



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

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December 19, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

JOIN OUR PARISH

We welcome all new parishioners who would like to join our community. If you have made the Parish your spiritual home but have not yet registered, please do. This will help us to help you in case you are asked to be a godparent, or in case you would like to get married here. It will also help the Dominicans more intentionally to keep you in their prayers. Moreover, it will be a great means to help you get rooted in and connected to a community. Please visit our website, svsc.info/join-our-parish to register as a parishioner. You can also stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form.

PARISH EMAIL

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Find our complete schedule of Masses for Christmas Day in the bulletin, on our website, and flyers are available in both churches. Also included is a Christmastide Music List of the Schola Cantorum.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, December 20 is Reconciliation Monday throughout the Archdiocese, an opportunity for all to make their confession before Christmas. Confessions will be heard at both churches from 11 AM–1 PM. In the evening, confessions will be heard at St. Vincent Ferrer from 4–6 PM and at St. Catherine of Siena from 6–8 PM.

PRE-CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard beginning 45 minutes before every Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

CHRISTMAS DAY VESPERS

Sung Vespers of the Nativity of the Lord will be celebrated at 3:15 PM on Christmas Day, December 25, preceding the 4 PM Sung Mass. Please consider joining and making this a part of your Christmas observance.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Next Sunday, December 26, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Observance of this feast began locally in Canada and France in the 17th century. In 1893, Pope Leo XIII, who had a personal devotion to the Holy Family, approved it as a feast for Canada, and Pope Benedict XV had it added to General Roman Calendar in 1921 on the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany. After the 1969 revision of the Calendar, it was moved to its current position.

Please note that the evening Masses on Saturday, December 25 (4 PM Sung Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer and 5 PM Low Mass at St. Catherine of Siena) will be Masses of Christmas Day and not Vigil Masses of the Holy Family.

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 PM

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

PARISH OFFICE

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St. Catherine of Siena

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Office Hours: Monday–Friday:

10 AM–3 PM

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PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS

Cards are now available at the St. Vincent Church office which enable you to remember living or deceased family and friends in the Novena of Masses offered at St. Vincent Ferrer beginning on Christmas Day.

MUSIC NOTES

Please see the bulletin insert for a complete schedule of Christmastide Solemn Masses with the Schola Cantorum and a list of the choral repertoire. Also, please consider making a Christmas donation in support of our Parish music program; take a Music List, available at the back of the church, or visit our website for more information.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Lighting votive candles and vigil lights is a strong tradition in the Catholic Church that began at least 1,800 years ago, when lights were burned in the catacombs at the tomb of martyrs as a sign of unity with them. The lights kept "vigil"; hence they were named "vigil lights." Candles have long been recognized with prayer. When we light a candle before a statue of a saint or a sacred image of our Lord, we petition our Lord in prayer for our special intentions for ourselves, our family and friends, living or deceased.

At St. Vincent Ferrer we have added five additional opportunities for you to offer prayer intentions through the lighting of candles. Beautiful new candles have been added to the Rosary Altar, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St. Joseph's Chapel, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, and the Holy Name Chapel. Candle intentions are still available in one or more of the seven hanging sanctuary lamps before the High Altar, the lamp beside Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Madonna Candle), and the lamp by the Pieta Statue.

The candles may be reserved in the Parish Office the same way you obtain a Mass intention. The candles will be lit on Friday for a period of one week. The weekly offering is \$20 and the intention will be announced in the bulletin.

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 "Ways to Give." You can also give via text message: text keyword SVSC to 800-950-9952. Click the link and complete your gift.

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 of Siena* to submit your matching donation.

