



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

January 19, 2025 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Wedding Feast at Cana," Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, circa 1672, oil on canvas, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

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

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.
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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 PM 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](https://www.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](https://www.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](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 children's 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, Annette Cunningham, Concepcion De La Cruz, Julio Espitia, Angie Guyott, Jeremy Kyser, Cheri & Gary Langer, Alberto Carlos and Carlos Alberto Matos, Gladys Pedraza, Natasia Pelowski, Thomas Pentz, Elizabeth Rice Moore, Jairo Rojas, Helen Skoratowicz, Edward Williams.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Jane Ann Amorosi, Larisa Bajek, Lawrenson Castillo, Francisca Garcia, William Gillespie, Casey Gruber, Felicinda Hernandez de Pedraza, Ellorine Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Mary Moore, John Ogaldez Jr., John Ogaldez Sr., Daniel Olivas Jr., Michael Pribitello, Carlos A. Sandoval, Anthony Spinelli, David Walsh, 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](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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.

St. Vincent Ferrer Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

6 PM (Vigil) Joanne LaMarca-Cone (D)
8 AM Anna Marie Leavy (D)
9:30 AM Victorino & Amando
van Acker (D)
12 NOON Marion Mullarkey (D)
6 PM Thomas Francis Foye (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

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 David T. Walsh (D)
6 PM Laura Isidore

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

8 AM Natalie Yeh (L)
12:10 PM Fernando Murillo De Paula (D)
6 PM Arlene Connolly O'Neill

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

8 AM For the Members of the JPPII Society
12:10 PM Infant of Prague Shrine
6 PM Edward C. Perry (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

8 AM Jorge & Monica Barza (L)
12:10 PM Alexander Rossini (D)
6 PM Mrs. Atala Egas

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

8 AM Rene Concepcion (D)
12:10 PM Mary Terillo (D)
6 PM Catherine and Patrick Gorman (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8 AM The Presentation of Our Lord Novena
9:30 AM Kurt Langer

St. Catherine of Siena Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

4 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10 AM Jini Bruschi (D)
5 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

7 AM For the Province of St. Joseph
5:15 PM Petronila Jiminez Cruz & Raymond
M. Hicks, Jr. (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7 AM Berrocol & Trusty Families (D)
5:15 PM Wilma Kahler & Family (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

7 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St.
Jude
5:15 PM Evangeline & Francisca Abella (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

7 AM Ann Luka (D)
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests of the
Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

7 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St.
Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for God's Love &
Mercy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

9 AM Presentation Novena

Candle Intentions

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Sanctuary Lamps

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez, Frank
Nordone, For the People of the Parish,
Souls in Purgatory, Special Intention, Patrick
Penne, Julio Espitia

Madonna Candle

Patrick Penne

Our Lady of Guadalupe Candle

Julio Espitia

St. Joseph's Candle

For Deathbed Conversions

Our Lady of Fatima Candle

For Peace in the World

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 Mystery of Marriage

WEDDING CEREMONIES

With a beautiful church near Central Park, St. Vincent Ferrer is a commonly sought location for a Catholic wedding by parishioners and non-parishioners alike. Because of this, we completely revamped our marriage preparation program two years ago so that priests and parishioners can work together to help couples prepare not just for their wedding but also a whole life of marriage. This has been a very fruitful part of the Parish's ministry, and I am so grateful for all those who help make it possible.

Ultimately, we desire that our program be a means to help engaged couples enter into graces pouring forth like the new wine at the wedding at Cana. What is usually emphasized in this Gospel is that when the wine ran short, the Blessed Mother asked Jesus to solve the problem. He ended up transforming 120-180 gallons of water into wine, and good wine at that. What we might overlook, though, is the fact that Jesus is even there in the first place. The gospel mentions that not only was the Blessed Mother present at the wedding, but "Jesus and His disciples were also invited to the wedding" (John 2:2).

This makes all the difference. When Jesus is present in a wedding and continues to be present in a marriage, His grace can transform human actions from being like water into something even richer, like wine. He desires to transform human actions into something even more rich. He wants them to become His instruments that reveal His love to the world. In that way, just like the disciples who came to believe in Him because of the miracle (cf. John 2:11), so too will others come to believe in Him through the love that they see in a marriage built on the rock who is Christ (cf. Matthew 7:24-25).

WEDDING COUPLES TO GOD

All this being said, it is important to not degrade marriage to a simple "love is love" mentality. The love that should be lived out is a deeper, firmer, and richer love than that. It should be built on the love of Christ on the Cross. St. Paul, after describing how husbands and wives are supposed to make mutual gifts of themselves to one another in marriage, cleansing and sanctifying one another (cf. Ephesians 5:26), goes on to say, "This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32). In other words, the love of God that is lived out in marriage has its origin and exemplar in the Cross. It is a gritty, patient, and persevering love



"The Marriage of the Virgin," detail of the iron gate for the St. Joseph's Chapel, St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City

that knows no bounds, and it should be built on the love that Christ offered to His Bride, the Church, when He perfectly offered Himself for her on the Cross.

When couples live in this way, by sacrificing day in and day out, it becomes clear that the Lord is pouring the new wine, the better wine, into their lives. He transforms their normal actions of everyday life into actions that can cleanse and sanctify hearts in and out of the home. All this, in turn, is so that they can one day present one another to the Lord "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing" (Ephesians 5:27). In other words, marriage is about heaven. It's about a couple wedding their spouse to God for all eternity. Through all the joys and in the midst of all the hardships, married life can become a truly sanctifying way of life.

May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph aid our engaged couples to prepare for marriage, and our married couples to live out their marriage with great fruit and sanctity!

In Christ,
Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P.
Pastor

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

CANCELED: St. Catherine's Coffee Hour!

