



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

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February 2, 2020 – Presentation of the Lord

CANDLEMAS

Sunday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. The 12 NOON Solemn Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer will include a Procession and Blessing of Candles.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

This Sunday, February 2, there will be a second collection to help the Parish's Deficit Reduction.

Members of the Social Concerns Committee will collect donations for Food Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PARISH STUDY

This Winter, Fr. Walter Wagner, O.P. will lead our Parish Study series. This semester he will continue his study on the Book of Genesis. Sessions will continue on Tuesday, February 4 and meet each Tuesday evening from 6:45 – 7:45 PM in the Lower Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

INVITATION FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS

Today, Sunday February 2, the Dominican Sisters in the convent at St. Vincent Ferrer invite single women, 20 to 45 years of age, to join them in the Convent at 3:45 PM for a time of conversation, prayer, and Adoration, followed by Sung Vespers at 5:30 PM in the church. This is an opportunity for the Sisters to get to know a little better those whom they encounter in the parish, and for you to become better acquainted with their Dominican life of prayer and ministry.

The convent, at 152 East 66th Street, is entered through the iron gate east of the 66th Street door to the church.

VALENTINE DRIVE FOR OUR NEEDY NEIGHBORS AT THE NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY

The Social Concerns Committee have begun collecting requested items for our neighbors at the New York Common Pantry. Items include: non-perishable foods – shelf-stable milk, canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham), breakfast foods (hot, cold, low-sugar cereals), rice, and dry beans. Socks for men and women are also being collected. These items can be donated at each church through Thursday, February 20. Please donate and show love for our neighbors.

2019 TAX LETTERS

DP Murphy and WeShare will be distributing tax notices to parishioners for the 2019 tax year in the next week. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not received your notice by the end of the month or if corrections are needed. Thank you for your continued support.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. The Parish's Solemn Mass with the Schola Cantorum will be at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. Please see the Parish Calendar on Page 2 for the full Mass schedule. Ashes will be imposed at all Masses and before the 7:30 PM Holy Hour at St. Vincent Ferrer.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,

12:00 NOON, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,

6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 5:00–5:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 5:20–5:50 PM

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 AM, 5:15 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

Confessions

SATURDAY: 3:00–3:50 PM

WEEKDAYS: 4:40–5:05 PM

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY:

8:50 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (SUNG VESPERS)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:25 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS
AND VESPERS)

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY:

3:00 PM (EUCHARISTIC ADORATION)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 5:45 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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9 AM–1 PM, 2–5 PM

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10 AM–3 PM

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.
Pastor

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PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph.

For general information about the Parish, its many organizations, an overview of the current year's schedule of events, and how to become more involved in our common life, please take a green Parish Handbook.

For information about the music program, please take a Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching'. Both of these booklets are available in the narthex and online.

To register as a parishioner, please use the form found at the back of the Handbook or online. Follow us on facebook @StVincentAndStCatherine and sign-up for email alerts by notifying parish@svsc.info.

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Blessing of Candles *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – ST. BLASE

Blessing of Throats at all Masses

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 – PRESIDENTS' DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass and Confession Schedule

FEBRUARY 18 – 21

Parish Offices Close at 2 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7 PM New York Purgatorial Society Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Regular Mass and Confession Schedule with

10 AM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

12:10 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

1 PM Low Mass *at St. Catherine of Siena*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet Service

at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

6 PM Solemn Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass
at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Litany of Saints in Procession
at St. Vincent Ferrer

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

6:45 PM Parish Study *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Stations of the Cross following the evening Mass
at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish

8:00 AM The Blessed Trinity

9:30 AM Eileen Smyth (D)

12 NOON Lorna Medina (D)

6:00 PM Jorge Garcia Gomez (D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 AM For the Deceased Members of the Parish & the Order (D)

12:10 PM Fr. Brendan Gormley

6:00 PM Margaret Cunningham

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 AM Fr. Bernard Grega

12:10 PM Fr. Bernard Grega

6:00 PM Ita McEnery

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 AM John Tronzano (D)

12:10 PM Sheila Nolan

6:00 PM Julia Ames (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 AM Jim O'Sullivan

12:10 PM Amira Mahler (D)

6:00 PM Thomas Verner Moore
O. Cart. (D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00 AM Anniversary of Deceased Parents of the Members of the Order (D)

12:10 PM Betty Warren (D)

