



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

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## May 10, 2020 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### 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 daily rosary and Mass 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](mailto: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/>.

### MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

Envelopes are available to remember our living and deceased loved ones in a Novena of Masses beginning on Mother's Day, May 10th. Those parishioners who receive our monthly envelopes will find a Novena envelope in their packet. Novena envelopes are also available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

### 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

## PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.

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*Vicar for Formation*

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Bro. Albert Dempsey, O.P.

*Deacon*

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## 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](http://www.svsc.info) and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit [www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26](http://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 10 AM on Sundays and 9 AM otherwise). Online leaflets for these Masses for the faithful at home to follow will be uploaded to our parish website: [www.svsc.info/music](http://www.svsc.info/music).

## Outreach

As we live through this difficult time, our parish clergy and staff hope that we can help you and provide sources of comfort and guidance. For these resources visit [www.svsc.info/outreach](http://www.svsc.info/outreach).

Here you can find:

- Materials used during our daily Masses
- Daily Greetings from the Friars
- Resources for Prayer

Our Religious Education page is available to help your children with:

- Prayer in the Home
- Praying with Children in a Pandemic
- CGS Podcasts

Fr. Joseph Hagan has been kind enough to share with all of us a series of talks (including a handout) on *Credo 22-23: Love of God and Neighbor*. This series has been put together for our catechumens and candidates who have been on a long journey to and through RCIA. This series seems particularly helpful while we learn a new way to live alone, together.

## Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who continue to come in each day to open, clean, and maintain both our churches. All of your work and devotion is deeply appreciated, especially at this time.

## 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MAY 10  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Raquel Taton, Aida Villanueva, & Lydia Saludares (D)  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
9:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Yolanda Tioseco (D)

MONDAY, MAY 11  
8:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Rev. Hugh Halton, O.P. (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 12  
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj  
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13  
8:00 AM Wesley Winfield Wright (D)  
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Anna Le Thi Khuyen (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 14  
8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj  
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Peter Loc Van Le (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 15  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Betty Roberts (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 16  
8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Special Intention

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MAY 10  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)  
10:00 AM Leonard Nugent (D)  
5:00 PM Gavino P. Abaya, Jr. (D)

MONDAY, MAY 11  
7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 12  
7:00 AM Donald B. Pinto (D)  
5:15 PM Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13  
7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 PM For the Deceased Members of the Koestner Family (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 14  
7:00 AM For the Annual Enrollment for the Living  
5:15 PM Mr. & Mrs. Matok

FRIDAY, MAY 15  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)  
5:15 PM Sabina Quiguyan (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 16  
9:00 AM Mrs. Beverly Williams  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Michelle Coloma (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, & Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, Juan de Jesus Piraquive, Victoria Principe, William Selby, Annie Strelov, Joseph Michael Thomas, & 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*  
Mary Donoghue (D); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L); Mary McCarthy (D); Hannah Russell (D); For the Souls in Purgatory; For the People of the Parish; Mother's Day Novena

*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*

This week we reprint the beautiful Litany of Supplication devised for the Holy Father's Urbi et Orbi blessing in time of pandemic. It will be apt for this day in this year.

**We adore you, O Lord**

True God and true man, truly present in this holy Sacrament.

We adore you, O Lord

Our Savior, God with us, faithful and rich in mercy

King and Lord of creation and of history

Conqueror of sin and death

Friend of humankind, the Risen One, the

Living One who sits at the right hand of the Father.

**We believe in you, O Lord**

Only begotten Son of the Father, descended from heaven for our salvation

We believe in you, O Lord

Heavenly physician, who bows down over our misery

Lamb who was slain, who offer yourself to rescue us from evil

Good Shepherd, who give your life for the flock which you love

Living bread and medicine for immortality, who give us eternal life

**Deliver us, O Lord**

From the power of Satan and the seductions of the world

Deliver us, O Lord

From the pride and presumption of being able to do anything without you

From the deceptions of fear and anxiety

From unbelief and desperation

From hardness of heart and the incapacity to love

**Save us, O Lord**

From every evil that afflicts humanity

Save us, O Lord

From hunger, from famine and from egoism

From illnesses, epidemics and the fear of our brothers and sisters

From devastating madness, from ruthless interests and from violence

From being deceived, from false information and the manipulation of consciences

**Comfort us, O Lord**

Protect your Church which crosses the desert

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect humanity terrified by fear and anguish

Comfort us, O Lord

Protect the sick and the dying, oppressed by loneliness

Protect doctors and healthcare providers

exhausted by the difficulties they are facing

Protect politicians and decision makers who bear the weight of having to make decisions