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
6:00 PM (Vigil) John P. Kane (D)
8:00 AM Joel Greenberg (D)
9:30 AM Rodrigo Holguin (D)
12 NOON Michael Regan (D)
6:00 PM For the People of the
Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Marie & Jack Powers (D)
6:00 PM Sue Crissy (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00 AM Joe and Mary Mooney &
Family
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas
Gorski, O.F.M. (D)
6:00 PM Mary Mooney &
Family (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00 AM Benefactors of the St. John
Paul II Society
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 PM Plunkett Foye (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
8:00 AM James & Dymrna Mooney
& Family
12:10 PM Rita Flores (D)
6:00 PM Frances & Richard
Reynolds & Joshua Ristaino (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
8:00 AM Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 PM (VIGIL) **No Announced
Mass**
9:30 PM (VIGIL) **No Announced
Mass**
12 MIDNIGHT **No Announced
Mass**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
8:00 AM **No Announced Mass**
9:30 AM **No Announced Mass**
12 NOON **No Announced Mass**
4:00 PM **No Announced Mass**

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM Norman Evans (D)
5:00 PM Advent Novena of Prayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:00 AM For the Province of St.
Joseph
5:15 PM Advent Novena of Prayer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:00 AM Advent Novena of Prayer
5:15 PM In Thanksgiving for God's
Mercy & Love

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:00 AM Advent Novena of Prayer
5:15 PM Miguel & Teodola
Lucido (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:00 AM Advent Novena of Prayer
5:15 PM Deceased Members of the
Logan, Evans, Joyce & Thomas
Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
4:00 PM (VIGIL) **No Announced
Mass**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
10:00 AM **No Announced Mass**
5:00 PM **No Announced Mass**

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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.

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

August Arace, Roseann Connelly,
Angela Gabriela, Maggie Heath,
Jeanne Krause, Kathy Bojta Krause,
Barbara Decker Lenihan, Diane Piro,
Blair Scribner, James Sterling, and
Margery Sugarman.

*Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Anita Brancaccio, George
Brooksbank, Lorraine Capuano,
Joseph DeFranca, Ana Lobo, Ellorine
Martinez, Michael Privitello, Adolfo
Sardina, and the souls of all our
recently deceased.*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez;
William Elting (D); Jack Ryan
Keegan; People of the Parish; Souls
in Purgatory; Special Intention; and
Intention of Donor.

St. Vincent – Advent Wreath
Mary & Angelo Soldato
Pryor & Adrian Families
Mary McCarthy (D)
McCusker Family

**St. Vincent – Our Lady of
Guadalupe Shrine**
Special Intention

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

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Marta Litrenta

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

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

St. Catherine – Blessed Mother
Priscilla Ventigan

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

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and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday–Friday, 10 AM–3 PM.*

The Dominican Charism – Prayer & Meditation on the Word

“For Dominic, prayer murmured in the darkness of the night broke forth into light in the full day of preaching” (Fr. Guy Bedouelle, O.P., *Saint Dominic: The Grace of the Word*, Ignatius Press, 246). That so beautifully sums up the Dominican understanding of meditating on the Word of God. By coming to know God more intimately, we more easily are able to offer Him in our preaching. It is said that St. Dominic spent his whole day in preaching and his whole night in prayer. Even after a long day, he would spend the night in front of the Blessed Sacrament and beseech the Lord to bless those to whom he preached and to have mercy on sinners.

This came out of a deep meditation on the Word. At one point soon after establishing the Order, St. Dominic had a vision while praying in the Vatican Basilica, “St. Peter held out to him a pilgrim’s staff, while St. Paul gave him the Book of the Gospels, and both cried out: ‘Go and preach, for God has chosen you for this ministry!’” (Bedouelle, 45). At least from then on, St. Dominic was known to always carry the Gospels and the Letters of St. Paul with him.

The story of the heavenly gifts from Ss. Peter and Paul comes from the *Legend of St. Dominic* which was written only 26 years after St. Dominic’s death, and the *Legend* continues, “Then in an instant he seemed to see his sons scatter through the entire world, going two by two to preach to the people the Word of God” (Bedouelle, 45). Br. John of Spain, while testifying during St. Dominic’s canonization process in Bologna, revealed how this affected Dominic’s guidance of the friars: “Both by word and letter, he often instructed and urged the brethren of the Order to make a constant study of the Old and New Testament.”

