawrie, and two instruments by the Schantz Organ Company.

St. Vincent Ferrer's feastday according to the liturgical calendar of the Dominican Order is May 5. In the general Roman Calendar, St. Vincent's feastday is April 5, the day on which he died in 1419.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12:10 PM*, 6 PM

Saturday: 8 AM, 6 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
12 NOON (SOLEMN)*, 6 PM

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 5:20–5:50 PM

Wednesday: 7:15–7:55

Saturday: 5–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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

*Mass is livestreamed via svsc.info.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays:

7:25 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Wednesday:

6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday:

8:30 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Sunday:

8:45 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekdays:

4:50 PM: ROSARY

Thursday:

5:45 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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FR. WALTER WAGNER'S NEW ASSIGNMENT

Father Walter has announced the new mission that has been given to him: to become Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

The new Pastor of our Parish will be Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., currently the Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry of Providence College in Rhode Island. These new assignments will commence mid-summer. May these intervening months be a fruitful time of prayer and transition in our Parish.

To read Fr. Walter's letter and view his video announcement regarding his new assignment, please visit our website, svsc.info.

PARISH EMAIL

To receive up to date and 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.

PARISH STUDY

Fr. Walter Wagner and Br. Frassati Davis have completed their Lenten study series. The seven episodes of the Lenten Series on the Theology of the Baptistry at St. Vincent Ferrer are available on our Parish YouTube channel. You can access the series via our parish website, svsc.info

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Schola will sing music of Spanish Renaissance composer Tomás Luis de Victoria, who appears frequently in our music list.

Missa Surge propera is an example of what is called a 'Parody Mass' – one in which the musical ideas are taken from another, pre-existing composition. In this case, its musical genesis is in a motet by Victoria which sets the Song of Songs passage, "Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my fair one, and come away." The Song of Songs is read on the Passover Sabbath and is therefore likewise associated with Easter and Spring.

The *Regina Caeli* is the Marian Antiphon for Eastertide. Its distinctive alleluias which conclude every verse reflects its Easter flavor.

Music of Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

Missa Surge propera

Ardens est cor meum

Regina caeli á 5

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
6:00 PM (Vigil)
Rene Concepcion (D)
8:00 AM For the People of the
Parish
9:30 AM Letizia & Dante Rizzo (D)
12 NOON Defrim Xhafri (D)
6:00 PM Angel Teague (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 26
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Cosme Naval (D)
6:00 PM Siephia C. Delaporte (D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
8:00 AM James R. Brady &
Carol Brady (D)
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski,
OFM (D)
6:00 PM Mirande Barnhardt

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
8:00 AM Rosa Bulong (D)
12:10 PM James John
McGinness (D)
6:00 PM Frances & Richard
Reynolds

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
8:00 AM Petition to St. Vincent
Ferrer
12:10 PM Roseann Connelly
6:00 PM Kathleen Cunningham (D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 30
8:00 AM Letizia B. Rizzo (D)
12:10 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Liam Reyes (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 1
8:00 AM Marie du Sacre Coeur
Smith, RSHM (D)
6:00 PM Giulio Andreotti (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Sean Hutchinson
5:00 PM Margaret Buckley (D)

MONDAY, APRIL 26
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Mr. & Mrs. Consigli

TUESDAY, APRIL 27
7:00 AM J. T. Moran (D)
5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Octave of Our Patronage

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
7:00 AM Stanley Nadel (D)
5:15 PM Octave of Our Patronage

FRIDAY, APRIL 30
7:00 AM Claudia Corradini (D)
5:15 PM Octave of Our Patronage

SATURDAY, MAY 1
9:00 AM Gavino P. Abaya, Jr. (D)
4:00 PM Octave of Our Patronage

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Jeanette Armentno,
Dr. M. Jwahir Brathwaite, Jack
Briggs, Roseann Connelly, Robin
Hambro, Maggie Heath, Richard
Holiday, Daniel Mackay, John
Morace, Michael Parker, Adolfo
Sardina, Blair Scribner, Anchalee Sae-
Lim, Irene Binos Villamor, Janice A.
Wilson and Kieran Wrynn.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Debra Ackerman, Michael
Buckley, Simon Castillo, Karen
Cuddy, Richard Cunningham,
Eugene Gaughan, Marvin Hagler,
Walter Molinelli, Maurice A.
Murphy, Juan de Jesus Piraquive,
Virginia Rillo, Margaret Kane Schull,
Ruby Sebastian, Stephen Webb, 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);
Sr. Marianne Morelli, O.P. (D);
Mary Stack (D); Intention of Donor;
Souls in Purgatory; The People of the
Parish; Special Intention

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

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

*St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres
Candle*
Maria Marta Litrenta

*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.*

WHY PRAY FOR PREACHERS

I write to ask you to join in eight days of prayer for a new Pentecost.

If you are reading this letter, faith probably makes a significant difference in your life. On the Cross you recognize your Savior, and in the Eucharist you experience his support and companionship. Put simply, you have the Easter Faith.

