

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

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### June 20, 2021 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Fr. Walter Wagner's Farewell Mass and Reception

Fr. Walter Wagner's final Mass as Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer will be Tuesday, June 29 at 6 pm. Following the Mass, please join us for a reception in the Parish Hall for light refreshments as we say farewell to our friend and beloved Pastor. All are welcome.

#### FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday, June 20, the third Sunday of June, is Father's Day. There will be a Remembrance Book for all deceased fathers at the St. Joseph Altar at both Churches. In addition, our Father's Day Novena starts June 20 and ends on June 28. A daily Mass will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer during this time for this intention.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, Sunday June 27, a second collection will be taken-up for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Thank you for your generosity.

#### NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thursday, June 24 is the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

John the Baptist has two feast days in the liturgical calendar: one commemorating his birth (June 24) and the other his death (August 29). There are only three nativities observed in the Roman Catholic calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist.

#### STS. PETER AND PAUL

Tuesday, June 29 is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Christopher Tye's *Missa Euge bone* and William Byrd's *Constitues eos* and *Tu es Petrus á 6*.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY SCHEDULE

This year, Independence Day – July 4, falls on a Sunday. The Parish will be on a regular weekend Mass and Confession schedule. On Monday, July 5, the Parish will be on a regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule, although the Parish Offices will be closed.

#### PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATED

Based on the CDC and the Archdiocese of New York recommendations, we have adjusted our Covid guidelines. If you are fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For additional information, please visit our website: <code>svsc.info/parish-covid-19-protocols</code>.

Overall, in this transition, we trust your patience and especially your Christian charity.

#### Mass and Confessions

#### St. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays: 8 ам, 12:10 рм\*, 6 рм Saturday: 8 ам, 6 рм (Vigil) Sunday: 8 ам, 9:30 ам,

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

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#### St. Vincent Ferrer

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#### **MUSIC NOTES**

Next Sunday, for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets from the Spanish Renaissance. Alonso Lobo, born in Osuna, grew up as a choirboy at the Cathedral in Seville under Francisco Guerrero. He studied at the University of Osuna and was made a canon of the collegiate church there. In 1591, he was named Guerrero's assistant in Seville, leaving two years later when he was appointment as *maestro di capella* of Toledo Cathedral. In 1604, he returned to Seville's Cathedral as *maestro di capella* where he remained until his death.

The United States is under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception. The Schola will sing a setting the seasonal Marian Antiphon *Salve Regina*, as next Sunday is also Independence Day.

Salve Regina á 5 (1576) – Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

O quam suavis est – Alonso Lobo (c. 1555-1617)

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#### LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Going forward, the Parish will no longer offer the livestream Rosary. What we are offering instead is a permanent location on our website where you can pray the Rosary along with Fr. Joseph Hagan, Fr. Frassati, and Fr. Walter Wagner at any time during the day. Even as Fr. Frassati and Fr. Walter are preparing to leave our Parish, you can continue to pray the Rosary with them.

Visit our website *svsc.info* and click on the YouTube icon in the upper left

corner to access the Mysteries of the Rosary.

#### STS. JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE

In this Religious Freedom Week, the Church observes the Memorial of two English martyrs, John Fisher and Thomas More on June 22.

John Fisher (1469-1535), after ordination, was appointed tutor for Prince Henry, who became King Henry VIII. In 1504, Fisher was consecrated bishop of Rochester in the north of England and chancellor of Cambridge University. When King Henry tried to divorce Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn, Fisher was the only English bishop to refuse to sign the petition to Rome. Fisher also subsequently refused to sign the Oath of Supremacy which named Henry as supreme head of the English Catholic Church. The bishop was charged with high treason and imprisoned in 1534 during which time Pope Paul III made him a cardinal in May 1535. He was executed by beheading at the Tower of London on June 22, 1535. Many parallels are drawn between Fisher and his namesake John the Baptist's execution at the command of King Herod, and indeed the date of his execution was chosen so that he would be dead before the Baptist's feastday on June 24. However, June 22 is coincidentally the feastday of St. Alban, the first English martyr.