By meditating on the Word of God in the Scriptures, the Dominican lays the foundation for his or her preaching. The friars’ *Book of Constitutions* draws this out, “Since the contemplation of divine truth, and personal conversation and friendship with God are to be sought not only in liturgical celebrations and *lectio divina* but also in assiduous private prayer, the brothers ought to cultivate private prayer zealously” (LCO 66§1). The friars are also to “spend at least half an hour daily in mental prayer” (LCO 66§2) and “make a retreat for six full days each year, meditating on the word of God in their hearts and praying more intensely” (LCO 68). Meditation on the Word of God should thus be at the heart of the Dominican’s whole life.

In a similar way, this meditation should be at the heart of the life of a Dominican parish and those who make our parishes their own. The centrality of the liturgy to the daily life of any parish bears great fruit if the preaching of the Word during the liturgical homilies is well rooted in the Word of God, a Word that has been dutifully prayed through and taken to heart in the life of the preacher. It should also have its aim to lead the people closer to Christ, the Word Himself. There is an important distinction between teaching and preaching in that teaching is to guide the mind to the Truth, but preaching should lead to the conversion of the person’s life. Fruitful Dominican preaching should have this conversion in mind. In a sense, the sheep should be well fed by the homily.

Preaching the Word of God goes beyond the liturgy though. In things like RCIA, prayer groups, and our own Parish Study, the Word of God should hold a special place in a Dominican parish. That is not to say that RCIA should simply be a reflection on Scripture; the Church’s teachings do need to be communicated. Yet, what it does imply is that in each of the aspects of a Dominican parish’s life, the Word of God should hold a special place and be a source for prayer and study. In our own parish, we are blessed to have our Parish Study, which often is an in-depth Bible Study. Between that and the Frassati Fellowship’s Bible Study and *lectio divina* groups, there are ample opportunities here for our parishioners to study and pray with the Word.

Similarly, just like the friars are to spend time in daily mental prayer and on their annual retreat spending time with the Word of God, so too can our parishioners draw closer to the Lord in their own personal prayer. Advent and Christmas are beautiful times of year to read a little bit from the Bible each day and/or to spend regular time each week to pray through one of the books of the Bible. In these ways, and so many others, may the Lord bless you and your families abundantly while we prepare for the coming of the Word made flesh.

In Christ and through Holy Father Dominic,

Fr. Peter Martyr Jungwirth, O.P.

CHRISTMASTIDE MUSIC LIST – 2021

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All of these Masses at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

All of these Masses will also be livestreamed via svsc.info and the Parish's Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24

9:30 PM Solemn Mass During the Night

Mass in the Dorian Mode – Herbert Howells

Angelus ad virginem – arr. David Willecocks

Dormi, Jesu, Op. 3 – Edmund Rubbra

Quem pastores laudaverunt – Nigel Short

12 MIDNIGHT Solemn Mass

in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*)

Messe in B Flat Major, Op. 77

– Johann Nepomuk Hummel

with chamber orchestra

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25

12 NOON Solemn Mass During the Day

Mass in C Major, K. 259, 'Orgelmesse'

– Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Angelus ad pastores ait – Jacobus Vaer

O admirabile commercium – Melchior Franck

with chamber orchestra

3 PM Solemn Vespers

Magnificat Primus toni – Tomás Luis de Victoria

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26

12 NOON Solemn Mass

Missa Noël, noë – Jacques Arcadelt

Lux fulgebit hodie – *Dies sanctificatus*

– Philippe de Monte

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Monday, December 27

6 PM Sung Mass

HOLY INNOCENTS

Tuesday, December 28

6 PM Sung Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY – OCTAVE DAY

Saturday, January 1

12 NOON Solemn Mass

Missa Dies sanctificatus

– Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

O magnum mysterium – Andrea Rota

Salvator noster – Claudio Merulo

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 2

12 NOON Solemn Mass

Music of Orlando di Lasso

Missa In principio

Tribus miraculis and Omnes de Saba

Thursday, January 6 (Traditional Date)

7 PM Solemn Mass

in the Dominican Rite (*in Latin*)

Music of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Missa Natus in bethleem

Stella quam viderunt Magi

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 9

12 NOON Solemn Mass

Missa Dominus Dominus noster – Leonardi Lechneri

Vox de caelo sonat – Jacob Handl

Tribus miraculis – Hans Leo Hassler

The Rev. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., *Pastor*

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