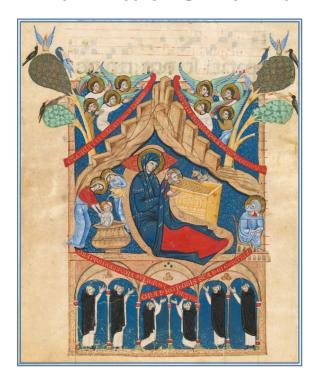
PARISH OF ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

The Reverend Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., Pastor James D. Wetzel, Director of Music and Organist

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS



Monday, December 25, 2023

12 MIDNIGHT Solemn Mass in the Dominican Rite

The setting of the Mass Ordinary is *Mass in F* by Charles Wood (1866-1926).

MUSIC NOTES

Charles Wood was born in Armagh, Ireland, and received his primary education at that city's Cathedral Choir School. He entered the inaugural class of the Royal College of Music in 1883 where his composition teachers were Sir Charles V. Stanford (a fellow Irishman) and Sir C. Hubert H. Parry. He subsequently studied at Selwyn College, Cambridge in 1888. That same year Wood began teaching harmony at the R.C.M. and the following year both harmony and counterpoint at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge where in 1894 he would also be named the first College's first Director of Music. All the while Wood continued his studies at Cambridge and was awarded a doctorate in 1894. He also served as the University bandmaster from 1889-1897. Upon Stanford's death in 1924, Wood was appointed Professor of Music of Cambridge. He earned honorary degrees from Leeds University in 1904 and from Oxford in 1924. Like Stanford and Parry, Wood is remembered for his Anglican church music and for his influence as a teacher; his pupils included William Harris, Herbert Howells, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Mass in F, composed in 1922, was not published with its original Latin text until 1971, and is still virtually unknown. In 1927, after the composer's death, an English version was published, with necessary adjustments to the music, under the title Missa Portae honoris.

The People stand as the Procession begins.

MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

The People kneel after the Ministers enter the Sanctuary.

As the Introit is sung, the Celebrant privately says the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar.

As the Celebrant approaches the Altar, the People stand.

OFFICIUM (INTROIT) Psalm 2:7, 1

Chant, mode ii

Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.

V. Quare fremuerunt gentes: et populi meditate sunt inania?

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. The Lord said to me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

V. Why have the nations conspired, and the peoples plotted in vain?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, and for ever and ever. Amen.



KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The People stand as the Gloria begins. The People sit when the Celebrant does.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris. Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

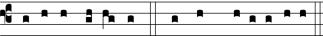
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For only you are holy, only you are the Lord, only you are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



The People stand.

ORATIO (COLLECT)





ómi-nus vo-bí-scum. R. Et cum spí-ri-tu tu-o.

♥. The Lord be with you.

Oremus.

Deus, qui hanc sacratissimam noctem veri luminis fecisti illustratione clarescere: da quaesumus, ut cujus lucis mysteria in terra cognovimus, ejus quoque gaudiis in caelo perfruamur. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula sæculorum. **Amen.**

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, you have illumined this most sacred night with the brightness of the true light; grant, we beseech you, that we who have known the mysteries of that light on earth, may enjoy also its happiness in heaven: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The People sit.

LECTIO *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Lectio Isaiae Prophetae.

Haec dicit Dominus: Populus qui ambulabat in, tenebris, vidit lucem magnam: habitantibus in regione umbrae mortis, lux orta est eis. Parvulus enim natus est nobis, et Filius datus est nobis, et factus est principatus super humerum ejus: et vocabitur nomen ejus Admirabilis, Consiliarius, Deus, Fortis, Pater futuri saeculi, Princeps pacis. Multiplicabitur ejus imperium, et pacis non erit finis: super solium David et super regnum ejus sedebit, ut confirmet illud et corroboret in judicio et justitia amodo et usque in sempiternum.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: to them who dwelled in the region of the shadow of death light is risen. For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, God, the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of peace. His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace: he shall sit upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice from henceforth and forever.



EPISTOLA Titus 2:11-15

Lectio Epistolae beati Pauli Apostoli ad Titum.

Carissime: Apparuit gratia Dei omnibus hominibus, erudiens nos ut abnegantes impietatem et saecularia desideria, sobrie, et juste, et pie vivamus in hoc saectilo: exspectantes beatam spem et adventum gloriae magni Dei et salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi: qui dedit semetipsum pro nobis, ut nos redimeret ab omni iniquitate, et mundaret sibi populum acceptabilem: sectatorem bonorum operum. Haec loquere et exhortare in Christo Jesu Domino nostro.

A reading from the Epistle of the blessed Apostle Paul to Timothy.