We would like to let you know that we will NOT have our monthly St. Catherine's coffee hour this month. See you in February!

EVERY SUNDAY

Weekly Parish Coffee Hour

Every Sunday, join us for our weekly parish coffee hour in St. Vincent's Lower Church! It is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and Catholics in the city. Parishioners from all ages are most welcome!

Our acclaimed weekly coffee hour is **only possible thanks to our generous volunteers!** If you can join us as a volunteer, please contact us at coffee@svsc.info. The usual commitment is one Sunday per month, but we appreciate any time you can give!

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY, 3 PM

Weekly Sunday Adoration at St. Catherine's

The weekly Sunday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's will continue all through winter as usual. Come and spend some time with God Himself!

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, but the Parish will offer regular weekday Mass and Confession schedule.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:45 PM

Mystagogy: Biblical Conversations with God: As a Person Speaks to a Friend

This spring's Mystagogy series considers some of the numerous dialogues God had with His people in the Scriptures. From Adam and Eve to Moses and the Prophets, to the Gospels, where practically every interaction is a conversation with God, the Word made flesh. Guided by Fr. Francis, these interactions will lead us to ponder the meaning of prayer, a right understanding of God and ourselves, the history of salvation, and key themes of Biblical interpretation. The meetings are held in St. Vincent's Lower Church. **Please note that this will be our last Mystagogy meeting until Easter.**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 5:45 PM

Healthcare Ministry Eucharistic Adoration

The Dominican Healthcare Ministry hosts a weekly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Catherine's, for its intentions. Everyone, **whether affiliated with the health professions or not**, is most welcome.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 7 PM

Thomistic Reading Group

Our reading group meets bi-weekly at St. Vincent's Parlors, the red brick building to the right of the church. Contact Gregory McNiff at gregorymcniff@gmail.com for questions or to be added to the distribution list.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

March for Life

Please join our parish in this year's March for Life! Our day will start at 6 AM with Mass at St. Vincent's, and end at 6:30 PM in Washington, D.C., after which we will return to New York City. This is a beautiful opportunity to witness the sacredness of human life, from conception to natural death. Parishioners and pro-life friends are most welcome. Register at tinyurl.com/SVSC-2025-marchforlife.

Please note that parishioners not attending the March are still most welcome to join us for our 6 AM Mass.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 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 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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Infant of Prague Shrine Novena

The Infant of Prague Shrine is finally arriving at our Parish! Please join us in this novena of prayer. See our website for details!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 9:30 AM
Dominican Rite Missa Cantata for the Feast
of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Join us this Saturday for a special sung Mass, celebrating the Conversion of St. Paul. It will be in the Dominican Rite, celebrated on the high altar. Join us!



TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 6 PM
Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

For the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., we will have a special Solemn Mass at 6 PM for which the Schola Cantorum will sing *Missa Ave verum corpus*, Op. 4 by Heinrich Huber; *O salutaris hostia* by Malcolm Archer; and *O sacrum convivium*, Op. 27 by Pierre Villette. On that day, we will conclude the **Triple Jubilee, with its special plenary indulgences!** See details at svsc.info. Please note that, after Mass, we will have the opportunity to **venerate a small first-class relic of St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.!**

After Mass, the parish will also have **enrollments to the Angelic Warfare Confraternity**. This is a spiritual community for the pursuit and promotion of the virtue of chastity. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining. Learn more at angelicwarfareconfraternity.org and email parish@svsc.info if you'd like to learn more and to enroll!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 12 NOON
Candlemas

Sunday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. It includes the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the prophesying of Simeon and prophetess Anne.

We will have a special Solemn Mass which will include the **Dominican tradition of having the congregation come up with candles to the front of the Church**. The candles that will be presented will be provided by the Parish. We will also have a special blessing of personal candles on this day, which we do ask you to bring.

For the Solemn Mass, the Schola Cantorum will sing *Communion Service in F* (in Latin) by Harold Darke; *Magnificat for Double Choir*, Op. 164 by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford; and *Nunc dimittis in B Flat* by Charles Wood.

Mass will also be followed by our usual Coffee Hour. All are most welcome!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 10:30 AM
Parish Young Adult Winter Retreat

Save the date! All young adults who call SVSC their parish home are invited to join us for a **half-day retreat on Saturday, February 8th from 10 AM to 2 PM** to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. The day will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for Confession, talks by one of the friars, and time for fellowship over lunch. It will be held mostly at St. Vincent's, with lunch served in St. Vincent's lower church. Sign up at tinyurl.com/winter-retreat-2025

Please email youngadults@svsc.info if you have any questions and/or dietary restrictions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

OCTOBER 13 - 23
Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Italy

Our Parish will be hosting a pilgrimage next October 13-23 to **Lourdes, Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome**. This will be the context of the **2025 Jubilee Year**, and the pilgrimage will include the opportunity to pass through the **Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican!**

Visit the Parish Office next to St. Vincent's to pick up a brochure and reservation form if you don't have one already!

MUSIC NOTES

Sweelinck was a Dutch composer, organist, and pedagogue, straddling the end of the Renaissance and beginning of the Baroque eras. Before 1580, he succeeded his father as organist of the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam, a post he retained until his death when his own son Dirk followed him. His own organ compositions and teaching legacy – his students included Heinrich Schiedemann and Samuel Scheidt – helped establish the north German organ tradition of which Johann Sebastian Bach is the culmination.

For This Sunday

Ecce prandium – Comedite panem meum
 – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Nuptiae factae sunt
 – Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

For Next Sunday

Quem vidistis, pastores?
 – Richard Deering (c. 1580-1630)

Reges Tharsis á 5
 – William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Verbum caro factum est
 – John Sheppard (c. 1515-1558)