From this gift we derive comfort and enlightenment, challenge and nourishment: faith gives confidence in believing. But why is this gift so hard to share in our times? God is allowing you and me to live in a society that finds it difficult to believe. That which gives coherence and direction to our lives, we find so difficult to get across to our contemporaries. So I ask: how do we react to living with secular people who do not “get it”? We could become defensive and circle the wagons against our age, or we could become angry and belligerent toward it. We could resign ourselves to being old fashioned, or we could decide that every age does its own thing and worry no longer.

But from the very frustration of not being able to share belief, we might also discover a whole new avenue of growth for ourselves and find the depth of believing that shines forth in the Saints. When the Saints recognize the doubt, indifference, or error of their neighbors, they love all the more, and their prayer deepens with longing for the belief of their companions. Standouts in this category are the two patrons of our Parish here in New York.

St. Vincent Ferrer (1357-1419) and St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), both Dominican preachers who lived in a plague-ravaged Europe and a sharply divided church. Both burned with desire that others would come to know the God who brought them so much joy and fulfillment. God responded to each with a singular gift of communicating the Gospel to their contemporaries.

Effectively, both of our Patrons offered life and energy to a world exhausted by a sustained encounter with a pandemic. But as Preachers of Jesus Christ, they offered what they had first received.

I believe we have the task of begging God for the words, images and insights that will help the people of this time connect with the timeless content of what Christ reveals. You know all too well that our neighbors are depleted from our own long ordeal and they will be looking for encouragement that also enables, and refreshment that also restores. Our task will be to let them know that we have found these things in the Risen Lord and His Sacraments.

I invite you to join me in prayer for this intention during the eight days that connect the two feasts of our patrons. We can ask these two holy preachers to pray that we share their zeal for truth and their love of souls.

Mass will be offered each day for your intentions, starting on April 28, the Vigil of the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena and concluding on May 5, the Feast of St. Vincent Ferrer. Prayers for this intention will be said at all our Parish Masses and I will be in touch with a greeting on each day of the Octave. Please also know that the Friars in our community, and our parishioners, will be joining in eight days of pleading for the spread of the Gospel, so that more and more people may live serenely on the foundation of Christ's promise of life.

Easter Peace!

Fr. Walter

OCTAVE PRAYER

Their voice has gone through all the earth,
their words to the end of the world, alleluia

Psalm 19:4

V. The Lord gave the Word

R. And great was the company of the preachers.

Psalm 68:11

Let us pray.

O God, whose will it is that all should be saved
and come to the knowledge of the truth,
look upon your abundant harvest and be pleased
to send workers to gather it, after the pattern of
St. Catherine of Siena and St. Vincent Ferrer, that
the Gospel may be preached to all creation and
that your people, gathered by the word of life and
sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may
advance in the path of salvation and love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen



THIS WEEK OF GRACE

April 25 – May 1, 2021

April 25 **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- On this Good Shepherd Sunday pray for those charged with the service of leadership in the Church.
- This is a great day to pray for vocations to the priesthood. May more men recognize the call to provide pastoral care as a work for our times.
- Pray also for the many lay people who now share the task of pastoral care: think especially of catechists, who lead many through the vulnerable time of conversion.
- Pray that we may all give a more attentive hearing to the Scriptures read at Mass and recognize, with ears attuned, the voice of Jesus speaking to us in our times.
- The days before and after this Sunday will be marked by many First Confessions, First Communions, and Confirmations. Pray that in each of these, a young person will connect more deeply with the Good Shepherd of their soul.

April 28 **St. Louis de Montfort**

- This 18th century French diocesan priest formed a plan for spiritual growth for souls through consecration to Mary. Many in our Parish follow this month-long exercise each year.
- Pray that the Blessed Mother would show us the beautiful balance of confidence and humility that makes for true discipleship.
- Today we begin the Octave of our Patronage. Pray that by the intercession of St. Catherine and St. Vincent our Parish truly may be a Holy Preaching within our neighborhood and our city.
- As we now undertake a change in leadership, pray that this may also be a time of growth and a witness to Gospel practice.

April 29 **Solemnity of St. Catherine of Siena**

- As we celebrate today the feast of a prophetic preacher, pray that we may recognize her 14th century challenge as one for ourselves, namely that we persevere in the unity of Christ's Body.
- Pray in thanksgiving for the continuing ministry of St. Catherine's Church to those who need a place of welcome and tranquility, especially those in the medical profession and the families of the sick.
- Pray for the Friars of the Priory of St. Catherine of Siena, and for Sr. Margaret Oettinger, O.P.; may they persevere in their distinctive preaching among the sick.

April 30 **Pope St. Pius V**

- As a great Pope of the Counter-Reformation, St. Pius (a Dominica) reminds us all to pray for the constant renewal and reform of the Church's life, and to recognize this as a call in every age.
- St. Pius also promoted the prayer of the Rosary. Pray that more souls would connect to the whole plan of Gospel through meditation upon its mysteries.

May 1 **St. Joseph the Worker**

- A great day to pray that all may have the opportunity for dignified and fulfilling work, and to reap the fruits of its discipline in their lives.

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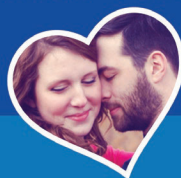


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