Dearly beloved: The grace of God our Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us, in order that, rejecting ungodliness and worldly lusts, we may live temperately and justly and piously in this world; looking for the blessed hope and glorious coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and cleanse for himself an acceptable people, pursuing good works. Thus speak, and exhort, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

RESPONSORIUM (GRADUAL) Psalm 109 (110):3, 1

Chant, mode ii

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuae: in splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

V. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis, donec ponam inimicos tuos, scabellum pedum tuorum. Yours shall be the dominion in the day of your power; in the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day-star I begot you.

V. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.

ALLELUIA Psalm 2:7

Chant, mode viii

Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Dominus dixit ad me: Filius meus es tu, ego hodie genui te.

Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

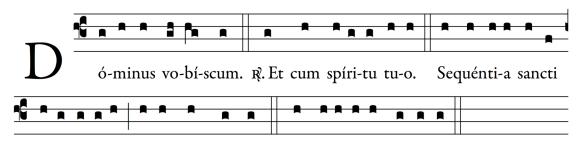
V. The Lord said to me: You are my Son, today I have begotten you.

Alleluia.



The People stand.

EVANGELIUM (GOSPEL) Luke 2:1-14



Evangé-li- i secúndum Lucam. R. Glóri-a ti-bi Dómine.

V. The Lord be with you.

V. The continuation of the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In illo tempore: Exiit edictum a Caesare Augusto, ut describeretur universus orbis. Haec descriptio prima facta est a praeside Syriae Cyrino. Et ibant omnes ut profiterentur, singuli in suam civitatem. Ascendit autem et Joseph a Galilaea, de civitate Nazareth in Judaeam, in civitatem David quae vocatur Bethlehem, eo quod esset de domo et familia David, ut profiteretur cum Maria, desponsata sibi uxore, praegnante. Factum est autem cum essent ibi, impleti sunt dies ut pareret. Et peperit Filium suum primogenitum, et pannis eum involvit, et reclinavit eum in praesepio: quia non erat eis locus in diversorio.

Et pastores erant in regione eadem vigilantes et custodientes vigilias noctis super gregem suum. Et ecce angelus Domini stetit juxta illos: et claritas Dei circumfulsit illos et timuerunt timore magno.

R. And with your spirit.

R. Glory be to you, O Lord.

At that time, there went forth a decree from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register. And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and family of David to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.





Et dixit illis angelus: Nolite timere, ecce enim evangelizo vobis gaudium magnum, quod erit omni populo: quia natus est vobis hodie Salvator, qui est Christus Dominus, in civitate David. Et hoc vobis signum: Invenietis infantem pannis involutum et positum in praesepio. Et subito facta est cum angelo multitudo militae caelestis, laudantium Deum, et dicentium: Gloria in altissimis Deo: et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

The People sit after the invocation.

HOMILY

The People stand. The People sit when the Celebrant does.

At the words Et incarnatus est, kneel through Et homo factus est.

CREDO

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium, et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum: et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt: qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis, et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God:
and born of the Father, before all ages.
God of God:
Light of Light:
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us men,
and for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.





Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est: et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas: et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris: et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos, et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit, qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per prophetas.

Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum, et expecto resurrectionem mortuorem, et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried; and he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son, together is adored and glorified: who spoke by the prophets.

And in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Chant, mode iv

MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

The People stand.

**Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

∅. Oremus.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. Let us pray.

The People sit.

OFFERTORIUM *Psalm 95 (96):11, 13*

Laetentur caeli, et exsultet terra ante faciem Domini quoniam venit. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the face of the Lord, for he comes.

As the Offertory Antiphon is sung, the Celebrant continues the Offertory Prayers silently. The Altar, Ministers, and People are incensed. Having completed the Offertory Prayers, the Celebrant turns to the People and says:

Orate fratres, ut meum ac vestrum pariter in conspectu Domini sit acceptum sacrificium.

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be pleasing in the sight of the Lord.



Turning back to the Altar, he resumes silently through the end of the Secret.

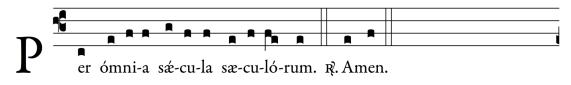
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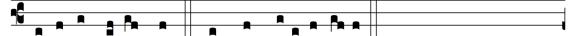
Accepta tibi sit, Domine quaesumus, hodiemae festivitatis oblatio: ut tua gratia largiente, per haec sacrosancta commercia, in illius inveniamur forma in quo tecum est nostra substantia. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus,...

May the offering of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we beseech you; that by your grace we may, through this sacred intercourse, be found like unto him in whom our nature is united with yours: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,...

The People stand as is sung:

PREFATIO Solemn Tone





Dóminus vo-bí-scum. R. Et cum spíri-tu tu-o.



