



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

August 25, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Crucifixion with the Virgin, Saints and Angels," Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino, 1503, National Gallery, London

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Phone Number (212) 744-2080
Email parish@svsc.info

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.
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Parochial Vicar Rev. Reginald Hoefler, O.P.
Parochial Vicar Rev. Francis Belanger, O.P.
Parochial Vicar Rev. Raymond La Grange, O.P.
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Business Manager Lee Ann Rubino
Director of Music and Organist James D. Wetzel
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St. Vincent Ferrer

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address 869 Lexington Avenue
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Office Hours Mon-Fri, 9 AM-1 PM and 2-4 PM

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address 411 East 68th Street
 New York, NY 10065
Office Hours Mon-Fri, 10 AM-3 PM

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:

svsc.info/sacramental-record-request.

BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena please visit our website, svsc.info/baptism and download the Baptism request form and email it to parish@svsc.info. A priest will be in touch with you to set up a meeting and to schedule the Baptism.

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. 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, Sarojini Bruschi, Bella Claravall, Annette Cunningham, Brando Cruz, Concepcion De La Cruz, Margaret Duffy, Warren & Renata Gosdin & Family, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Gladys Pedraza, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Helen Skoratowicz, Victor E. Stewart, Denise Swantek, John Williams.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Maria Caltaviano; John Cullen; Sophia d'Antoine; Ligia Fermin; Parker Gentry; Alfred Gill; Br. Damian McCarthy, O.P.; John Williams; 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.

Join and Donate



COME JOIN THE PARISH

We welcome new parishioners who would like to join our Parish community. Visit svsc.info/join-our-parish, or stop by the Parish office to register. To receive up to date information, sign-up for Parish emails via our website or email parish@svsc.info.

tinyurl.com/SVSC-FB [@SVSC.NYC](https://www.instagram.com/SVSC.NYC)



DONATE TO YOUR PARISH

You can fulfill your stewardship with an online service through WeShare. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll in online giving, visit svsc.info/ways-to-give.

You can also give via text message: text keyword **SVSC** to **(800) 950-9952**. Click the link and complete your donation.

Intentions

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

6 PM (Vigil) Alfred Gill (D)
 8 AM Nilda Casugbo Manalo (D)
 9:30 AM Anacleto Ramirez (D)
 12 NOON Mr. & Mrs. Joesph and Jane Budnick and Fr. Aloysius Budnik (D)
 6 PM Tina Seidman

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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 Lourdes Fanjul, in Thanksgiving
 6 PM Nancy Stehn (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

8 AM Adolfo Sardina (D)
 12:10 PM Suwanto Family
 6 PM Susan Pedroza (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

8 AM Toni McCarthy (D)
 12:10 PM Mansueta Cinco (D)
 6 PM Holiness in All Vocations

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

8 AM Natalie C. Yeh
 12:10 PM Sison Family
 6 PM Brian & Teresa Kenney & Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

8 AM Lourdes Fanjul, in Thanksgiving
 12:10 PM Ronnie Del Mundo (D)
 6 PM Frances & Richard Reynolds and Edmund Lukas (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

8 AM Manolo Samayoa Rueda (D)
 9:30 AM Will Goodman

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

4 PM (Vigil) Mr. and Mrs. Oettinger & Living and Deceased Members of the Oettinger Family
 10 AM For the People of the Parish
 5 PM Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
 5:15 PM Barbara Feducowitz (D)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

7 AM St. Philomena, Spiritual Guidance of Priests
 5:15 PM Raymond Martin Hicks IV and Marcella Cruz Hicks

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude
 5:15 PM Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

7 AM Maria & Sebastian Schmid (D)
 5:15 PM Cesar Bernardo (D)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)
 5:15 PM Maria & Nazzareno (D)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

9 AM Romulo & Ofelia Gamusaran (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez; Br. Damian McCarthy, O.P. & Intentions; For Souls In Purgatory; For the People of the Parish; For the Conversion of Souls; Special Intention; For Those Who Have Fallen Away from the Church

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Pieta Candle

Carmen Taton

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

For Peace in the World & Nations in Turmoil

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.

