



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

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November 22, 2020 – Christ the King

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.

THANKSGIVING NOVENA

We started our Thanksgiving Novena of Pray on Wednesday, November 18, continuing through Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 26. Holy cards and petition slips are available at both Churches.

THANKSGIVING DAY

On Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day, there will only be two Masses offered in the Parish: a Low Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena and a Sung Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer. The churches will close following the Masses.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 25-27, but Masses and Confessions will be offered as usual on Wednesday and Friday.

ADVENT RETREAT

Fr. Walter will offer his eleventh-annual Advent Retreat on Saturday, November 28 in St. Vincent's. A morning conference will be given at 10 AM, an Advent Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be offered at 12 NOON, and an afternoon conference will be given at 3 PM. For more information or to register for the retreat, please email the Parish Office at parish@svsc.info or visit our website, svsc.info.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Again this year we will place the Advent Wreath around the base of the Statue of the Blessed Mary, Porta Caeli, to the right of the Crossing Altar. Please contact the parish office or see Brother Damien about this opportunity for spiritual giving during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Availability for Advent candle intentions would be as follows:

The First Week of Advent	1 lamp
The Second Week of Advent	2 lamps
The Third Week of Advent	3 lamps
The Fourth Week of Advent	4 lamps
The Octave of Christmas	4 lamps
The Second Week of Christmas	4 lamps

During these weeks, the Sanctuary Madonna lamp that usually hangs beside the Porta Caeli will not burn.

FEAST OF ST. ANDREW

Monday, November 30 is the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

SIGN UP FOR PARISH EMAILS

To receive up to date and important information regarding our Advent schedule, please sign up for Parish emails via our website svsc.info or email the Parish office parish@svsc.info.

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

PARISH OFFICE

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HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

For health care emergencies please call (212) 988-8303. The Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York provides pastoral and sacramental care of Dominican Friars at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast of the United States. The Parish's Solemn Mass will be at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing Tomás Luis de Victoria's *Missa Vidi speciosam; Trahe me post te*; and *Alma Redemptoris Mater á 5*. The evening Masses on Monday will be for the Vigil of the Solemnity.

ONLINE GIVING

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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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, featuring the art and Christmas decorations of our beautiful church, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer vestibule. Here's an opportunity to share with your friends and family the beauty that is ours all year round.

MUSIC NOTES

For the four Sundays of Advent, the Schola will sing music drawn from the Franco-Flemish and German Schools. These are two of six major compositional "Schools" or traditions of Renaissance polyphony, the others being English, Iberian, Roman, and Venetian.

The Franco-Flemish School encompasses compositions originating from modern-day Belgium, northern France, and the southern Netherlands in the 15th and 16th centuries over five generations of composers. During Advent, we will offer works by Thomas Crecquillon (c. 1505-c. 1557), Philippe de Monte (1521-1603), Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594), Jacob Regnart (c. 1540-1599), and Ferdinando di Lasso (1560-1609), the son of Orlando.

The German School displays a mix of Franco-Flemish and Venetian influence that may seem surprising to the lay observer; but the cross-pollination of Germanic and Italian composers during the late Renaissance was quite extensive. Many German composers wrote for both the Catholic and Protestant establishments, including the three featured this Advent: Jacob Handl (1550-1591), Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629), and Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612).

Next Sunday, for the First Sunday of Advent, the Schola will offer:

Missa Ad te levavi oculos meos
– Philippe de Monte (1521-1603)

Ad te Domine levavi
– Jacob Regnart (c. 1540-1599)

Canite tuba
– Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
6:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of
the Parish
8:00 AM Plunkett Foye (D)
9:30 AM Frank & Jozefa Gorski (D)
12 NOON Valeriana Gloria (D)
6:00 PM Edward C. Perry (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish and the Order
12:10 PM Joseph A. Meehan (D)
6:00 PM Celia & Anne
Carrigan (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00 AM John Richard Lienhardt &
Family (D)
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 PM Ellie & Danny D'Onofrio

