

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

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January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

PARISH COVID PROTOCOLS

We have resumed our regular Mass and confession schedule. The following guidelines should be observed while in church: masks are required throughout the Mass, practice social distancing as indicated by the markers, make frequent use of the hand sanitizer provided, and follow the instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The Churches are cleaned between Masses.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday, January 10, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It was historically fixed on January 13 as the Octave of the Epiphany, with the Sunday after the Epiphany observing the Feast of the Holy Family (now celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas). The Baptism is the official end of the Christmas season, although some Christmas traditions continue until Candlemas.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

This weekend a second collection will be taken-up to help offset our Parish's operating deficit. Donations will also be taken-up after Mass by members of the Social Concerns Committee to support the work of the New York Common Pantry. Thank You for your generosity.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, January 18 at 7 PM, a sung Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

ORDINARY TIME

Next Sunday is the initial (but not the 'First') Sunday in Ordinary Time of the new calendar year and of the new Liturgical Year: Year B of the three-year lectionary cycle.

'Winter' Ordinary Time always begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and lasts until the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (January 10 and February 17, this year). The ferials of this coming week (January 11-16) are of the First Week in Ordinary, even though the First Sunday of Ordinary Time is always displaced by either the Baptism or Epiphany Sunday.

Since Ash Wednesday is a movable date, it may fall amid any week from the fourth through ninth in Ordinary Time (between February 4 and March 10, inclusive). These Sundays between Christmastide and Lent were formerly known as Sundays after Epiphany (Epiphanytide), with the three immediately preceding Lent being the 'Pre-Lenten' Sundays of Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima (which mean, respectively, the seventieth, sixtieth, and fiftieth day [before Easter]). Since the calendrical revisions following the Second Vatican Council, this period after Epiphany and the period after Pentecost (or, in the Dominican Calendar, after Trinity Sunday) have been collectively called Ordinary Time (in Latin, *Tempus per annum* meaning literally 'time of/during the year'). All-told, the number of complete or partial weeks of Ordinary Time in any given year can total 33 or 34. Some of those Sundays are not actually celebrated, as other feasts often displace a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays: 8 AM, 12:10 PM*, 6 PM

Saturday: 8 AM, 6 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:30 AM,
12 NOON (SOLEMN)*, 6 PM

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 5:20–5:50 PM

Wednesday: 7:15–7:55

Saturday: 5–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekdays: 7 AM, 5:15 PM

Saturday: 9 AM*, 4 PM (VIGIL)

Sunday: 10 AM, 5 PM

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 4:40–5:05 PM

Saturday: 3–3:50 PM

**Mass is livestreamed via svsc.info.*

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

Weekdays:

7:25 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Wednesday:

6:30 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday:

8:30 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

Sunday:

8:45 AM: READING AND LAUDS

5:30 PM: ROSARY AND VESPERS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Weekdays:

4:50 PM: ROSARY

Thursday:

5:45 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday:

3 PM: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

LIVESTREAM ROSARY

Weekdays: 9 AM

Saturday: 8:30 AM

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Deacon

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HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For health care emergencies please call (212) 988-1351. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care to patients and their families at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery. Please visit healthcareministry.org to learn more about the Ministry.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 18. There will be regular Mass and confession schedules.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit svsc.info and go to "Donate."

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Does your employer participate in corporate matching or corporate grants? If so, we are a registered non-profit with Benevity Causes. Donations can be made through your work place giving portal or SPARK. Please search your company portal for *The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Vincent Ferrer and Saint Catherine* to submit your matching donation.

FROM FR. JOSEPH HAGAN AND THE HILLBILLY THOMISTS

It is my joy to announce a special early release of The Hillybilly Thomists' second album: *Living for the Other Side*.

Admittedly this is a strange offer. You may not regularly listen to bluegrass and American fold music, especially as recorded by a group of Catholic priests. Plus, you may not even have a way to play CDs in this age of digital downloads.

But for those who have heard our debut album back in 2017, I hope this album is reason enough to try out the second. With your help, we reached #3 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts.

