



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

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May 2 – Fifth 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.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

This weekend, a second collection will be taken-up to help offset our Parish's operating deficit. 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. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 3.

FEAST OF STS. PHILIP AND JAMES

Monday, May 3 is the Feast of Sts. Philip and James, Apostles. There will be a Sung Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

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. Wednesday Holy Hour will follow the 6 PM Mass as usual.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. There will be a Remembrance Book for all deceased mothers at the Rosary Altar at both Churches.

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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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ASCENSION

Thursday, May 13 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 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's *Missa Ascendo ad Patrem meum*; Jacob Handl's *Ascendo ad Patrem meum*; and Peter Philips's *Ascendit Deus*.

The 12:10 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will be a Sung Mass.

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

The evening Masses on Wednesday, May 12 will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor usually visit our Parish on Mother's Day to accept donations to support their mission of caring for the elderly in the Bronx. Due to Covid restrictions in nursing homes, the Sisters are unable to be present this year at Mass. The second collection on Mother's Day, May 9, will be in support of the Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx.

The Little Sisters offer hospitality and care for 100 needy elderly men and women. They depend greatly on charity to carry on their mission to the aged and infirm. Any assistance you can give will help the Little Sisters provide for the needs of the elderly entrusted to their care. Literature is available in the back of the church. To learn more about the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor visit their website, littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org. Thank you for your generosity. The Little Sisters thank you with their prayers for your intentions.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Schola will sing music of two of the most prolific composers of the Renaissance.

Tulerunt Dominum meum is a Responsory in Eastertide citing Chapter 20 of John's Gospel. The text begins, *They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have put him, alleluia. The angels say unto her: Woman, why do you weep? He is risen, as he said. He goes before you into Galilee, alleluia.* The Schola sang a different version of this text on Easter II by the Italian composer Giovanni Battista della Gostena. This Franco-Flemish setting, although quite different in style, exudes the Easter joy in its own way. The Mass Ordinary is one of Lasso's typical six-part settings, with SSATTB voicing.

Missa Amor ecco colei – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Tulerunt Dominum meum – Cum ergo fletet

– Philippe de Monte (1521-1603)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MAY 2
6:00 PM (Vigil)
Giulio Andreotti (D)
8:00 AM Doris Berta Kandros (D)
9:30 AM Jack Cawley (D)
12 NOON Fulvia Bado (D)
6:00 PM Francis Krasinski (D)

MONDAY, MAY 3
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Roseann Connelly
6:00 PM Mary Lucas (D)

TUESDAY, MAY 4
8:00 AM Angeline Sabo (D)
12:10 PM Rosemary Trindade (D)
6:00 PM Jim & Dymrna Mooney
and Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
12:10 PM Luigi Lombardo (D)
6:00 PM Joe & Mary Mooney and
Family

THURSDAY, MAY 6
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Sharbel Family
12:10 PM Monica Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Dorothy Evelyn Logan (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 7
8:00 AM Living Members of the
Mullen Family
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Sister Dorothy Roy (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 8
8:00 AM Fr. Reginald Whitt,
O.P. & Fr. Bill Holt, O.P., 45th
Anniversary of their Ordination to
the Priesthood
6:00 PM Edward
Munshower, Sr. (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MAY 2
4:00 PM (Vigil) Octave of Our
Patronage
10:00 AM For the People of the
Parish
5:00 PM Octave of Our Patronage

MONDAY, MAY 3
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Octave of Our Patronage

TUESDAY, MAY 4
7:00 AM Hilda & Albert Erker (D)
5:15 PM Octave of Our Patronage

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

THURSDAY, MAY 6
7:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Supan Family
5:15 PM Josefina Madamba (D)

FRIDAY, MAY 7
7:00 AM Purgatorial Society of St.
Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Alejo Ramos (D)

SATURDAY, MAY 8
9:00 AM Una Jackson Williams (D)
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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

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, Juan de Jesus
Piraquive, 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. Malachy O'Brien, O.P. (D); Mary
Wilson (D); Sr. Catherine Murray,
O.P. (D), Jack Ryan Keegan; Souls in
Purgatory; The People of the Parish;

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Fr. William Holt, O.P.

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.*

INTEGRITY OF LIFE

*For, with the old order destroyed
A universe cast down is renewed
And integrity of life is restored
To us to Christ*

From the Fourth Preface of Easter

Ever since the current English translation of the Roman Missal appeared in 2011, I have enjoyed saying this “Preface” during the Easter season, but I have never thought through, why. No doubt the word “integrity” spoke to me with power; all the more so because the text presents it neither as a possibility nor as a goal, but as a present reality. Given my own struggles to live well, I find this a startling thought.

My dictionary gives me two definitions for integrity. The first is what you might expect: “The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, morally upright.” I suspect this popular sense of the word has its origins in the second definition which is, “The state of being whole and undivided.” This deeper and broader sense of the word connects to the expansiveness of the Preface. Indeed, these few lines connect what goes on inside me, what goes on around me, and the order of the whole universe.

What bridges that vast span is the link of integrity to happiness. No doubt the life of sacraments flowing into us from the Risen One, makes it easier for us to satisfy integrity’s usual meaning with more principled and consistent behavior. Since virtue provides its own reward, this is a joy. But the Preface refers not to integrity of behavior but to integrity of life, and herein lies a happiness with eternal potential.