Sursum corda. R. Ha-bé-mus ad Dóminum.



Grá-ti-as a-gá-mus Dómino Deo nostro. R. Di-gnum et justum est.

- **V**. For ever and ever.
- ♥. The Lord be with you.
- V. Lift up your hearts.
- V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- R. Amen.
- R. And with your spirit.
- R. We have lifted them up to the Lord.
- R. It is meet and just.



The Celebrant continues:

Vere dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, aeterne Deus. Quia per incamati verbi mysterium, nova mentis nostrae oculis lux tuae claritatis infulsit: ut dum visibiliter Deum cognoscimus, per hunc in invisibilium amorem rapiamur.

Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes: It is truly fitting and just, right and salutary, that we should always and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God. For by the mystery of the Word made flesh, a new ray of your brightness has shone upon the eyes of our mind; so that seeing God in visible form we may be drawn by him to the love of things unseen.

And therefore with the angels and archangels, with the thrones and dominations, and with all the heavenly host, we sing a hymn to your glory, saying:

The People kneel as is begun:

SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua:

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini: Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CANON MISSAE

As the Sanctus is sung, the Celebrant continues the Canon silently until he sings the Final Doxology:

R. Amen.

V. For ever and ever.

R. Amen.



The People stand as the Celebrant sings:

PATER NOSTER Solemn Tone

Oremus.

Praeceptis salutaribus moniti, et divina institutione formati, audemus dicere:

Pater noster, qui es in caelis: sanctificetur nomen tuum: adveniat regnum tuum: fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo, et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie: et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Let us pray.

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.



\(\vec{\mathbb{V}}\). And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

The Celebrant continues the fractal prayer silently until its conclusion:

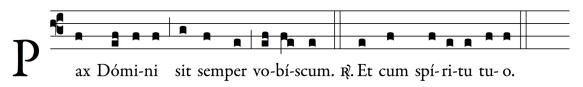
The Per omnia saecula saeculorum.

V. For ever and ever.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

PAX DOMINI



V. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with your spirit.



The People kneel as is begun:

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The Celebrant continues the prayers of Communion silently until the Public Communion:

 V. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Said thricely:

R Domine, non sum dignus, ut intres sub tectum meum, sed tantum dic verbo et sanabitur anima mea.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only speak the word and my soul shall be healed.

Catholics in a state of grace may kneel to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, without the response 'Amen.' To each Communicant, a Priest says:

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat te vitam aeternam. Amen.

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNIO *Psalm 109 (110):3*

Chant, mode vi

In splendoribus sanctorum, ex utero ante luciferum genui te.

In the brightness of the saints, from the womb before the day-star I begot you.



After the ministration of Communion, the Celebrant recites prayers of ablution silently.

The People stand.

POSTCOMMUNIO

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

Da nobis, quaesumus Domine Deus noster ut qui nativitatem Domini nostri Jesu Christi mysteriis nos frequentare gaudemus, dignis conversationibus, ad ejus mereamur pervenire consortium. Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia saecula sæculorum. **Amen.** **V**. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech you, O Lord our God, that we who rejoice to commemorate by these mysteries the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, may, by a good life, deserve to attain fellowship with him: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

∅ Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.



V. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

The People kneel for the Final Blessing.

✗ Benedictio Dei omnipotentis,Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti,descendat super vos et maneat semper.

R. Amen.

V. May the blessing of almighty God, Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you always.

R. Amen.

The People stand.

LAST GOSPEL John 1:1-14

**Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

X Initium sancti Evangelii secundum Joannis.

R. Gloria tibi, Domine.

In prinicipio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum. Hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum est. In ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hominum: et lux in tenebris lucet, et tenebrae eam non comprehenderunt. Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine, ut omnes crederent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera quae illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum. In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri, his qui credunt in nomine ejus. Qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt. (Here All genuflect.) ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST, et habitavit in nobis et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

R Deo gratias.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

V. The beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory be to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shined in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light which enlightens every man that comes into this world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave great power to become the sons of God: to them that believe in his name: who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (Here All genuflect.) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 [In sweet joy]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Do not leave it in the pews.

PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph. 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.

For information about upcoming events, please take a weekly Parish Bulletin.

For general information about the Parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, how to become more involved in our common life, and how to register as a parishioner, please call the Parish Office or visit *svsc.info*. Follow us on facebook @StVincentandStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

The Parish's professional choir, the Schola Cantorum, sings every Sunday of the year at the 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer as well as for numerous weekday feasts. The current Music List, *Music as Holy Preaching*, contains a list of this season's choral repertoire as well as information about the St. Cecilia Guild, our Friends of Music program that financially supports music in the Parish.

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