Grant us your Spirit, O Lord

In the hour of trial and from confusion

**Grant us your Spirit, O Lord**

In temptation and in our fragility

In the battle against evil and sin

In the search for what is truly good and true joy

In the decision to remain in you and in your

friendship

**Open us to hope, O Lord**

Should sin oppress us

Open us to hope, O Lord

Should hatred close our hearts

Should sorrow visit us

Should indifference cause us anguish

Should death overwhelm us

## DISCIPLINE

By my count this Fifth Sunday of Easter completes eight weeks of lockdown. I write these lines ten days before you read them so I do not know if we have begun to emerge. At seven weeks in, where I am, it feels like walking across the flat bottom of a trough. The descent challenged us profoundly because the terrain shifted constantly, lots of sudden drops. Difficulty brought thrill though, as we mustered the creativity to be nimble in subsidence.

After the adventures of live-streamed Holy Week we landed on new flat ground at the bottom, and we found ourselves in Covid Valley normal. Spaced, masked, and gloved we walk across its floor toward what must be its other side. We know an ascent lies ahead, but the mileage to it and the contours of it lie shrouded in mist. Is it steep we wonder, or a long gradual grade? Is this rise in the road the beginning of it? All of a sudden we are kids in the back asking our leadership up front, "are we there yet?"

Trekking across the bottom lands I chastise myself with counsel I have given so easily to others, "Stay in this chapter of life until life moves you to the next one." My 10-year ministry as Novice Master taught me this lesson. I used to have each class of novices for a year, from August to August. Each year during June they would begin to leave me long before leaving me. Their minds started seminary early, for they had tired of the long routine of the Novitiate. Humanly, this is normal: what grass does not look greener on the other side of a transition? As the years went on I learned to say to Novices, "Stay in the Novitiate until you leave it." Rendering the lesson topographically, I have come to see that a landscape yields hidden riches when I have walked through it for a while, but if boredom has sent my mind on ahead, I will miss them.

In God's providence these long flats of lockdown will yield insights, if I recognize lockdown as something assigned to me for my good. What then have these unstructured days taught me about me, with regard to conversation and silence, food and drink, work and leisure, laws and loved-ones. I have just made decisions about each of these parts of life (how do I interpret the rules about PPE?). Reviewing such choices becomes important because the lessons of the lockdown may provide the wherewithal for the long climb up out of it. Punditry abounds on the world after Covid-19, (or even just the world after lockdown), but I will affect that world by the resolves I have reached in my room, off of the pundit's grid.

The time down here has shown me how often the expectations of others organize my life. From my teenage years I have readily showered, shaved, and dressed every morning, but for all those years there has been someone for whom to do it. Now that I have few appearances to make, I discover the satisfaction of doing it for myself. My personal, domestic experience of the quarantine has been the challenging but joyful experience of discipline in general and disciplines in particular. I discover how much it matters to me that I meet my call to prayer even when it is not public, and that it feels right when I eat right, even when I can now eat whatever I want and whenever I want. I realize how much my appearance matters to me even when no one is around to comment on my fashion sense or my adherence to professional standards. So I have tried to build all of these practices into lockdown: I note serenity when I succeed and the lassitude when I fail.

The habits I ponder comprise the regimen of early morning, usually done half asleep and trying to remember what has to be done today. But in quarantine they come into their own and I find that they connect me to my being. It's all about discovering the life of Walter independent of job, community, and credentials. Delving into this truth does not supplant the public works but offers them a deeper grounding. As the weeks go by I discover that my morning praxis sets a tone for the whole day. It makes me more present to myself and God, and thence to others and to work. Thus, inner order drives the outer rather than vice versa.

Where the inner disciplines obtain the external ones form more easily. If I dress for me and not just for others, the unfortunate mask and gloves go on more serenely, and it is easier to be six feet from others if I am close to myself. Interior discipline supporting external practice makes all the difference when that practice must shift rapidly.

Here in the valley practices have stabilized a bit, we have our plans for food delivery, and we have learned zoom, all too well. But an unmapped ascent means rocks and brambles in the trail and lots of switchback turns. So we will go back into a world of conflicting guidance, 180 degree changes in policy, and rumor everywhere. Disciplines fostered in lockdown though can secure the reservoir of patience and perseverance needed for another season of flux.

If we stand on firm inner ground we will manage the circuitous climb ahead. Then, I think, we will perceive in a new way God's Lordship of history. He has presided in love over humanity's golden ages and dark ages. Our human lot demands coping with the age, or ages, to which we have been assigned. We are all hikers trying to discern the trail ahead, while maintaining sure footfalls on the terrain of the present. God makes this effort a way to find where real constancy lies, within us by virtue formed, and from Him by grace given.

Easter Peace!

  
Fr. Walter