



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

September 29, 2024 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“St. Francis Receiving the Stigmata,” Pietro da Rimini, circa 1330, Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, Indianapolis

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, 11:45 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

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Director of Religious Education Lisa Harrelson

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St. Vincent Ferrer

GENERAL INFORMATION

Address 869 Lexington Avenue
 New York, NY 10065
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

Jan Amorosi, Elaine Arace, Helen Attolini, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Kathleen McDonough, Marie Cotter Nicoitir, Mary Judith Palaia, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Lourdes Rodriguez, Lisa Selby, Helen Skoratowicz, John Williams.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Sarajini Bruschi; John Cullen; Sophia d'Antoine; John Donelan; Maryanne Dorsey Smith; Ligia Fermin; Ethel Garcia; Parker Gentry; Alfred Gill; Matthew Martinez; Br. Damian McCarthy, O.P.; John Williams; Victor E. Stewart; Charlie Vacarro; Margot Vincente; Brenda Wiltshire; Dawn Witty; 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, SEPTEMBER 29

6 PM (Vigil) Eugene Colley (D)
 8 AM For the People of the Parish
 9:30 AM Domingo Ramirez (D)
 12 NOON Benjamin and
 Johannah Reidy (D)
 6 PM Doug Moses (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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 Thanks to St. Vincent for continued
 favorable intercession- Josh, Mary Lequia
 and Family
 6 PM Rosemary Munshower (D)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8 AM Jimmy Neary (D)
 12:10 PM Addie Letwin (D)
 6 PM Carolyn Kelly (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

8 AM Louis and Margaret McMahon (D)
 12:10 PM Marisa DiMaggio (D)
 6 PM Catherine and Patrick Gorman (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8 AM Louis Frantz Alcindor (D)
 12:10 PM Hill Family (D)
 6 PM Benjamin Jr. Elizabeth Reidy (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

8 AM Ambrosio L. Valero II (D)
 12:10 PM Nora Conway (D)
 6 PM Thomas Francis Foye (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8 AM Kevin P. Wait & Ann Curtin (D)
 9:30 AM Dorothy Trulio (D)

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

4 PM (Vigil) Cesar Bernardo (D)
 10 AM Elizabeth & Ed Baker (D)
 5 PM Living & Deceased Parish Priests

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7 AM Jim Neary (D)
 5:15 PM Regina & Aldo Gasparrini (D)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St.
 Jude
 5:15 PM Philomina Connariato (D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

7 AM St. Philomena, Spiritual Guidance of
 Priests
 5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St.
 Catherine of Siena
 5:15 PM Special Intention (D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

9 AM Laurette Palacio (D)

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon Javier & Fernando Jose Gonzalez;
 Br. Damian McCarthy, O.P. (D), and
 Intentions; For the People of the Parish:
 Holiness in All Vocations; Souls in Purgatory;
 For John, his family, and Ray; Special
 Intention (D); Special Intention

Sanctuary Madonna

Jack Ryan Keegan

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine

For Peace in the World & Nations in Turmoil

Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

For Aida & German's Health

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.

The Qualities of Prayer

In addition to St. Thomas's thoughts on what prayer is and how we should work through challenges in prayer, Aquinas has a beautiful Prologue to his *Commentary on the Our Father* where he describes what should happen to help prayer become fruitful: "A prayer must be confident, ordered, suitable, devout, and humble."

1. CONFIDENT

Prayer should have confidence, the confidence of faith. As Aquinas says, citing St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews (4:16), "It must be confident: 'let us, therefore, go with confidence to the throne of grace.'" When our faith is strong, we can more surely approach the throne of grace and entrust ourselves to the providence of God.

2. ORDERED

Aquinas continues, "Our prayer ought also to be ordered as our desires should be ordered, for prayer is but the expression of desire. Now, it is the correct order that we prefer spiritual to bodily things and heavenly things to those merely earthly." It is important to remember that our prayers should be connected to and ordered by the will of God. The more we submit ourselves to God's providential plan, the more our prayers will be properly ordered because they will seek His will more than our own. A large part of the Christian life is spent reordering the disorders in our hearts, and prayer greatly aids this.

3. SUITABLE

When the desires of our hearts are ordered by God's providential plan, it becomes easier to ask for suitable things. Aquinas points out that a suitable prayer is one in which we ask God for what is truly good for us. Sometimes, we can ask for things that aren't actually good for us, and other times, we can ask for things that seem good to us but aren't the best that God has to offer us. When we have ordered our desires to God's plan, then we'll be able to more accurately ask for what is truly suitable and life-giving.

4. DEVOUT

Aquinas continues, "Our prayer must be devout because a rich devotion makes the sacrifice of prayer acceptable to God." Here, he notes that it is not about the length of our prayer but the depth of love in our prayer. After all, our Lord's prayers weren't always long, and He even instructed us not to be too wordy in our prayers.



"The Mystical Motherhood of Saint Catherine," Alessandro Franchi and Gaetano Marinelli, House of St Catherine, Siena, 1896

However long or brief our prayers are, they should be offered with great devotion and love so that they can truly be like a rich and beautiful sacrifice.

5. HUMBLE

Finally, Aquinas says, "True humility is had when a person does not presume upon his own powers, but expects all that he asks for from the divine strength." This should be at the heart of our prayer. Just like the tax collector asked for mercy while the Pharisees told God how good he was (cf. Luke 18:9-14), so too we should not spend our time in prayer by speaking to God about how good we are. Rather, our prayer should express a deep and abiding dependence upon God. We should be humble before our inadequacies and God's generosity. For it's only with the grace of God that we come to heaven.