For those new to the Hillbilly Thomists, try it out. Our music speaks to those who feel like they are just surviving but desire to start living. This album takes up that desire and points it heavenward to Jesus Christ. For seeking Him, we move past surviving the day-to-day, and we start living for the other side!

The CDs are available for purchase at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena for \$10. Again, this is an early release. Supplies will be limited. All proceeds will help the friars in formation. Our general release will be on January 28, including digital downloads, merchandise, and music videos.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets from the Italian Renaissance to begin the Winter cycle of Ordinary Time.

Jubilate Deo universa terra – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)
Tribus miraculis – Curzio Valcampi (c. 1570-c. 1620)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
6:00 PM (Vigil) Robert Chiavich
8:00 AM The Deceased Members
of the Bowler & Yerkes Families,
Andrew & Arthur Williams, &
Br. Michael Yerkes
9:30 AM Emilio Dancel (D)
12 NOON Michael Aaronson (D)
6:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish and the Order
12:10 PM Monica Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Mary O'Brien Heller (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
8:00 AM James R. Fay, Sr. &
Margaret C. Fay (D)
12:10 PM Mary & Michael
Canning (D)
6:00 PM Lel Gimbel (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 AM Prince Rogers Nelson (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of
the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Patricia, Richard, &
Garrett Keegan (D)
6:00 PM Teodoro Wellman (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00 AM Jacques St. Louis
12:10 PM Mary & John Mulvey (D)
6:00 PM Heidi Cinquegrana

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
8:00 AM Louisa Gelin (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Robert Mullen (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
4:00 PM (Vigil) Xandra & Rob
Bernardo
10:00 AM For the People of the
Parish
5:00 PM Phill Smith (D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Boyle
5:15 PM Letty Dolan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Phil Phillips &
Donatella (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
7:00 AM Robert Eduardo
5:15 PM Martha Logan Joyce (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM David Johnson (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
9:00 AM Art Ping Lee
4:00 PM (Vigil) Marina Lucido (D)

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

*Contact the Parish Office to add
a name to this list.*

August Arace, Roseann Connelly,
Andrew Fraser, Maggie Heath,
Ramoncito Isidore Sr., David Ruck
Keene, Thomas Linson, Rosie Mann,
Maurice A. Murphy, David Olivier,
Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, Fern
Taller.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Maria Coutinho, Francisca Garcia,
Catherine, Michael, & Alexandro
Martinez, Marie O'Brien, Juan de
Jesus Peraquive, Sr. Padraic Mary,
Rosa Sabio, Celia Vestey, and the
souls of all our recently deceased.

We continue to pray for the sick, the
dying, and their families in Memorial
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital,
the Hospital for Special Surgery,
Rockefeller University Hospital, and
the Intentions of the Dominican
Friars Health Care Ministry.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Jack Ryan Keegan (D); Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (L); Elizabeth
Donoghue (D); Timothy Donoghue
(D); Murt Donoghue (D); Souls in
Purgatory; The People of the Parish.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Well being of Christians in the
Middle East

St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp
Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

St. Catherine – Purgatorial Candle
Renato S. Ventigan (D);
Rosa J. Silan (D)

St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle
Maria Marta Litrenta;
Intention of Donor

St. Catherine – Blessed Mother Candle
Priscilla Ventigan

*St. Catherine – St. Martin de Porres
Candle*
Maria Marta Litrenta

*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 of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.*

PRIESTLY PEOPLE

Each week in these pages we run a column called "This Week of Grace." It looks at the life of the Church during the week ahead as a basis for prayer and awareness. When I prepare it during the weeks of January, I am amazed by the array of social concerns that jump to the fore once the Christmas tree has been put away. Every year brings the Martin Luther King observance, the National Day of Prayer and Penance for the Protection of Life, and the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. At any time each of these presents profound issues to ponder. But this year they vie for attention with the Presidential transition, the latest surge of Covid, and the distribution of vaccines. The singular issues do not eliminate the perennial ones, but throw them into a new light.