6:00 PM Julia G. Phillips (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 AM Mary & Garvey Meade (D)

6:00 PM (Vigil) C. G. De La Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)

10:00 AM Luke Edward

O'Connor (D)

5:00 PM For the Living and Deceased Priests of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph

5:15 PM Lidia Scanferlato (D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 AM Billy K. Foury (D)

5:15 PM The Stewart Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 AM For the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude

5:15 PM Alicia Conill (D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)

5:15 PM Richard Banyon

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 AM Anniversary of Deceased Parents of the Members of the Order (D)

5:15 PM Stephen Wilcox (D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 AM Lawrence C. Rafferty (D)

4:00 PM (Vigil) For the People of the Parish

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

Mike Borland, Bernadette Carty, Jarrod Dubesko, Edana Fenske, Emily Garnett, Christine Heller, Joseph Henao, Anne Hills, Cody Ingram, Douglas Kozak, Jared Miller, Jay Mortimer, Maurice Murphy, David Olivier, David Reid, Isabelle Rivera, Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby, William Selby, Prechry Thongtha, & Barbara Tracy.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Robert Calise, Judy Cosme, Edward Crescenzo, Fransisca, Lloyd, Maurice Garcia, Lawrence Marquez, & Matthew Martinez, 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
Petronela Antous; Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L); Sister Clara Mohan, o.p. (D); For the Souls in Purgatory; For the People of the Parish; Intention of Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent – Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan (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

Mass Intentions and Candles may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM, and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Schola sings two motets by English Renaissance composer William Byrd. Following the death of Robert Parsons in 1572, Byrd became a Gentleman (professional singer) of the Chapel Royal. A practicing Roman Catholic whose name appeared on recusancy lists from 1584, he composed choral music for both the Latin Rite and the English services of Queen Elizabeth's nascent Anglican Church. Much of Byrd's music was published during his lifetime, as he and friend and teacher Thomas Tallis held a royally-bestowed monopoly on the printing of music in England.

Make ye joy to God – William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes – William Byrd

For information about the music program, please take this season's Music List, 'Music as Holy Preaching', available in the narthex and online.

ONLINE GIVING

Fulfill your stewardship with an online service. Liturgical Publications (WeShare) allows you to make donations to the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena anytime, based on your personal schedule. Donations can be made with a credit card, debit card, or e-check. To enroll, visit www.svsc.info and go to "Sign up for Online Giving," or visit www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26 and click "Start Giving."

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Parish has Facebook and Instagram pages to help spread the word about special liturgies, lectures, and social events at the Parish. Find us and 'like' us by searching @StVincentAndStCatherine within Facebook or *svsc_nyc* on Instagram.

MINISTRY APPEAL

Young adult males, single or married, as well as boys in fourth grade or higher are invited to consider joining our parish guild of Altar Servers, those who assist the priest at the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All training will be provided and scheduling is flexible. If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information, please contact our parish coordinator of servers, Steve Quatela, through parish@svsc.info or (212) 744-2080.

We are also in need of Ushers (Collection Offering) and Greeters at both churches. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at (212) 744-2080. You may also leave your name and contact information with the guard in the narthex of St. Vincent Ferrer at any time.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed 2 – 5 PM Tuesday, February 18 – Friday, February 21 for staff in-service meetings.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR PARISH

To inquire about volunteering in our Parish, please use the form found on our website, www.svsc.info or <http://www.svsc.info/volunteers/>.

DOMINICAN THIRD ORDER

Are you a layperson who believes that you are called to a more profound interior life through the charisms of the Dominican Order? You may want to visit the Dominican Third Order (Lay Fraternity) Chapter that meets in the Parish Center of St. Vincent Ferrer on the third Thursday of each month from 6 – 8 PM. All are welcome. To learn more visit <http://laydominicans.org/>, or visit our blog at <http://olotac.blogspot.com/>.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary welcomes memberships into the council that meets at St. Catherine of Siena on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 PM. Legion meetings consist of prayers, review of work projects, and assignments for the coming week. Our ministry is visiting the sick at Mary Manning Walsh and bringing Communion to catholic residents. If you are interested please contact the spiritual moderator, Fr. Joseph Allen, O.P. or president Lettie Dolan at (917) 775-4930 or (212) 288-6384.