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
8:00 AM Richard & Frances
Reynolds (D)
12:10 PM Jimmy & Ann Carty (D)
6:00 PM Shirley Vena (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
8:00 AM Peter Gaine (D)
12:10 PM *Thanksgiving - No Mass*
6:00 PM *Thanksgiving - No Mass*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
8:00 AM Liam Carlos (D)
12:10 PM Living & Deceased
Members of the Gorski Family
6:00 PM Andres R. Quintian (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
8:00 AM Gordon Miller (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) Rosemary
Munshower (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
4:00 PM (Vigil) Frederick
Padovano (D)
10:00 AM Logan, Evans, & Joyce
Families (D)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
7:00 AM Ravi Rajmani (D)
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
7:00 AM Thanksgiving Novena
Intentions
5:15 PM *Thanksgiving - No Mass*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Terry Hanna (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
9:00 AM Silvino Oculam (D)
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Eduardo Abreau, Roseann Connelly,
Stanley Castillo, Kat Fox, Andrew
Fraser, Richard Hawkins, Maggie
Heath, Rosie Mann, Ellorine
Martinez, Maurice A. Murphy,
Sabina C. Quiguyan, Adolfo Sardina,
Blair Scribner, Dennis Smith &
Riceal Wells

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Carol McKillop, Nancy Noth,
Jean Sharbel, 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
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);
All Souls Remembrance; Carol
McKillop (D); Mary McCarthy (D)
Souls in Purgatory; The People of the
Parish; Special Intention.

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan
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.*

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

From atop the High Altar, Christ the King presides in splendor over St. Vincent Ferrer Church. In 1940, the author of the authoritative book on the church describes the reredos and says,

Christ the King holds the place of honor and is elevated in the midst of the angels and saints. It is an eight foot statue of polychromed oak, the only carving that is elaborately colored. He is wearing a crown and royal attire. In his left hand he carries an orb and in his right, a scepter. ... On either side of Christ the King are St. Catherine and St. Mary Magdalen, given this place of honor because they are special Patronesses of the Dominican Order.

In Christ the panoply of earthly sovereignty becomes paradoxical. Crown, orb, and scepter indicate dominion, but at the heart of Christ's Lordship lies obedience. His exalted rank expresses itself in surrender to the Father's plan, and he is the Master who obeys the fact of the subjects' weakness by washing their feet. The twin loves of God and neighbor come together in a crucified kingship: Here the only dominion is over self, joined to service of neighbor to reveal the life-giving power of God. The resurrected life of Jesus, his eternal happiness, flows from these three sources. Such a triumph holds nothing in common with the conqueror vanquishing the conquered by brute force, fear, siege, or humiliation.

In Baptism Christ shares his kingship as a service to us and a companionship with us. When we anoint newly baptized children with Chrism, it is to signify their sharing in his office of King, along with those of Priesthood and Prophecy. I tell the parents that their child is now commissioned to be a king in the likeness of Christ Crucified, by using powers of body, temperament, wealth, for self-control and service.

Back to the High Altar at St. Vincent Ferrer. From Christ the King at the top, a phalanx of Dominican Saints marches downward through time toward the altar. They have brought his kingship into every century of the Order's service by preaching it and by living it through obedience, the vow and the virtue. Religious obedience signifies acquiescence to the superior's command only as a beginning: it seeks to be habitually obedient to the Order's whole way of life, and to the facts of the Brothers and Sisters with whom one shares it.

The Constitutions of the Friars assert that, "Because obedience 'plants the roots of self-discipline in our hearts,' it is of the greatest benefit to that freedom of spirit that characterizes the children of God and disposes us to self-giving charity." *LCO #19,III*. Where obedience has become deeply habitual a central element of Christ's kingship has implanted itself in a human soul. Here come together vulnerability of self and security of relationship. In the habit of obedience I lose autonomy and discover belonging. So central is obedience to our life, when we make profession it is the only vow we name, poverty and chastity being specified in the Constitutions according to which we obey.

Obedience within the Order makes obedience the perspective of the Order. St. Dominic worked deferentially with the Pope and Bishops of his day, and in his pattern, Dominicans have identified themselves as women and men of the Church, not simply in submission but in partnership. By extension the habit of obedience extends to legitimate secular authority. As St. Paul writes in his letter to Titus,

"Beloved: Remind them to be under the control of magistrates and authorities, to be obedient, to be open to every good enterprise. They are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate, exercising all graciousness toward everyone."
(*Titus 3:1*)

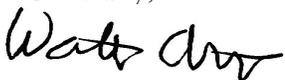
Paul exercises deference to those who do not share the faith, or even sympathize with it, because he understands them to be promoting the good order that serves the life of the Church and the propagation of Gospel. Indeed when Paul mandates "graciousness toward everyone" he really extends Christian obedience to the facts of our neighbors, so that Christianity does not become a bubble insulating me from the sensibilities of others.