In between us and putting up the Christmas tree again, stands a forest of concerns. I have discovered that thinking about these all the time does not get me very far, and certainly nets me no sleep. Ignoring them leaves me disconnected. But I do stay engaged and in balance when I take the posture of prayer. I have come to realize this is a capacity I have as a baptized person: it forms part of my identity. From the font I have a mandate to pray, not just with a given side for a given outcome, but to place before God all the sides of an issue and all of those affected by a controversy. I do this as a priestly person and part of a priestly people.

God has enrolled me, along side you, as an intercessor in the face of what is complex and intractable about human life. Christ, himself, is the primary holder of this office, but in Baptism He shares it with us. With him we have the commission to pray for everybody in any mess; not to appease God or change His mind, but to be dignified by him with an effectual share in his charity.

When I fulfill this office my identity directs my work. When my agenda directs it the feeling and results are quite different.

A great gentleman of my acquaintance refuses to ask newly-met people what they do. He cherishes their privacy, but more profoundly their identity. Work offers easy entree to conversation; starting there flattens my perception of the other. Instead of coming to know them, I begin to evaluate them for usefulness, wealth, or influence. Each year the Christmas season introduces us to Jesus all over again, beginning with his identity, not His work. The joyful mysteries of Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, and Presentation, each involve people perceiving him before he has offered a teaching or performed a cure.

The work of Jesus begins with today's mystery of His Baptism, but the long years that precede His debut make all the difference, for the mysteries of His youth ground His teaching in more than learning, and His deeds in more than skills of healing. We recognize that the Sermon on the Mount reveals the mind of God, and that the reversal of human handicaps discloses His power. Thus we see what Jesus does and we hear what He says, but we also perceive beyond the words and actions to the one who is revealed as Way, Truth, and Life.

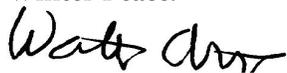
When the eyes and ears of our faith take us beyond surfaces, we join John the Baptist and the Magi as worshippers. Without grasping the revealed identity of Jesus, we would remain consumers of his professional services or groupies of his charisma. My worship acknowledges His identity as surely as the shepherds and wise men did. But I go on to recognize that His identity has healed and re-directed mine, so that I now work alongside him even as I remain grounded in Him.

Identity is where the ministry of Jesus hits home. If the Holy Spirit gives us a vision into his depths, He also delves deeply into ours, not just to diagnose our problems but to confirm our dignity and entwine it perpetually with His own. The ministry of Christ dispels ignorance and heals maladies, but it also gives people like us a God's eye view of ourselves and each other. As the work of God unfolds in me, I begin to perceive that my identity holds more importance than my achievements and failures.

The longer I live the more Baptism comes to take place in my self-perceiving. I find that it gains for me more and more of a universal connection, and this makes it harder blithely to take a side, jump into a faction, or let any one aspect of my demography supply meaning and direction to my days.

Because of our Baptism, you and I face the grave uncertainties of this moment with more wherewithal than we might, at first, suppose. I hope to explore our baptismal character with you over the next few weeks. Recognizing what has been entrusted to us, and commissioned from us, will help us grasp our mission in this world. No one is offering us a road map out of the thicket we are in, but we can offer an awareness and a pleading that take account of need, and remain unattached to results. Put simply, we are reliable as people of prayer for all who live with incompleteness, conflict, and fear. The universal friendship of Jesus is ours to share.

Winter Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

January 10, 2021 - January 16, 2021

January 10

The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

This feast combines with the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 - 25) to make this month baptismal in character. This week and the two following we reprint the sections of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which explain the effects of Baptism and hence the noble status of the Baptized Person in the sight of God. If you go to the *Catechism* itself, you will find the rich array of footnotes.

THE GRACE OF BAPTISM

No. 1262 – The different effects of Baptism are signified by the perceptible elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.

For the forgiveness of sins:

No. 1263 – By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn, nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.

No. 1264 – Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin that Tradition calls concupiscence, or metaphorically, "the tinder for sin" (*fomes peccati*); since concupiscence "is left for us to wrestle with, it cannot harm those who do not consent, but manfully resist it by the grace of Jesus Christ." Indeed, "an athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."

No. 1265 – Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature," member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit.

No. 1266 – The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of justification:
- enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues;
- giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
- allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues.

Thus the whole organism of the Christian's supernatural life has its roots in Baptism.