



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

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## January 17, 2021 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.

### CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

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

### 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.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Each year from January 18-25, the Church encourages all Catholics to unite their prayers for the unity of the Church and the unity of Christians. This octave stretches from Feast of the Chair of St. Peter to the Conversion of St. Paul and began in 1908 by the Graymoor Franciscan Friars of New York.

Fr. Walter will preach the 6 PM Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer every day during this week, focusing on the various effects of Baptism.

### CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

Monday, January 25 is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

### FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, O.P.

Thursday, January 28 is the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar and Doctor of the Church known as the *Doctor Angelicus*. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

### PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Friday, January 22, is the National Day of Penance and Prayer For the Protection of Life

6:30 PM - Holy Hour with music by the Sisters of Life

7:30 PM - Holy Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

Join in the Prayer Vigil for Life at St. Patrick's Cathedral on the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The USCCB has declared that January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Reservations are required for attending the Prayer vigil. The prayer vigil will also be livestreamed.

Please visit [archny.org/event/prayer-vigil-for-life/](http://archny.org/event/prayer-vigil-for-life/) for additional information.

## 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](http://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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10 AM–3 PM

## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.  
*Pastor*

Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.  
*Vicar*

Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.  
*Vicar for Formation*

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.  
*Sacristan*

Bro. Frassati Davis, O.P.  
*Deacon*

Deacon John M. Powers  
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Lisa Harrelson  
*Director of Religious Education*

Ginny McCusker  
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Tracey Hicks  
*Church Custodian*

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*Principal*

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(212) 249-6067  
[jude.parish.opeast.org](http://jude.parish.opeast.org)

## 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](http://healthcareministry.org) to learn more about the Ministry.

## 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](http://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.

## PARISH LIVESTREAMING MASS AND ROSARY SCHEDULE

The livestream Mass is weekdays at 12:10 PM; Saturday at 9 AM; and Sunday at 12 NOON.

The friars will livestream the Rosary at 9 AM on weekdays and 8:30 AM on Saturdays. The livestream Rosary will feature different areas of the church along with quick preaching before the Rosary.

Access via:

[svsc.info](http://svsc.info)

[facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine](https://facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine)

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,*

*Come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there*

*And unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you.*

*Amen*

## MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Schola will sing two motets of William Byrd. A recusant Catholic in Elizabethan England, Byrd served as organist of Lincoln Cathedral and as a Gentleman (professional singer) of the Chapel Royal. He composed choral music for both the Latin Rite and the Anglican Church.

In the succeeding weeks of Winter Ordinary Time, the Schola continues its exploration of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina's collection of Offertory Antiphons. The Voluntaries at Mass (Prelude and Postlude) also recommence the survey of Johann Sebastian Bach's corpus major organ works: Preludes, Toccatas, Fantasies, and Fugues.

*Laudate Dominum* – William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

*Venite exultemus Domino* – William Byrd

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Robert Mullen (D)  
8:00 AM Special Intention  
9:30 AM Enrique Triana Uribe (D)  
12 NOON Roseann Connelly  
6:00 PM For the People of the  
Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the  
Parish and the Order  
12:10 PM Zygmunt Gorski (D)  
6:00 PM Marg Borg (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19  
8:00 AM Edouard Gelin (D)  
12:10 PM Theresa Cavallaro (D)  
6:00 PM Kathleen Buckley (D)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20  
8:00 AM Daniel Gelin (D)  
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski,  
OFM (D)  
6:00 PM Joan M. & Salvatore  
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21  
8:00 AM Marie & Cornelius  
Murphy  
12:10 PM Joan Geier (D)  
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the  
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22  
8:00 AM Philomena McCarthy  
12:10 PM Micki Asmodeo (D)  
6:00 PM Nora Buckley (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23  
8:00 AM James, Patrick, & Imelda  
Mooney (D)  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Patrick Buckley (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Marina Lucido (D)  
10:00 AM Dick Case (D)  
5:00 PM Nancy & Luke A. Foye Sr.  
(D)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18  
7:00 AM For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 PM George Scott (D)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19  
7:00 AM Frank McDarby (D)  
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests  
of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20  
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of  
St. Jude  
5:15 PM Cesare & Maria Cichi (D)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21  
7:00 AM Alfie Doohan (D)  
5:15 PM Linda Woolward (D)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society  
of St. Catherine of Siena  
5:15 PM Evangeline Abella (D)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23  
9:00 AM Elaine Stack (D)  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER  
INTENTIONS**

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

August Arace, Roseann Connelly,  
Andrew Fraser, Maggie Heath,  
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 Rory Boyle, Maria Coutinho,  
Francisca Garcia, Matthew Martinez,  
Catherine, Michael, & Alexandro  
Martinez, Marie O'Brien, Juan de  
Jesus Piraquive, 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); Donald  
McCormack (D); William Elting  
(D); Intention of Donor; Souls in  
Purgatory; The People of the Parish.

*St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna*  
Gaetana Foucco (L)

*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.*

## ENHANCING THE EXPERIENCE

As of this writing we have celebrated public Mass in pandemic mode for nearly seven months. Patterns have emerged in our practice: some seem effective for the time being and others stand out as keepers. It turns out that the Communion rail ranks high among the latter. We began to use it in both of our churches because more people wished to kneel to receive, and I got worried that they had no physical support going down or getting up. Not only that, when their knees reached the ground it still took time to get stable and still so that I could land the host squarely on the hand or the tongue.

