



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

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November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

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.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

Next 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.

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.

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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Friday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

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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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.

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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.

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.

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*.

MUSIC NOTES

For the four Sundays of Advent, the Schola will sing music drawn from the Franco-Flemish and German Schools.

Next Sunday, for the Second Sunday of Advent, the Schola will offer music that focuses on St. John the Evangelist's role in the Advent season. The Old Testament lesson (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11) and the Gospel (Mark 1:1-8) both speak of the voice (John) that heralds the coming of the Lord.

Thomas Crecquillon was a member of the chapel of Emperor Charles V and later seems to have moved throughout the Low Countries. Hieronymus Praetorius became principal organist of St. Jacobi Church in his native Hamburg upon his father's death. It is likely that from an encounter with Michael Praetorius (no relation) and Hans Leo Hassler that Hieronymus developed the progressive Venetian polychoral style that he introduced into north Germany. Ferdinando di Lasso succeeded his much more famous father Orlando as Kapellmeister of the court chapel in Munich in 1594.

Missa Domine da nobis auxilium

– Thomas Crecquillon (c. 1505-c. 1557)

Inter natos mulierum

– Ferdinando di Lasso (1560-1609)

Fuit homo

– Hieronymus Praetorius (1560-1629)

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
6:00 PM (Vigil) Rosemary
Munshower
8:00 AM Martha Hernandez
9:30 AM Henri Barguirdjian (D)
and Peace for Family
12 NOON Joseph Czobor (D)
6:00 PM Anthony Mortelliti Jr. (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish and the Order
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly
6:00 PM Andres R. Quintian (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00 AM Living Members of the
Redmond Family
12:10 PM Hagggar and Gorski Friends
& Family (D)
6:00 PM Manuel Ruiz (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:00 AM Fulvia Bado (D)
12:10 PM Thanksgiving to
St. Vincent for Intentions Granted
6:00 PM Salvatore & Joan M.
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 AM Mary Curtin (D)
12:10 PM Roseann Connolly
6:00 PM Mrs. Karen Yaffe

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:00 AM Mary Borg (D)
12:10 PM James Tully (D)
6:00 PM Henri Barguirdjian (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 AM Bart & Bridget
McGovern (D)
6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. DeLaCruz

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Claire Kwiatkowski (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the
Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Giorgio Cichi (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
7:00 AM Lisa Denney
5:15 PM Thanksgiving for Blessings

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Mrs. Alice Duellman (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
7:00 AM Fred Willenberg (D)
5:15 PM Maria Abella (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM Carmina & Jeff Levine

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
9:00 AM Mary & John
Tramosch (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 Connolly,
Kat Fox, Andrew Fraser, Richard
Hawkins, Maggie Heath, Rosie
Mann, Maurice A. Murphy, Sabina
C. Quiguyan, Richard Robbins,
Adolfo Sardina, Blair Scribner, &
Dennis Smith

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Stanley Castillo, Gilbert
Hart Kinney, Ellorine Martinez,
Carol McKillop, Isabella Petillo,
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
Jack Ryan Keegan; Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (L); Sister Clara
Mohan, O.P. (D); Souls in Purgatory;
The People of the Parish; Special
Intention; Intention of Donor

Advent Wreath
1) Mary & Angelo Soldato

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.*

RUN FORTH

At the outset of Advent the Liturgy places this collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass) on our lips.

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess
the heavenly kingdom.*

I say this prayer every year, but this time “run forth” strikes me powerfully and not in a positive way, because I do not feel like running forth. The days are dark, it has been a year like no other and you know all the reasons. My introverted self pines for my cozy room, a cocoon of the familiar where I may hibernate until things change, climactically and otherwise. My mood is right on time; nature says it's time for a “long winter’s nap.” But the prayer comes in the Gospel’s time, summoning me to exert myself before I feel like it. Why so much concern to wake me up?

“Run forth” expresses the longing in the heart of Jesus, implanted by the Holy Spirit in the Church, articulated clearly in her prayers, and apparently heard by almost no one. The ancient manual of church life called the *Didache* puts this desire into words as blunt as an alarm clock: “*May grace come and this world pass away.*” Inbuilt to the religion of Jesus is the desire for a new age.