Recent months have made clear the multifaceted beauty of the life of obedience. Responding to Covid has demanded a new depth of Church connection: we have companioned the Archdiocese in its evolving effort to sustain the life of the Church and to safeguard the public health. But we have also tried to be a good corporate citizen in dialogue with city and state in their attempt to manage the barely manageable. And facts about people do not relent. The question keeps coming, how can we make people at ease in a group for worship? How can we keep people connected across distances? Each relationship limits freedom of action but bestows solidarity in a common effort.

I think of our hospital chaplains learning new protocols in tending to Covid positive patients, I ponder Sr. Gail's rethinking of high school education for in-person and virtual learning, I meditate on the adjustments we have made in celebrating the sacraments so that sacramental life could resume. In each situation I see the habit of obedience as source and guide, challenge and reward, discipline and freedom.

I hope we may continue in this way and show ourselves to be believers in that kingdom which is even now coming into the world.

Gratefully,



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

November 22

The Solemnity of Christ the King

- This Sunday we take up the annual collection for Catholic Charities, the agency of the Church which deals directly with the poor across the full spectrum of their needs. The proceeds of this collection will be distributed as grants to parishes and other entities so that they may undertake their own charitable works.
- Pray that we never lose the zeal or, lack the means, to fulfill this fundamental charge of the Gospel.
- Pray for those clergy and laity who give themselves so generously to this difficult and unrelenting need.
- Reflect on how this kind of giving not only advances the Kingdom of Christ, but is a sign it is already present.

November 24

The Martyrs of Vietnam (Memorial)

- Today we honor the many who gave the supreme witness as part of bringing the Gospel to the Vietnamese people. Dominicans name this feast after St. Ignatius Delgado and his Companions. The Roman Calendar names it after Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions.
- Pray for the peace and the thriving of the Vietnamese Church.
- Give thanks for the Vietnamese who so enrich the Church in the United States.

November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria (Memorial for the Order)

- St. Catherine, along with St. Mary Magdalene, is patroness of the Order of Preachers. Please pray that all of St. Dominic's family may have courage for truth hearing and truth telling.
- On this Wednesday before Thanksgiving we usually pray for travelers, but this year perhaps we should pray for those who are not traveling. Think of the many who cannot this year take a familiar journey to be with those closest to them.
- We used to complain about crowded airports and train stations; let us pray for the day we can again be jammed in together.

November 26

Thanksgiving Day

- Pray for those who pour imagination, skill, and energy into creating today's dinner.
- Pray for those who celebrate this year's Thanksgiving with empty places at the table.
- Pray for families which are divided culturally and politically, that today may offer a respite.
- Remember those who are alone this day and hungry this day.
- Give thanks for the New York Common Pantry and the many other agencies who include the poor in Thanksgiving Day.

November 27

- Today by tradition, we start to think about Christmas gifts and cards. Across the many distances of this pandemic these tokens of love and respect will do extra work.
- Pray that in this time we may send things and words that really speak for us.

November 28

- Today we anticipate the season a bit and have our Parish Advent Retreat. Our 11th annual! Please pray for the participants.

ADVENT

Next Sunday, November 29, is the First Sunday of Advent and marks the beginning of the new liturgical year: Year B in the three-year lectionary cycle. The season of Advent (from the Latin *adventus* meaning 'coming') looks forward to the birth of Christ, calling the faithful to prepare for his arrival: first in meekness and mercy and ultimately in judgment and glory.

Liturgies during this 'privileged' season of Advent strike a note of anticipation and repentance that is mingled with joy and hope; hence, although penitential violet is the season's liturgical color, the *Gloria* is omitted, and the use of the organ is moderated, the *Alleluia* is retained.

The congregational Ordinary (*Kyrie*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei*) at Sung Masses changes to the Latin-version of *Missa XVIII*.