The son of a London lawyer, Thomas More was born in 1477 and trained as a lawyer as well. He eventually was named Lord High Chancellor of England in October 1529, succeeding Thomas Cardinal Wolsey and serving under Henry VIII. Like Bishop Fisher, More refused to sign the Oath of Supremacy and resigned his chancellorship in to May 1532. After also refusing the 1534 Oath of Succession relating to Anne Boleyn's legitimacy as queen, he was arrested and convicted of treason. More was beheaded on July 6, 1535 at Tower Hill, reportedly declaring, "I die the King's good servant, and God's first."

Pope Pius XI canonized More and Fisher in 1935 and Pope St. John Paul II declared him the patron saint of statesmen and politicians in 2000.

#### Mass Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer

SUNDAY, JUNE 20
6:00 PM (Vigil) Michael Regan
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Bernard Doherty Family (D)
9:30 AM For the People of the
Parish
12 NOON Father's Day Novena
6:00 PM Mary Morrissey (D)

Monday, June 21 8:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order 12:10 pm Father's Day Novena (D) 6:00 pm Patricia Dennis (D)

Tuesday, June 22 8:00 am Benefactors of the St. John Paul II Society 12:10 pm Father's Day Novena (D) 6:00 pm Edward C. Perry (D)

Wednesday, June 23 8:00 am Daniel O'Connor (D) 12:10 pm Father's Day Novena 6:00 pm Arthur C. Lenihan (D)

Thursday, June 24
8:00 am Rene Concepcion (D)
12:10 pm Father's Day Novena
6:00 pm Sue Crissy (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 8:00 AM Mary Rossani (D) 12:10 PM Father's Day Novena 6:00 PM Alexander Rossani (D)

Saturday, June 26 8:00 am Father's Day Novena 6:00 pm Rev. Charles I. Martineau, O.P. (D)

## MASS INTENTIONS St. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 4:00 PM (Vigil) Marina & Cornelio Crucillo (D) 10:00 AM Rev. Christopher Johnson, O.P. (D) 5:00 PM Norma Evans (D)

Monday, June 21
7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm David Johnson (D)

Tuesday, June 22
7:00 am Nicole Cadlett
5:15 pm In Thanksgiving for God's
Mercy and Love

Wednesday, June 23
7:00 am Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 pm Paolo & Marina Spani (D)

Thursday, June 24
7:00 am Rose & Danny Moloney
5:15 pm The Stewart Family

Friday, June 25
7:00 am Purgatorial Society of St.
Catherine of Siena
5:15 pm Francis & Marcella
Devanney (D)

Saturday, June 26 9:00 am The Menta Family 4:00 pm David Gale (D)

#### Parish Prayer Intentions

August Arace, Harry & Rita Barters, George Brooksbank, Jamie Calabro, Roseann Connelly, Peg Creagh, Jamie Dixon, Peter Dixon, Carolina Dominguez, Maggie Heath, Anne Hills, Mary Kane, Jewel Lorio, Agnes McGrath, Jay Mortimer, Marie O'Sullivan, Danny Ramos, Jim Robothem, Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and Daniel Zwiren.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alexandra Vidal, Sr. Catherine Murray, John Morace, John Moran, Margaret Kane Schull, Aaron Stern, 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; Frank
Nardone; Nora Griffin (D); Helen
Donnelly (D); Father's Day Novena;
Souls in Purgatory; The People of the
Parish;

**St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna** Jack Ryan Keegan (D)

**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

#### Making Room

Moving startles me each time I do it. When the task appears on the horizon it seems a cut and dried matter: so many boxes, so many days. Then, when I start on the first shelf, I realize that I have begun to dismantle my world.

Except for a few years in law school, my personal space has comprised one room. There I sleep, care for myself, pray and reflect, write and stew. When I go to pack it up, I realize that as I used the room, it enveloped me like a blanket, and, snuggled in it, I found safety and self-connection. So the things to be packed have ceased to be items and have become the furniture of a home.

There is the rub! Dominican Friars refer to our dwellings as houses, at least in everyday speech. Further, we hold each Brother's "cell" inviolate as if it were his castle. Reassignment though, works more powerfully and swiftly than any law of eminent domain. Eventually, a writ from on high turns us out of our cherished domain and it becomes another Brother's chateau, this happens in a matter of weeks. We each live with this knowledge, and it should prevent us from forming the attachments of home ownership, but it doesn't.

So I am amazed at how in a small space, and from a few things, a world forms. I sally forth from its security to be with my Brothers, my parishioners, and my friends. All the while I know I have a refuge waiting for me, and having a secure base makes the whole world my oyster. I remember thinking, on a walk through our neighborhood, that I must eventually live in another place, in another way, but that I could not imagine it, so much had the UES become my world. But, inevitably, when I have become most settled in my space, and in shared space, the summons to decamp comes, and I must face the intricacy of my comfort.

