



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

July 21, 2024 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Saint Magdalene Preaching to the Port of Marseilles," Frederic Monténard, 1911, La Sainte-Baum, France

St. Vincent Ferrer

MASS TIMES

Weekday	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

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday– Saturday	5:15–6 PM (plus Wednesday at 7:15–7:55 PM)
Sunday	7:45–8 AM, 9:15–9:30 AM, 11:30 AM–12 NOON, 5:15–6 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30–8 PM
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St. Catherine of Siena

MASS TIMES

Weekday	7 AM, 5:15 PM
Saturday	9 AM, 4 PM (Vigil)
Sunday	10 AM, 5 PM

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekday	4:40–5:05 PM
Saturday	3–3:50 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday	3–4:30 PM (September 14 through Corpus Christi)
Thursday	5:45–7 PM

The Parish

Parish Information

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St. Vincent Ferrer

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS

Weekday 7:25 AM Matins and Lauds
5:25 PM Rosary and Vespers

Saturday 8:30 AM Matins and Lauds
5:25 PM Rosary and Vespers

Sunday 8:45 AM Matins and Lauds
5:25 AM Rosary and Vespers

St. Catherine of Siena

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYERS

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 AM Lauds
4:45 PM Rosary
7 PM Vespers

Tuesday 8 AM Lauds
4:45 PM Rosary
6 PM Vespers

Saturday 8:40 AM Rosary
9 AM Lauds during Mass

Sunday 7 PM Vespers

Sacraments and Sacramentals

SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

To request a copy of your certificate of Baptism, Marriage, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation visit:

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MARRIAGE

For information about the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at either St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, visit:

[svsc.info/sacrament-of-holy-matrimony](https://www.svsc.info/sacrament-of-holy-matrimony). Please review the Wedding and Marriage Preparation Policy and note that it takes a minimum of six months preparation time before the wedding.

RCIA

For adults looking to become Catholic or receive Confirmation, email rcia@svsc.info to ask about our RCIA program.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

To learn more about having a child begin formal preparation for First Holy Communion or Confirmation, email Lisa Harrelson, Director of Religious Education at LHarrelson@svsc.info.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the church or at home (for those who are homebound). Email parish@svsc.info or call **(212)-744-2080** to set up an appointment.

Parish Prayer Intentions

GENERAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

Elaine Arace, Bella Claravall, John Crosson, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Margaret Duffy, Robert Foran, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Jay Mortimer, Gladys Pedraza, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Bill Rudd, Helen Skoratowicz, Victor E. Stewart, Denise Swantek.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Maria Caltaviano, Sophia d'Antoine, Sr. Maureen Doonan, Parker Gentry, Alfred Gill, Fr. William Holt, O.P., Erickson Johnstone, Frederick Martinez, Br. Damian McCarthy, O.P., Richard Mittel, Anthony Noralez, Emanuel Orjugo, Eileen Powers, Michael Saperstein, Victor E. Stewart, Ernest Frederick Weiting, and the souls of all our recently deceased.

HOSPITAL 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.

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Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 21

6 PM (Vigil) Iwona Kedzierska (D)
8 AM For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM Barbara O'Halloran (D)
12 NOON Raymond M. Hicks III (D)
6 PM Brenda Omondi (D)

MONDAY, JULY 22

8 AM For the Members of The John Paul II Society
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6 PM Gertrude Canale (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 23

8 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 Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)
6 PM Kenneth (Ken) Tierney (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

8 AM Rene Concepcion (D)
12:10 PM Florencia Riascos (D)
6 PM Lidia Brusone (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

8 AM Kenneth Gerard Marchinda (D)
12:10 PM John Yurjevich (D)
6 PM Anthony Sellner (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 26

8 AM AnnaRose Panebianco-Cecere (D)
12:10 PM Marisa DiMaggio (D)
6 PM Deceased Members of the Olivier & Bernacchi Families (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 27

8 AM Adolfo Sardina (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 21

4 PM (Vigil) Mr. and Mrs. Oettinger and Living and Deceased Members of the Oettinger Family
10 AM Anna & Fred Schleimer (D)
5 PM Ronaldo Bautista (D)

MONDAY, JULY 22

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM In Thanksgiving to God for His Love and Mercy

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
5:15 PM Raymond Martin Hicks III (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

7 AM Triduum Honoring Sts. Joachim and Anne
5:15 PM Sable Regina Fields (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

7 AM Triduum Honoring Sts. Joachim and Anne
5:15 PM Cathy Tusiani (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 26

7 AM Triduum Honoring Sts. Joachim and Anne
5:15 PM Special Intention (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 27

9 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Intentions of Donors; Souls in Purgatory; Juan Carlos and Paola Morales; Nilvia, Noemi and the Zapata Family; People of the Parish; Special Intention

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Rosary Altar Candle

Will Goodman

St. Joseph Candle

Will Murray

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Purgatorial 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 Shrine, 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

St. Lorenzo Ruiz,

Infant Jesus of Prague

Letty Dolan

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 Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.