We now find ourselves in the heart of the Easter season. The lilies and jelly beans are gone, and in a series of Gospels the Risen Lord sits with us and prepares for the mysteries of his Ascension and Sending of the Holy Spirit. This is serious and beautiful business, but as the Easter season evolves, Jesus faces stiff competition from weddings, graduations, First Communions, Confirmations, Ordinations, and their anniversaries; all of these draw us in a thousand directions and cause limitless distractions.

If what Jesus makes possible for me is a life whole and undivided, then a spring full of change makes it difficult for me to absorb such a truth, for I am tired and pulled in too many directions. If the Lord has integrity on offer, I would like it to take the form of a simpler, more clearly ordered life. I think of a week possessed of five days of work and two of leisure: I long for workdays that end at 5 PM, and I dream of lunches that last an hour. Finally, if we are serious about integrity of life, then I would like to chuck multitasking in favor of concentration.

Of course my version of integrity looks a lot like nostalgia and sounds a lot like whining. But the Lord of Easter turns our gaze in the opposite direction. In fact, his Resurrection provides the very principle of the new integrity. In the light of the Paschal Candle he offers his new life in glory, shared with us in the sacraments, not just as a reward for good behavior, or as a promise for beyond the grave, but as a reliable foundation for the life we now live, and as a matrix within which all its dimensions may coexist in harmony.

“If Jesus lives...then” becomes for me the new starting point for faith and prayer surely, but also for work and love, money and politics. Effectively the resurrection replaces fear, anxiety, and resentment in the shaping of my decisions. Now you, reasonably, will request some illustration of this point, and I am happy to oblige.

I will never forget my first Easter in the Order. I happened to be standing next to my Prior at our community party following the Easter Vigil. While we Novices eagerly devoured sweets of any kind, he turned to me and said, “If it weren’t for the Resurrection, you would not be here.” The truth of his words has unfolded for me over three decades. When I made vows as a Friar, I forsook the reasonable measures most people use to build a way of life that gives stability and companionship. I accepted the eternal life of Jesus as a pattern for happiness in the present, because if He lives, an undefended life becomes possible. Despite a number of challenges along the way I would reaffirm the choice, and confirm the significance of what ensued.

Because Jesus lives I have moved from place to place and from occupation to occupation. I have lived with, and worked with, all kinds of people. I have not chosen a single one of my assignments, but receiving each, I perceived that I could obey readily because of His life within me.

As a result, in each place, through each work, and with each company of companions I have found a new home to cry over when leaving. At each stage of the journey it has proven harder for me to segregate areas of my life from the impact of the original choice, and so conversion has followed conversion, as connection has followed connection. Ultimately the Resurrection has been for me the agent of a new harmony of life, and I am less divided against myself at 59 than I was at 49 or 39. Mine is one story. But each time a person reports becoming more whole doesn’t a universe cast down take fresh delight?

Given the current state of the institutional Church, the vowed life signifies ever more clearly, an embrace of the precarious as a path to the eternal. In that light what could be frightening becomes thrilling, and what could stifle life, gives life.

Easter Peace!
Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

May 2 – May 8, 2021

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2021

- Pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

General Intention

- During this Octave of our Patronage pray that the life of our Parish may be a Holy Preaching of the Risen Lord in this place and time.
- Pray that our transition in leadership may be a persuasive part of this witness.

Community Notes

- From May 6 – 11 Fr. Walter will travel to Charlottesville. He will begin getting to know his new Parish and community of friars. He hopes to preach at all the Sunday Masses there on May 8 – 9.
- From May 22 – 25 Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth will visit our parish in preparation for becoming our new Pastor in July. We hope he can preach at the Masses for Pentecost.
- On May 22 in Washington, Br. Frassati Davis will be ordained to the priesthood.
- On May 29 Br. Bernard Knapke will arrive to spend the summer with us. He will serve the Parish as a deacon.
- Please pray for all of these friars as they set out into new chapters of life.

May 2

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- On this Almsgiving Sunday pray for the work of the New York Common Pantry and for all New Yorkers who experience food insecurity.
- Today our Orthodox Brothers and Sisters celebrate Easter. Pray that this may be a day of peace and joy for them.

May 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles (Feast)

- As part of our Octave of Prayer, please remember the ministry of our Bishops, that waking in the apostolic succession they may have the grace to announce the resurrection.

May 5

The Solemnity of St. Vincent Ferrer

- Pray for the ministry of our Parish that is St. Vincent Ferrer Church. May this extraordinary building preach on its own to our parishioners and our visitors, may our making it available also preach.
- Pray for St. Vincent Ferrer High School and its work of proclaiming the Gospel at such a challenging time for education.
- Pray for the community of Friars and the community of Sisters who each have St. Vincent Ferrer as Patron. May the Priory and the Convent of St. Vincent Ferrer be communities of preaching by the lives they live.
- Pray for the Dominicans who continue St. Vincent Ferrer's work of itinerant preaching. May this challenging way of life continue to bear fruit in the Church.

May 8

The Dedication of the Order of Preachers to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Pray for our own Fr. Bill Holt on the 45th anniversary of his priestly ordination. We give thanks for Father's generosity and fidelity, which have benefited our parish so greatly.

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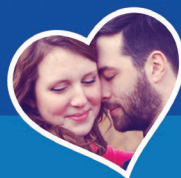


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