THE GOAL OF IT ALL

Ultimately, prayer is about drawing us deeper into union with God. When it is confident, ordered, suitable, devout, and humble, most of the roadblocks for the soul can be removed. It is then that we can more fully enter into a prayerful conversation with God, where we speak with and listen to one another. In that way, we can come to an abiding relationship, not just in this life but also for life eternal.

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

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

New Daily Mass at our Parish!

The Dominican Healthcare Ministry is now offering a new 11:45 AM daily Mass at St. Catherine's on weekdays. All are most welcome!

EVERY SUNDAY

Parish Coffee Hour

Our weekly parish coffee hour is held in St. Vincent's Lower Church after the 12 NOON Mass. Come and meet fellow Parishioners!

We need more volunteers to keep our weekly coffee hours going! If you're able to help monthly (or more often, according to your schedule), please email Camila Salcedo, this year's coordinator, at evangelization@svsc.info.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Freshman Welcome Mass

Members of the Freshman Class of St. Vincent Ferrer High School and their families will attend this Sunday's 9:30 AM Mass at St. Vincent's.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Angelic Warfare Confraternity

Enrollment in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity will be made following the next Sunday's 12 NOON Mass. Learn more about it at svsc.info. If you'd like to join, please email Fr. Peter Martyr at pastor@svsc.info.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Sunday Adoration at St. Catherine of Siena

Weekly Sunday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Catherine's has resumed, with Exposition at 3 PM, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 4 PM, and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6:45 PM

Parish Study: The Psalms

Join us for a Parish Study on the Book of Psalms! The Psalms are the prayers of Israel to the God who called them out of Egypt, called them out of darkness, and transformed them by his light so that they, in turn, might make his holiness present to the world. The Psalms, as a whole, express all the many ways in which we, human beings, approach God and try to learn where we fit in his plan for creation.

Our Parish Study is taking place on **Tuesday evenings from September 17 to October 8 at 6:45 PM in the Lower Church** at St. Vincent's, and Fr. Albert Paretsky, a Biblical scholar, will be leading the study. Dianne Bergant's "Psalms" (in 2 volumes) will be a helpful resource for this, too. You can find the Amazon links for both volumes on our website, svsc.info.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7 PM

Thomistic Reading Group

We are hosting a book club focused on the life and work of St. Thomas Aquinas this fall. Our first book is **GK Chesterton's biography of St. Thomas Aquinas** (ISBN: 979-8332049941). Light refreshments will be served!

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 3 at 7 PM in the parlors at St. Vincent's (the red brick building to the right of the church). Contact Gregory McNiff at gregorymcniff@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to be added to the distribution list.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7:30 PM

Catholic Medical Association Meeting

The Catholic Medical Association of New York City Guild regularly meets on the first Thursday of every month, following our Healthcare Holy Hour at St. Catherine's. Physicians, nurses, medical students, and allied health professionals are most welcome!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6 PM

Feast of St. Francis

For the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent's. Given the close relationship of St. Dominic and St. Francis, the Order of Preachers revere him as Holy Father Francis.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:45 PM

First Friday Devotions

Join our monthly First Friday Devotions in honor of and reparation for sins committed against the Sacred Heart. This devotion is inspired by the private revelations of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and has been confirmed and promoted by the Church for centuries. Our devotions will take place after the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent's:

Eucharistic Adoration - 6:45-8 PM

Confessions - 6:45-7:45 PM

Litany of the Sacred Heart - 7 PM

Benediction - 8 PM



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 10:30 AM
Men’s Group Monthly Meeting**

On Saturday, the Men’s Group will meet in the Parish Center at St. Vincent’s. There will be prayer, a reflection by one of the priests, and fellowship. Email mensgroup@svsc.info if you would like to join the group or if you have any questions.

OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary! The Order of Preachers celebrates this in a particular way, designating the first Sunday in October as Rosary Sunday.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 12 NOON
Rosary Sunday Confirmations**

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of October, is Rosary Sunday. At the 12 NOON Mass at St. Vincent’s, the Most Reverend Edward Whalen, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, will offer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the catechumens from our Parish’s Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6 PM

Our Lady of the Rosary

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is designated as the principal Marian Feast of our Parish. As such, we will have a Solemn Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent’s for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Cantus Missae*, Op. 109, by Josef Rheinberger and *Ave Maria* and *Tota pulchra es, Maria* by Anton Bruckner. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin will be sung in procession to the Rosary Altar. Following the Mass, a relic of Our Lady’s veil will be available for veneration.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

St. Vincent Ferrer High School Open House!

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! If you are looking for a classic Catholic education for your daughter, visit St. Vincent Ferrer High School on October 19. Our open house will be from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please RSVP to secure your spot in one of our sessions. Visit saintvincentferrer.com and discover a school where girls thrive!

MUSIC NOTES

For This Sunday

Super flumina Babylonis
– Marc’Antonio Ingegneri (c. 1535-1592)

Deus misereatur nostri
– Andrea Rota (1553-1597)

Factum est silentium
– Giovanni Croce (c. 1557-1609)

September 29 is Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels, commonly known as Michaelmas. Although this Feast does not liturgically supersede the Sunday in Ordinary Time, Croce’s setting of the Michaelmas Antiphon *Factum est silentium* is sung in celebration of it. The text is appropriately dramatic for the standard-bearer: *There was silence in heaven, and then the Dragon made war with the Archangel Michael. Thousands of thousands were heard crying out: Salvation, honor, and power to Almighty God, alleluia.*

For Sunday, October 6, 12 NOON

Jam non dicam vos servos
– *Accipite Spiritum Sanctum*
– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)
Salve Regina á 8
– Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