Prayerful Promises

CHILDISH PROMISES

The amount of times that kids tell their parents, “I promise that I’ll ...” or “I promise I’ll never do it again!” is pretty remarkable. I’m sure that I did it a host of times as a little one. Maybe for some of those, I held to them. Yet, maybe for some others, my parents realized I wouldn’t be able to fulfill them, and so just smiled and nodded.

Either way, this leads us to reflect on how seriously we take our promises. Are they empty words? Do we mean what we say? How much do our hearts play into this? How are our promises received by others? Promises shouldn’t be made or received lightly since they are actually a matter of justice. When a promise is made, some sort of contract is entered into. I *will* do this or that. I *won’t* do this or that. Those are actually serious words.

MATURE PROMISES

St. Thomas points out that promises should come from a deep place within the heart and reflect an honesty of life: “Three things are essential to a vow: the first is deliberation; the second is a purpose of the will; and the third is a promise, wherein is completed the nature of a vow” (ST II-II, q. 88, a. 1, corp. art.). In other words, when we make a promise, it should come from a deliberate choice and firm purpose rather than the fear a five-year-old has of displeasing a parent. Then, when we have deliberated about the idea and made up our will to follow that plan, we can fruitfully make that promise.

This is especially true of promises made to God. When we make a promise to God, we actually enter into a vow with Him, regardless of whether it is a private promise about fasting every Friday or a public vow like for a religious who makes vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience (cf. ST II-II, q. 88, aa. 1 and 2). Now when a person makes a promise is made to God, we “ought to be faithful to God above all, both on account of God’s sovereignty, and on account of the favors he has received from God. Hence he is obliged before all to fulfill the vows he has made to God, since this is part of the fidelity he owes to God” (ST II-II, q. 88, a. 3, corp. art.). Here, Aquinas insightfully points out that we should take promises to God even more seriously than we might make to our best friend or our boss. With promises made to God, the stakes are actually higher because He isn’t just more perfect. Rather, He is the all-perfect One to whom the highest honor and respect should be given.



“The Vigil,” John Pettie, 1884, National Gallery, London

UH OH! WHAT DO I DO NOW?

This might lead to some questions. “Uh oh, what about that promise I made to God? I basically never do it anymore.” “Wait, really? I didn’t think it was a serious thing when I made that promise.” “I promised never to commit this sin again, but I keep doing it. Am I doomed?” These are all tough questions, but luckily there are some principles to help.

If you have made a private promise to God that you’re unable to keep faithfully, pastors have been given the faculty to dispense you from it (cf. Code of Canon Law, 1195). Even if you made a promise to God about not committing a particular sin again, my recommendation is actually to have that promise dispensed. The worry might be, “Well, I made it so that it would help me not to sin.” Yet, if that hasn’t happened in reality, breaking the promise to God is actually adding another sin on top of the sinful act itself. It might mean that you need to seek other resources to help you break free rather than trying to rely on a promise that is unachievable by your own power.

Luckily, God is merciful, and He wants us to get to heaven. He has given the Church a beautiful authority to help sort through this: “Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 18:18).

In Christ and through St. Thomas’s intercession,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1 PM

Parish Coffee Hours Cancelled Today

Both our monthly St. Catherine's Coffee Hour and our weekly St. Vincent's Coffee Hour are cancelled today.

Please note that from July 21 to August 4, we will not have the weekly St. Vincent's coffee hour. It will resume on Sunday, August 11. We hope to see you next time!

JULY - AUGUST

Long-Time Partner Pregnancy Center in Manhattan In Need of Volunteers

Are you able to spare 3 to 5 hours a week to help women in vulnerable situations and the pro-life movement? Pregnancy Help Inc. is in need of volunteer peer counselors (the center will train you) who are willing to walk with abortion-bound women and help them say yes to life. The ability to speak Spanish is a HUGE plus. If interested, please send an email to **Nicole Moore** at nmoorephi@gmail.com or give her a call at 212 - 243 - 0970. We hope to hear from you! God Bless!