All of a sudden I am in transit and my things begin to look different. What made for a cocoon of comfort now seems a traveler's nightmare: how will I get all of this from here to there? How will I now relate to my stuff? I have options. I may decide that my clothing, books, and pictures make up a patrimony to be preserved throughout my life. A great pile of boxes emerges from this notion, and packed up in them, alongside the stuff you can see, is the intention to re-erect the room in a new place so that Walter's personal space remains unchanged.

One could also argue that a new place means new stuff, for our itinerant life means we have no lasting city. This makes it easy to pitch everything, and in a second, the furniture of a world becomes its refuse, with no allowance made for fondness or memory. All is abandoned to the giveaway table and the dumpster.

When reassignment is rapid, one may have to choose between indiscriminate packing or indiscriminate pitching. But sometimes we get a gift of time, and the opportunity. I was blessed to get months of lead time on my assignment to Charlottesville. I had the chance to place myself and my world in transition months ago, so that packing became prayer.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, I laid hands prayerfully on each thing I refer to as mine. I took the chance to reflect on my enjoyment of it, when I had bought it, or who had given it to me. Then I decided whether or not it was time for someone else to have it. In this way I prepared a bag for the poor each day of Lent. By Easter's arrival, a lot of my world had been packed up and shared, and my room became more and more ready to be someone else's.

I found that with each bag's packing, I became more ready for what will be next for me in God's providing care. If my room's former comfort came to represent being planted in a time and place, its new emptiness represents the space I have made for the new work He asks me to do and for the new work He will do in me.

One Virginia morning it will dawn on me that I am at home, and in another room I will find the comfort of being at ease with myself and with God, and will be able to marvel at His plan and muse on where the next room could possibly be.

Summer Peace!

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Fr. Walter

#### THIS WEEK OF GRACE

June 20 – 26, 2021

#### **Religious Freedom Week 2021**

- This observance commences on Monday of this week and concludes on Monday of next week. The days
  from June 22 to June 29 embrace three feasts of Saints who spoke truth to power, which is a central
  function of Religious liberty.
- St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher (June 22) refused their assent to legislation of Henry VIII separating England from the jurisdiction of the Holy See.
- St. John the Baptist (June 24) challenged King Herod regarding the legality of his marriage.
- St. Peter and St. Paul challenged institutional religious authority regarding its treatment of the Messiah.
- The religious freedom we enjoy makes it possible for members of every faith to carry out this sacred and difficult ministry of truth.
- Pray for all whom the Holy Spirit moves to take this Holy Risk.
- There is an intention for each day of the week:
  - **June 22** Pray that children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who serve those children will find strength and support from the Church.
  - **June 23** Pray that God would continue to grant Catholic institutions the wisdom and courage to serve a world suffering the effects of the COVID pandemic.
  - **June 24** Pray that the dignity of all people will be respected in our country.
  - **June 25** Pray that Christian witness in the face of attacks on our churches will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ.
  - **June 26** Pray for our Catholic sisters and brothers who are suffering in Nicaragua.
  - **June 27** Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.
  - **June 28** Pray for Christians in Iraq, and that people of all faiths in the land of Abraham, may live in peace.
  - **June 29** Pray that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

#### June 20

# The Twelfth Sunday of the Year Fathers Day

- Pray for our fathers, living and deceased.
- Pray for Fathers separated from children by the pandemic.
- Pray for all the men who long for the gift of fatherhood.

#### June 21

#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga, S.J.

- This young Jesuit lived from 1568 to 1591. In his short life he demonstrated extraordinary holiness: he died of the plague, having chosen to work in a Jesuit hospital that served plague victims.
- Pray for all who put themselves at risk to serve the well-being of others.

#### June 22

#### St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher

- Thomas More and John Fisher worked carefully and lovingly for the renewal of the Church in their time. Pray for all who show us how to pursue justice by the practice of study.
- On this feast of St. Thomas More we pray for lawyers who recognize their profession as also a vocation to serve God in the complexity of the world.

#### June 24

#### The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

• Pray for all who work for the renewal of society and church by standing prophetically at the edge, those outliers who offer us a "fresh pair of eyes."

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