Challenges to Prayer: Superstition and Idolatry

STONES IN THE GROUND

Outside St. Dominic's Chapel at Providence College, there is a beautiful plaza with a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary on the opposite side of the chapel. Right in the middle of the plaza, there is a large, beautiful, circular stone. Now, there is a superstition about this stone. Word spreads from class to class that if you step on the stone before you graduate, you won't actually graduate. Despite my pleadings with the students, again and again, to walk across it or even to jump on it, I couldn't break them of this superstitious belief. Often, I wondered if I should take the Moses approach and just smash it. Ironically, while I didn't do it, there is a giant crack in the stone now. Maybe Moses intervened after all?

STONES AROUND OUR HEARTS

After the past few weeks in which we reflected on fruitful ways to enter into prayer, I want to spend a few weeks talking about challenges to prayer. The first one that St. Thomas describes is superstition, of which idolatry is a part. St. Thomas says that superstition is about offering worship that should properly be offered to God (i.e., through the virtue of religion) to something else (cf. ST II-II, q. 92, a. 2). This could be the idolatrous worship of some creature, such as a golden calf. It could come in the form of seeking knowledge, counsel, or wisdom from some alternate power through divination, such as psychics, astrology, tarot cards, etc. It could also be through superstitious practices that divert from the law of God or suppose some alternate law in its place, such as not walking under ladders, not stepping on giant circular stones, and even living by astrological signs and zodiacal sensibilities.

All of these replace God with some other means of guiding our lives. As such, they put another god before the one, true God who has given us all the guidance we need to live in holiness in this life and to live eternally with Him in the next as well as all the graces necessary to actually accomplish that. These superstitious and idolatrous actions actually divert our minds and hearts away from the Lord by looking to someone or something other than Him for support, strength, and guidance.

The temptations can be real. We suffer in some way. The Lord doesn't seem to answer our prayers, and then we turn to a psychic to help us figure out what is going on and how to overcome it. Right there, we have failed to live out the virtue of hope, and we've also



"Moses Destroying the Golden Calf," Andrea Celesti, 17th century, Venice, Doge's Palace, Sala della Quarantia Civil Vecchia

sought our help in something other than the Lord. We've told God, "You didn't answer my prayers. So, I went elsewhere." Eventually, not only do we not want to walk across the circular stone in the courtyard, but also we might not want to walk through the stone archway into the church. Instead, we started to construct that golden calf in our hearts and wall it up with the stones we didn't want to step on.

FREEDOM FOR OUR HEARTS

Ultimately, though, the line from 1987 strikes deeply, "Tear down this wall!" Idolatrous and superstitious practices lead us away from the Lord (not to mention the fact that they can become portals to demonic activity in our lives). On the contrary, true freedom comes from the Lord. "Our help is in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 124:8). He is the only one who can truly offer us peace.

While it can be hard to grow in trust for the Lord and His providential plan when He doesn't seem to answer our prayers, the solution isn't to look elsewhere. Rather, the solution is to enter more deeply into prayer. The solution is to ask the Lord for the grace to entrust our hearts to Him and to His providence as it unfolds in our lives. Yes, that is a harder path. Yet, it is the one that can actually bring us freedom and peace.

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

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 12 NOON

Fr. Reginald Reassigned

As often happens in Dominican life, friars get reassigned from time to time. As such, Fr. Reginald will be reassigned soon. **His last Sunday Mass will be on August 25.** He'll be the celebrant of the Noon Mass at St. Vincent's, and there will be a chance to say your goodbyes at the Parish Coffee Hour afterward. We are grateful for all that he's done here in the parish these past 2+ years. Please keep him in your prayers.

EVERY SUNDAY

Parish Coffee Hour

Our parish coffee hour is held at St. Vincent's after the 12 NOON Mass. Take some time to connect with your fellow Parishioners!

AUGUST

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

To continue our successful coffee hours, we need additional volunteers. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and welcome first-time attendees. If you can help, please reach out to coffee@svsc.info.

Thank you for considering serving the Parish in this way!

AUGUST

Second Collection

Through the month of August, the wooden collection boxes at the entrances of the churches will be designated to receive envelopes and loose cash to support the fund for Pastoral Solidarity with the Church in Africa. Thank you for your generosity!

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

RCIA is Starting Soon!

Are you considering becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you a Catholic who is yet to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Join our renowned RCIA program, which will start September 5! We will meet on most Thursdays from 6:45 - 8:15 PM and five Saturday sessions from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

RCIA at SVSC is a great opportunity for formation and further discernment. Class does not require a commitment for the first few weeks. All are most welcome! Please note that, while our program is designed so that people can enter throughout the year, this is the official starting date.