Instinctively we prefer our own age, and so we read talk of the Second Coming through a lens of fear: “I better behave or I will be in trouble.” But the Gospel actually proposes to change our instinct so that we may read of the Advent of Christ through a lens of promise.

What he promises is a life beyond all the dead ends we see in the life of our own age. If we were to count up the personal, relational, cultural, climactic, and political ways in which we do not see a way forward, we might feel quite hemmed in. Here faith intervenes to say that what seems like a solid wall now will yield before the plan of God. Honesty demands that we name the dead ends and all the pain they cause us, and faith asks us at the same time to acknowledge a reality beyond them. This is the promise of Jesus in all its living reality. I always think the Berlin Wall offers the best image for Advent: inevitability toppled.

Once we get this, then His future Advent becomes a real object of desire, and even now we see his teaching in a new light. We begin to recognize the Sermon on the Mount not as the way to keep our nose clean, but as a disclosure of how people will, in fact, behave in the world that is coming. Indeed, Christ has left us the sacramental life as a pledge of what lies beyond the walls of this mortal life. Sacraments are a way of seeing and seeing beyond, and so they teach us how to hope. Vigilance born of hope, not fear, means that we live now so as to be ready to belong to that time. We are bold enough to want more than getting in to Heaven: we seek to be at home in it.

Perhaps this talk sounds funny coming from the Church, for we expend so much energy in conserving our theological, artistic, and liturgical heritage. Sometimes religion does become a servant of nostalgia for the seeming coherence of former ages. Occasionally our outlook is so curatorial as to give the impression that we might dread the Second Coming simply because it will mess up the ritual. But in fact all that we have received from the past comes to us as a platform for hope. What God has enabled us to achieve offers a pledge of what He will exceed, just as our current sacramental perception of Him promises to yield before the unobstructed encounter with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Indeed, Advent revolutionizes Christmas in just this way. So often we celebrate Christmas as an exercise in nostalgia for things past, the Church’s and our own. These are days when memory comes to console or to open wounds. But the complete experience of Christ leaves us with an active nostalgia for what has not yet happened. Every year at this time we unpack so much familiar stuff from the boxes in our attics and the crannies of our minds. Indeed the rituals and the objects, the sounds and the tastes of Christmas offer an anchor amidst change. But Christ is more reliable, and the world he brings will be happier.

I run forth because I have a destination that gives focus to my mind and velocity to my steps. May the magic of the season help us to remember where we haven’t yet been.

Advent Peace!



Fr. Walter

NB. You are reading this on November 29 and because of Thanksgiving I needed to have this done by November 19. So I plumped for something timeless from the archives. This was from 2017, but it spoke to me on rereading.

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

November 29-December 5, 2020

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

- We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.
- Pray the Antiphon of the Blessed Mother for the ending of the pandemic: Alma Redemption's Mater.
- At Night Prayer during Advent and Christmas this Antiphon takes the place of the usual Salve Regina. It may give voice to what is in our hearts at this time.

*Mother of Christ! Hear thou thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of him who they from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid;
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.*

November 29

The First Sunday of Advent

- Advent offers a great opportunity to lay before God all those situations where effort and ingenuity have failed us. The coming of God reminds us of the reality lying beyond the possibilities we perceive.
- Pray also for those who have given up on God, that in this season they may rediscover hope.
- The Entrance Antiphon for Sunday's Mass sets a timely tone for the season.

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me, and let none who hope in you be put to shame. Ps. 25:1-3*

November 30

St. Andrew the Apostle (Feast)

- Andrew is "First-Called" of the disciples. Pray, on his feast, that we may be responsive when prompted to announce the Gospel.

December 1

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops advises that this is World AIDS day. So we pray for all who live with HIV/AIDS, and for those who care for them.
- Pray for ever more effective treatments and, of course, a cure.

December 3

St. Francis Xavier, S. J. (Memorial)

- St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552) partnered with St. Ignatius of Loyola in the founding of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. As a missionary, he worked in India and Japan.
- Pray for all who work to "inculturate" the faith, making it accessible to peoples throughout the world.
- Pray for the Jesuits and all their works.
- Pray for New York's own St. Francis Xavier Parish and Xavier High School.

ADVENT

This 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*.