

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

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May 14, 2023 - 6th Sunday of Easter

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*

Mother's Day Novena

Happy Mother's Day! Our Mother's Day Novena starts today, May 14 and ends on May 22. A daily Mass will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer during this time for your intentions. You may record names of deceased mothers in our Remembrance Book at St. Vincent Ferrer's Rosary Altar. They will be remembered in this novena.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION

This Sunday, May 14, we welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor to our Parish. At the end of every Mass, we will take up a collection to support the efforts of the Little Sisters at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help them provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care.

To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor visit their website at *www.littlesistersofthepoorbronx.org*.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend we will also take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

New York Purgatorial Society Mass

On **Tuesday, May 16** at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer. All are most welcome.

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hours are held at St. Vincent Ferrer after the 12 NOON Mass. In addition, on **Sunday, May 21**, St. Catherine of Siena will have a coffee hour following the 10 AM Mass in St. Dominic's Hall. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners and enjoy some light refreshments.

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 рм Saturday: 3-3:50 рм

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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Monday–Friday:

9 AM-1 PM and 2 PM-4 PM

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10 AM–3 PM

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ASCENSION THURSDAY — HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, May 18 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Christus resurgens* by Gregorio Allegri; *Viri Galilaei – O Rex gloriae* by Giovanni Bassano; and *Omnes gentes plaudite* by Giovanni Croce.

In addition to the regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, there will be a school Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 1 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena.

The evening Masses on Wednesday, May 17 will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity and will satisfy the obligation. The Wednesday evening Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer and the Thursday evening Holy Hour at St. Catherine of Siena will take place as usual.

On this fortieth day since the Easter Resurrection, after assuring his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come upon them, Jesus was taken up into heaven in a great cloud and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Within Eastertide (the fifty days from the Resurrection until Pentecost), Ascensiontide encompasses the last ten; thus the name of the final Sunday of Easter is Ascensiontide Sunday. Incidentally, the events of the Ascension have the same historical and liturgical distance from Easter as the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas), when Mary, according to the Jewish law, went up to the Temple in Jerusalem for the ritual of purification, has from Christmas.

PENTECOST

On **Saturday, May 27**, there will be a Solemn Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost at 7:30 pm at St. Vincent Ferrer. This Vigil Mass, similar in form to the Easter Vigil (but much more brief), includes readings and prayers added by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. It will fulfill the Sunday obligation for Pentecost. The Schola will sing *Missa Dum complerentur* and the motet on which it is based, *Dum complerentur – Dum ergo essent*, by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

The regular evening Masses at 4 and 6 PM on Saturday, May 27 will be

offered as well, but the 6 рм Mass will be a Low Mass.

The schedule for Pentecost **Sunday, May 28** is as usual, with the Schola Cantorum singing *Missa Veni Creator Spiritus*; *Confirma hoc, Deus*; and *Spiritus Sanctus replevit* by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina for the 12 NOON Solemn Mass.

Mystagogy: Catholicism from Soup to Nuts

On **Mondays**, at 7 PM in St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Center, we will have adult faith formation with Fr. Francis Belanger, O.P.

The term "mystagogy" implies the life-long process by which fully initiated Catholics re-discover the faith and delve more deeply into the call of Christian discipleship. Feel like you missed some of the basic teachings? Aren't sure how to respond when your non-Catholic friends ask about your beliefs? Want to go past a high school understanding of your faith? This is for you! We will meet every Monday until June 5. All are most welcome!

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Ascensiontide Sunday, the Schola will sing a setting of the Ordinary by William Lloyd Webber. He was born into a poor London family and studied composition with Vaughan Williams at the Royal College of Music. In 1938, Lloyd Webber was appointed Organist and Choirmaster of London's All Saints Church, Margaret Street, later becoming Organist of the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. From 1964 until his death, he served as Director of the London College of Music. William Lloyd Webber's two sons are today widely-recognized musicians: composer and impresario Andrew (b. 1948); and Julian (b. 1951), a prominent British cellist.

Missa Princeps pacis – William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982) Caelos ascendit hodie, Op. 38, No. 2 – Sir Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924) Data est mihi – James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, MAY 14

6:00 PM (Vigil) Fr. Joseph Payne, O.P. (D)

8:00 AM Mother's Day Novena Intentions

9:30 AM AnnaRose Panebianco-Cecere (D)

12 NOON Gilbert Hart Kinney (D) 6:00 PM Elizabeth Regan (D)

Monday, May 15

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 Mother's Day Novena Intentions

6:00 рм Mary O'Connor

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 am Mark Flesher (D) 12:10 pm Mother's Day Novena Intentions 6:00 pm Umberto Del Ciglio (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:00 AM Kristin Serrano & Pascual and Lenora Urcia (D) 12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena Intentions

6:00 рм Sylvia Irizzary (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

12:10 рм Mother's Day Novena Intentions

6:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

Friday, May 19

8:00 AM John & Margaret McArdle (D) 12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena Intentions

6:00 PM Victoria Osejo Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena Intentions

6:00 рм Julia & Nemecio Chanduvi (D)

MASS INTENTIONS St. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, MAY 14

4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D) 10:00 AM Mother's Day Intentions 5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 AM Dr. Tom & MaryJane Haher 5:15 PM Michelle Colona (D)

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude5:15 PM Thanksgiving for God's Mercy and Love

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:00 AM Special Intention 1:00 PM Francis & Marcella Devanney (D) 5:15 PM Regina & Aldo Gasparrini (D)

Friday, May 19

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

SATURDAY, MAY 20

9:00 AM Marc Cammarata 4:00 PM David Gale (D)

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, Jeremy Kyser, Frank Milano, Robert J. Quackenbush, and Helen Skoratowicz

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Elise Brown, Sr. Michael Mary Campbell, Barbara Fontana, Martin Hagan, Walter L. Larkin, III, Doug Matthews, Martina Miller, Nilda Ortiz, Maria Vicari-Tralongo, Nicholas Lloyd Webber, and the souls of all the recently deceased.