If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to **Fr. Raymond La Grange, O.P.**, our new director of RCIA, at rcia@svsc.info.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education registration for the 2024-2025 parish year is now open! Sessions begin the week of September 15. To learn more and register for the upcoming year, please visit

svsc.info/youth-religious-formation/

If you have any questions about CGS or Confirmation Preparation, please contact **Lisa Harrelson**, Director of Religious Education, at lharrelson@svsc.info. We look forward to welcoming your children next month!

AUGUST

Young Adult (YA) Core Team Applications

The Young Adult (YA) Community is looking for **volunteers to join as members of the Core Team** for September 2024 - June 2025. The YA Core Team assists with planning, executing, and coordinating various Parish activities aimed at helping young adults connect with one another and strengthen their relationship with Christ through prayer, Bible study, service, and fellowship.

Opportunities for Core Team members include Club Dominicana, Retreats/Special Events, and Communications. Other volunteer opportunities include day-of event support and greeting newcomers at coffee hour.

For more information, or to get involved, please contact youngadults@svsc.info.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 6 PM

Sung Mass for the Feast of St. Augustine

Join us at St. Vincent's for a 6 PM Sung Mass for the feast of St. Augustine of Hippo, Latin Church Father and Doctor of the Church. A late convert, St. Augustine's writings have bore great spiritual fruit in the conversion of sinners and the intellectual life of the Church. His work was often cited by St. Thomas Aquinas in his theological compendiums, and the Dominicans follow the Rule of St. Augustine.



AUGUST

Welcome, Fr. Columba Thomas, O.P.!

It's a great pleasure to be back at St. Vincent Ferrer after spending a couple of short summers here during my formation! I was ordained a priest in May 2023 and spent another year finishing a master's degree and a postdoctoral fellowship in bioethics at Georgetown. Now in my first priestly assignment, I look forward to serving as chaplain for the Dominican Healthcare Ministry and to helping out at the parish. I will also have a faculty appointment at Georgetown to conduct research on end-of-life ethics. Before entering the Dominican order, I went to medical school at Yale and completed residency in internal medicine, and I have continued to practice medicine up to the present. In 2021, as a student brother, I published an annotated translation of the *Ars moriendi*, "The Art of Dying," through the National Catholic Bioethics Center.

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.**



OCTOBER 3 - DECEMBER 12

Daytime Women's Bible Study

On Thursdays, from October 3 - December 12 (skipping Thanksgiving), the Women's Bible Study will meet for a study on ordering your priorities. The study will be from **9:30 AM - 11:30 AM in St. Joseph's Hall at St. Catherine's**. Please note that registration ends on September 5th.

Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. We'll begin by paying attention to the One who made us because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well.

We hope you will be able to join us for this study. To register, please email ebgurley@gmail.com. Registration ends September 5. The cost is \$45, which includes the book and refreshments.

THIS FALL!

Evening Women's Bible Study

New! We'll also have an evening women's Bible study this fall. Details coming soon!

MUSIC NOTES

For This Sunday

Haec dies – John Sheppard (c. 1515-1558)

Domine, non est exaltatum cor meum

– William Mundy (c. 1539-1591)

English Renaissance composer William Mundy's career spanned the dramatic liturgical upheavals brought about during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary, and Elizabeth I. His music reflects this, as both a number of Latin and English works exist in styles appropriate to the Catholic or Protestant establishments for which they were written. The son of Thomas Mundy, a sexton of London's St. Mary-at-Hill, William grew up as a boy chorister at Westminster Abbey (at that point, a Cathedral). From 1559 until his death, he was a Gentleman (professional singer) of the Chapel Royal (the body of priests and singers attached to the English monarch).

For Sunday, August 25, 12 NOON

Venite ad me omnes

– Franciscus de Rivulo (d. 1564)

Sic Deus dilexit mundum – Franciscus de Rivulo

Levavi oculos meos

– Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

AUGUST

Church Air Conditioner in the Works!

As many parishioners may have noticed, the air conditioning system at St. Vincent's is experiencing difficulties. The Parish is currently working on it, and the friars feel it too. The Parish has brought in engineers to draw up drafts of proposals to replace the systems. We are awaiting next steps.