Using the rail in front of the Rosary Altar at St. Catherine's and the one in front of the Friars' Chapel at St. Vincent's addressed these issues very successfully, but it also provided some insight into the experience of communicants. When the rail is used, the minister does the primary moving. The communicant has time to get settled in place (either standing or kneeling), receive Communion in a recollected way, and then collect themselves for the return journey to the pew. From the minister's perspective, the experience is enhanced by the greater stillness of the communicant. Whatever posture or mode of delivery they choose, they are more serenely placed for the encounter when the minister reaches them.

At a time when people are nervous about being close to someone else, we hope this will be a more relaxed experience, with fewer dropped hosts.

While Communion at the rail may be more prayerful for the individual, it is also faster for the whole group, and this matters in a time when we do not have the assistance of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

This positive experience moves me to make general use of the Communion rail at St. Catherine's where it is fully intact. We will install markers for social distance, and it can serve the experience of all communicants, standing or kneeling, receiving in the hand or on the tongue. Fr. Allen and I will develop the details over the next couple of weeks and will implement this on the First Sunday of Lent, February 21. Working out the details may include some experiments at weekday Masses.

This new practice will take root in greater beauty and comfort thanks to those who have generously donated the new cushions at the rail, specially fitted to its unique contours. We are most grateful for this support.

No doubt we have only begun to learn from our pandemic experience. The biggest lesson is already learned and that is the patience, resilience, and resourcefulness of our parish community.

Gratefully,  
Fr. Walter

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## HILLBILLY THOMISTS' *LIVING FOR THE OTHER SIDE*

You have probably heard announcements at Sunday Mass about the Hillbilly Thomists' second album, *Living for the Other Side*. We've been selling the physical CDs as an early release in our parish, and now we are getting ready for the general release to the public on January 28, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. Then, you will be able to order physical CDs online and download digital copies. There will even be music videos and merchandise. All of this will be available on [hillbillythomists.com](http://hillbillythomists.com).

But who are these Hillbilly Thomists? The Hillbilly Thomists are a group of Dominican friars who enjoy playing music together. We began playing for in-house receptions at our House of Studies in Washington, D.C. We played a variety of genres: jazz, Irish traditional, bluegrass, and American standards. In late 2017, we sat down to record a bluegrass and folk album, not knowing what sort of reception it would receive. To our surprise, that album hit #3 on the Billboard Bluegrass charts.

In August 2020, we regrouped in a retreat house tucked away in the Catskill Mountains. We lived our full Dominican life: Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, meditation, Rosary, cooking, cleaning, repeat. In the hours between prayers, we dedicated ourselves to a different kind of holy preaching: putting Gospel truth into bluegrass and folk tunes. The result is our second album.

Our first album was mainly covers, with a few originals. This second album is the opposite: a few covers, but mainly originals. Our music speaks to those who feel like they are just surviving but desire to start living. These songs take up that desire and point it heavenward, to Jesus Christ. For in seeking Him, we move past surviving the day-to-day, and we start *Living for the Other Side*.

When all is released on St. Thomas' feast, we would gratefully welcome your partnership in promoting this album. The simplest way is to send people to [hillbillythomists.com](http://hillbillythomists.com), and it should be clear from there. All proceeds will help the friars in formation at the House of Studies in Washington, DC.

But of course, we are not merely in the business of selling CDs. We are here to save souls. That's not just a task for friars, but for all the faithful. Please pray for God's purpose in all of this, that we would be His well-tuned instruments. Through St. Thomas Aquinas' intercession, may God put His song of hope into our pilgrim hearts.

In Christ,  
Father Joseph Hagan

# THIS WEEK OF GRACE

January 17, 2021 - January 23, 2021

*Last Sunday's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord combines with the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25) to make this month baptismal in character. Today we continue the project begun last week in these pages, and reprint 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. In the Catechism itself you will find the rich array of its footnotes.*

*Incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ*

**No. 1267** – Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ: "Therefore we are members one of another." Baptism incorporates us into the Church. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."

**No. 1268** – The baptized have become "living stones" to be "built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that [they] may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called [them] out of darkness into his marvelous light." Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers.

**No. 1269** – Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us. From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to "obey and submit" to the Church's leaders, holding them in respect and affection. Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.

**No. 1270** – "Reborn as sons of God, [the baptized] must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church" and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God.

## **January 18–25                      The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity**

- The theme for this year's time of prayer is: "Abide in my love... You will bear much fruit." (John 15: 5-9)
- Pray that the Baptized may recognize the discipleship of each other, beneath differences of doctrine and practice.

## **January 18                              Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

- Pray that we may transcend racial prejudice and discrimination.
- Pray that we, the baptized, may perceive the singular beauty of each person.

## **January 20                              Inauguration Day**

- Pray for the peace and effectiveness of this crucial moment of transition.
- Pray for the healing of our political life.
- Pray that we may be present in this life as people who seek the common good.

## **January 21                              St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)**

## **January 22                              National Day of Penance and Prayer for the Protection of Life**

- Ponder the lives in which you exercise some degree of power.
- Ask for the grace to exercise that power in truth, justice, and charity.
- Pray for those with power in the lives of the unborn, the elderly, the handicapped, and the gravely ill.
- Pray that those with such power will not act from fear or anxiety, but with the trust that comes from a living faith.
- Pray especially for women surprised by a pregnancy for any reason.
- Pray that those with responsibility for the life of another may have the practical and spiritual resources they need to make the best decisions.
- Pray for the work and witness of the Sisters of Life.
- Pray for the work Pregnancy Help, supported by many of our parishioners, does for vulnerable women and their children.
- Pray for the work of Calvary Hospital, the Hawthorne Dominican Sisters and all who work in Hospice care.
- Consider a work of Penance for the preservation of all vulnerable lives.