THE MONTH OF JULY

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.



TUESDAY, JULY 23 AND TUESDAY, JULY 30, 6:45 PM

Death Be Not Proud: The Art of Dying in the Catholic Tradition

Join Br. Linus M. Martz, O.P., for a four-part series on the end of life and dying well. Each talk can stand alone, so continuity in attendance is not necessary. The talks are intended for **people from all backgrounds and stages in life**. The two remaining meetings will be as follows:

July 23: Last Rites

In our third session, we will examine the place that the sacraments have at the end of a Christian's earthly life. We will focus especially on the Anointing of the Sick, which with Confession and the Eucharist forms the heart of the Church's spiritual care for the dying. We will also discuss best practices about when to request these sacraments and how to prepare well to receive them.

July 30: Eternal Life

For more information, see the posters in the back of the church or visit our parish website at svsc.info. We encourage you to invite your friends to join—**All are most welcome!**

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 6 PM

Feast of St. James

For the Feast of St. James the Great, Apostle, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's. There are two Apostles named James. The "Greater" (meaning older or taller) James was the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of the Apostle John.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 6:15 PM

God and Cancer: Prayer and Support Group

The Prayer and Support Group meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 6:15 PM in St. Catherine's. Those who suffer cancer are invited to join a Catholic community of support in carrying this cross.

Please email Fr. Hyacinth at director@healthcareministry.org to RSVP and to join the group.

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 6:30 PM

Club Dominicana: Monthly Young Adult Social

This Friday, July 26, join us for fellowship, pizza, and a brief reflection at St. Vincent's Lower Church. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and other Catholic Young Adults from the greater New York City area.

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 7 PM

Monthly Swing Dance

Join our parish for our monthly swing dance night! The evening will start with a free class for all levels, followed by social dancing at 8 PM. No experience necessary! You are welcome to bring a snack or beverage to share. The event is free, but donations are welcome!

**AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 8****St. Dominic's Days**

Our Holy Father Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, died on August 6, 1221. To mark the 803rd Anniversary, the Parish will have several days worth of special celebrations.

On **Friday, August 2**, we will celebrate the feast of Bl. Jane of Aza, St. Dominic's mother.

Thursday, August 8 is the Solemnity of St. Dominic. There will be a Solemn Mass and Procession at 6 pm at St. Vincent's. Once again and in light of the ancient tradition of having a Franciscan preach at a Dominican church on St. Dominic's Day and vice versa, we will welcome a CFR preacher for the Mass.

From August 2–8, the Memorial of Bl. Jane Aza, the mother of St. Dominic to the Solemnity of St. Dominic, **relics of St. Dominic will be displayed for veneration** by the Rosary Altar at St. Vincent's.

**MONDAY, JULY 29, 7 PM****Holy Hour for Priests**

Join the parish in praying for the sanctity of all priests and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Adoration will be held at the Friar's Chapel in St. Vincent's.

AUGUST 8 - 11**Elizabeth of the Trinity: The Mystery of Christian Prayer Contemplative Symposium**

Join this four-day retreat-conference on St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and Contemplative Prayer. It will be held at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie, New York. Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, OP, is among the list of speakers. "Abyss calls to abyss!" Learn more at tinyurl.com/ContemplativeSymposium2024

MUSIC NOTES**For This Sunday**

Maria Magdalene – Cito euntes
– Pierre de Manchicourt (c. 1510-1564)
Dominus regit me – Super aquam refectiois
– Philippe Rogier (c. 1561-1596)

This Sunday, the Schola sings music from two composers associated with the Flamenca (Flemish Chapel) at the court of Philip II in Madrid. The Offertory Motet, Manchicourt's setting of the Eastertide text *Maria Magdalene*, is sung to commemorate Monday's Feastday (July 22nd) of St. Maria Magdalene. Because she carried the news of the Resurrection to the apostles, she is known as the "Apostle of the Apostles" (*Apostola Apostolorum*). With St. Catherine of Alexandria, she is a Patroness of the Order of Preachers.

Upcoming Sundays

The Gospels of Seventeenth through the Twentieth Sundays in Ordinary Time in Year B of the lectionary offer pericopes of St. John's "Bread of Life discourse." The motets sung on these Sundays will explore various treatments of Eucharistic texts by composers from different national Schools in the Renaissance.

SUMMER DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Sunday afternoon Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's is suspended through the summer and will resume on September 15, the Sunday after the Feast of the Holy Cross. **All other weekly Holy Hours (in both churches) will continue as usual.**

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