CANDLE INTENTIONS ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Mary McCarthy (D); Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Thomas Parsons (D); Mary Parsons; Souls in Purgatory; and Success of the Little Sisters of the Poor Collection.

Sanctuary Madonna Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine
Peace in Ukraine

Rosary Altar

Mother's Day Novena Intentions

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

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



Regarding the liturgy, Pope Benedict is probably most known for his *motu proprio* titled *Summorum Pontificum* (July 7, 2007), which allowed for widespread use of the Missal of 1962 that was promulgated by Pope St. John XXIII. Interestingly enough, neither that *motu proprio* nor its accompanying letter actually speak of active participation in the liturgy. Rather, to get a sense of Pope Benedict's thought about active participation, it is important to look at his work *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, which he wrote in 2005 while he was still Cardinal Ratzinger.

Similarly to how St. John Paul II sought to get to a deeper meaning of active participation, so too did Pope Benedict. In *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, he asks the question about what we are participating in. What exactly is it? His answer: the actio of God. Then-Cardinal Ratzinger says, "By the actio of the liturgy the sources mean the Eucharistic Prayer. The real liturgical action, the true liturgical act, is the *oratio*, the great prayer that forms the core of the Eucharistic celebration, the whole of which was, therefore, called *oratio* by the Fathers... The real 'action' in the liturgy in which we are all supposed to participate is the action of God Himself" (pgs. 171-172, 173). In other words, in this actio and oratio, we enter into the very action of the Son of God praying to and offering Himself to the Father. This is not our work properly

speaking. Rather it is God's work that we enter into and in which we participate.

Ratzinger also points out that similarly to how "the elements of earth are transubstantiated, pulled, so to speak, from their creaturely anchorage, grasped at the deepest ground of their being, and changed into the Body and Blood of the Lord," so too are we changed when we enter into the actio of God (pg. 173). Ratzinger says, "True, the Sacrifice of the Logos is accepted already and forever. But we must still pray for it to become our sacrifice, that we ourselves, as we said, may be transformed into the Logos (*logisiert*), conformed to the Logos, and so be made the true Body of Christ" (pg. 173). In other words, similarly to Ven. Pius XII's description in *Mediator* Dei, by uniting ourselves and all that we expereince in life to Christ's self-offering, we are transformed by God's action working on us. The liturgy is about God's action, and we actively participate in that when we prayerfully and intentionally pray with Christ.

May we give thanks to the Son for His perfect self-offering to the Father, and may we enter into that most beautiful action during each and every Mass.

Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, o.P.

In Christ,





Dominican Priestly Ordination



Pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the Ordination of the Dominican Brothers to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 4AM-9PM
DEPART FROM AND RETURN TO ST. VINCENT FERRER CHURCH

Come support Br. Juan Macias and his Dominican classmates as they are ordained priests at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. A reception follows the ordination, and a visit to the Dominican House of Studies is also possible.

To learn more, go to bit.ly/opordination2023 or scan the QR code



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 18

a Holy Day of Obligation.

MASS SCHEDULE:

ST. VINCENT FERRER

MAY 17 - 6 PM (VIGIL)

MAY 18 - 8AM, 12:10PM, 6PM

MAY 18 - 10AM SVF SCHOOL

MASS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

MAY 17 - 5:15 PM (VIGIL) MAY 18 - 7AM, 1PM, 5:15PM

Photo: "The Ascension," Benjamin West, 1801, Berger Collection, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado



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Upper Garden Prayer Night

Join us for a monthly prayer gathering at St. Catherine of Siena Church on **Friday**, **May 19** at 7:30 PM (the Friday before the 3rd Saturday of each month). It will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, songs of praise, spontaneous prayer, sacred silence, Scripture reading, deep listening, brief preaching and an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Oil and also prayed over as you present your particular needs of mind, body, and spirit.

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, O.P. will lead the gathering as we open ourselves to what the Holy Spirit wants to do among us.

Seekers are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. Come, as we open the garden of our hearts to the Lord's personal touch and loving care!

For more details, see *www.uppergarden.org* and click on the "News and Events" tab.



May 20

Saturday Midday Retreat with the Mystics:

Evelyn Underhill

On Saturday, **May 20**, 12 NOON to 3 PM, in St. Catherine of Siena Church, we'll continue our Midday Retreat with the Mystics, focusing on Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941). Her book, *Mysticism*, (1911) was the most widely read text on mysticism for over a hundred years and introduced many to the topic (including me!). She authored 39 books and 350 essays on Christian spirituality, drawing from her enriching conversations with a wide range of intellectuals of her day, including von Hugel and the Russians Bulgakov and Florovsky (with whom she is pictured above).

Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, op will give a conference talk on Evelyn Underhill followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and guided meditations from her writings. A social with light refreshments will follow, along with an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity oil. Although not necessary, we invite those attending the social to consider bringing a snack or dessert to share. Thanks! Evelyn will help us turn from excessive self-reflection to, as she says, "think glorious thoughts of God."

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