



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

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## May 17, 2020 – 6<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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## 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 17

6:00 PM (Vigil) Special Intention

8:00 AM Joseph McGovern & Kathleen Redmond (D)

9:30 AM Sylvia Irrizary (D)

12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena

6:00 PM Mark Flesher (D)

MONDAY, MAY 18

8:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 PM Mother's Day Novena

6:00 PM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj

12:10 PM Special Intention

6:00 PM Margaret Burns (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 AM Louie Dedvukaj

12:10 PM Special Intention

6:00 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM Carol Premone (D)

12:10 PM Special Intention

6:00 PM For the Deceased Members of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:00 AM Dick Buckley (D)

12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)

6:00 PM Rev. Augustine Yurko, OSB & Rev. William Yurko (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00 AM Attracta McGoldrich (D)

6:00 PM (Vigil) Vid Suljick (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MAY 17

4:00 PM (Vigil) Michelle

Coloma (D)

10:00 AM Ceasar Guinitaran (D)

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 18

7:00 AM For the Province of

St. Joseph

5:15 PM Mary Herman

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 AM Freda Barton (D)

5:15 PM Thomas Muran &

Joan Maloney

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the

Shrine of St. Jude

5:15 PM Gavino Abaya (D)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

1:00 PM Mrs. Ann Boland

5:15 PM Gavino Abaya, Jr. (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society

of St. Catherine of Siena (D)

5:15 PM Edward Cosetta (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 23

9:00 AM Ms. Noreen O'Keefe

4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (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 Jerzy Glowczewski, John Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, Juan de Jesus Piraquive, 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*  
Priscilla Ventigan

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

## DESTINATION

During these days of pandemic I have realized how firmly destination sits in the human gut. Listen for it in conversation, spot it in the privacy of your own thoughts. Everyone wants to know when it will end and what things will be like when it does. What conditions will obtain; socially, financially, liturgically? As of this writing these questions have obscured the major election facing us in November, and that destination topic would have otherwise been everywhere.

Destination matters to me because I want to be prepared and not taken by surprise. I also want to get on the ground floor of a new life and find stability for me and mine in a new context. For places in the new order there will be competition and I want a head start in that race. In the end, destination motivates me, giving energy and focus to my thoughts and content to every tête-à-tête.

Experts and leaders receive a mandate to do destination work on our behalf. They face the graphs, charts, and models and try to help us all get ready. For this we owe great thanks, especially to those who, in these days, have shown us the potential of a commitment to public service and to good governance. For these women and men destination work pertains to the common good and they have motivated us to sustain the privations of lockdown as the narrow way to the destination of public health and safety.

That said, often destination thinking does not produce good fruit. People OD on punditry and scare themselves half to death. Apocalyptic visions of the aftermath mirror the denial of this crisis at either end of the spectrum, and both leave their adherents exhausted and disconnected. One group plans for the end of civilization and the other for the return of the status quo ante. Too much planning!

All of my life I tried to be a planner, but now I do not plan beyond night prayer and the days are full and meaningful. All through the weeks of this tragedy, while trying to keep aware of the suffering around me, I have been busy on the outside and peaceful on the inside. My serenity owes nothing to any fortitude or resourcefulness of mine, but I hope it bespeaks the power in this week's great mystery of the Lord's Ascension, which has come to supply my destination, even in daily life.

Worry consumed a lot of my youth. I gave countless hours to fretting about the direction of things, my affairs and those of the world. Freedom came when I began to realize that all affairs end in Christ and he is at the end of affairs. Mine is a daily struggle to meet my obligations, avoid my sins, and fulfill my potential, but the place where all human potential finds fulfillment is already occupied, by him for me. Not only is he where I want to be and shall be, but he is at work closing the distance between us.

What is the ground of this hope? First, I receive the Easter Peace he conferred upon Thomas and the other Apostles in the Upper Room, believing that he lives, and accompanies me by the gift of his Spirit. I recognize that he interacts with me in the sacraments and as my good shepherd works with me in the complexity of my inner and outer life. Put more simply, because I live the Eucharistic life I am confident that one of the many dwellings in the Father's house has my name on it, and I am now on the way to it. In the light of my destination I see work, my struggles, and my identity enabling forward movement. The present then becomes a constantly fresh beginning. (If you have been following Parish Study in recent weeks you recognize the mystagogy here.)

In the mystery of his Ascension Christ taps into the human need for a destination and meets it. His glorification is not simply a return home after a job well done. He ascends as God and man, placing our human nature in the very happiness that humans truly desire. He is there but he is always with me. If I perceive the sacraments I perceive this truth. It appears succinctly in the collect (opening prayer) for the Seventh Sunday of Easter; "Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Savior of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us..." His presence with me propels me toward to that place of happiness he has gained. He begets in me a desire for it and urges me to reach out for it.

From this teaching I derive the assurance that if I truly inhabit the present moment I am truly on the way. Living in pandemic, with my three Brothers at St. Catherine's, and ministering to my virtual parish, connects me to the whole Christ, present to the Father, and present to me in the Holy Spirit. In this connection lies the forward movement of my life.

So if you follow Jesus in the life of the Church, his Ascension tells you a lot about who you will be and about who you are. You are a person planted in the world with a home in eternity... These two truths about you are totally different but not separate at all. In your destination lies your freedom.

Easter Peace!



Fr. Walter

P.S. Usually I need to tell you that the Ascension is a holy day of obligation. Of course this year there is no such thing. But I do hope you will check in for a streamed Mass on that day, and so connect with your eternal self.