COLLECTIONS

JANUARY 19, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$13,737

Attendance: 1152

JANUARY 26, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$15,634

Attendance: 1284

SACRED STUDY

How are things with you and Jesus lately? In case things have grown stale or distant, let's find a way to greater meaning and intimacy, or if need be, to respark the relationship all together. Certainly, there are various ways to do this, especially the Sacraments. In this letter, we'll discuss a way that is powerful, yet easily overlooked: sacred study.

Sacred study is one of the great treasures of Catholic life. In study, we aim to know more about God simply for its own sake, like two old friends who want to know more about each other for no other purpose than to love each other and to have something to ponder together as they share a pot of Irish Breakfast tea. The more we know God, the more we can love Him, the more we can welcome His love into our hearts. And if our devotion or zeal has waned or wilted, most likely, we've neglected the privilege of sacred study.

Dominicans take sacred study very seriously, and we hope to share this with our parishioners and any guests that stumble upon us. In a variety of ways, at our parish, we share in sacred study together: the Mass itself, preaching at various liturgies, parish studies (like our current one on the Book of Genesis), RCIA, etc. There's something powerful about studying together as a community, but study is also a personal way of growing closer to Jesus by knowledge and love. To help develop such personal ways, this letter will recommend a few excellent ways to enter into sacred study:

Aquinas 101 – We just celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, and while the Church may celebrate his works, if you ever open up the *Summa* and begin reading, you may not feel like celebrating, but rather giving up, given its length and complexity. Your groans have been heard. The Thomistic Institute in Washington, DC has developed a program aimed at the intelligent Catholic who wants to start reading St. Thomas's works: Aquinas 101. It's a program with videos, lectures, and reading, spanning the central themes of St. Thomas's *Summa*. And it's all free! Simply go to aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org or google "aquinas101".

Dominicana Journal – The student brothers, at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, publish biannually a journal that covers various topics and genres, including book reviews, new translations of old greats, interviews, and original fiction and verse. A recent issue has an interview with Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel Hall of Fame Musician Ricky Skaggs, exploring the relationship of music and Christian life. And again, it's free! Go to dominicanajournal.org/login, put in the "svsc" as the user ID, and "ManhattanOP" for the password.

FORMED – Among many millenials, FORMED is known as "Catholic Netflix." You'll find full length movies on various saints and mini-series on the Sacraments and other topics. There's also children's programing and audio books. All of it is aimed to support a Catholic lifestyle. And once again, it's free! Go to formed.org or download the FORMED app on your device, and then register by using the parish code for St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena: 2ZFMH7.

Sister Mary Baruch – If you'd rather just cozy up to a nice Catholic novel, you should try a new series from Fr. Jacob Restrick, a Dominican friar stationed in DC. This series tracks the life of a Jewish girl, Becky Feinstein, growing up in New York City in the 1960s. When her Catholic friend becomes sick, Becky decides to light a candle for her at a Catholic church. She finds a particularly beautiful one at 66th and Lex, and after she enters its doors, her life never returns to normal. Currently, Fr. Jacob has published four volumes, with a fifth in the works, and possibly more in his imagination. To purchase these books, go to tanbooks.com or amazon.com. There will also be a limited supply available for purchase at the guard station at St. Vincent Ferrer. As you read, we recommend generous amounts of Earl Grey.

In all of this talk about sacred study, we ought to admit that it's not always easy work. Every student experiences the pain of learning new concepts and trying to place them in the greater context of reality. Sacred study is not for the faint of heart, then again, neither is the Christian life. Together, we invoke the help of St. Thomas Aquinas, and we repeat the principle desire of his life of study: "Nothing but You, my Lord, nothing but You."

In Christ,
Fr. Joseph Hagan, O.P.

HELP US HELP THE POOR

The Social Concerns Committee is accepting monetary donations in the "poor box" on the left side of St. Vincent Ferrer as you enter from Lexington Avenue. We will use this money for our celebrations for the women living at the shelter and other events that do come up during the upcoming year. Please be as generous as you can. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

MAGNIFICAT PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Guided by Dominican priest Fr. Thomas More Garrett, o.p., Magnificat magazine is leading a 9-day pilgrimage to France from June 27 – July 5, 2020. The trip will include stays in Lourdes, Paris, and Versailles. In addition to the shrine at Lourdes, pilgrims will visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, the family home of St. Therese of Lisieux, Omaha Beach, and world heritage site Mont-Saint-Michel. For more information visit <https://www.petersway.com/9674.html> or call (800) 225-7662. Interested parishioners should also feel free to contact Fr. Thomas More directly at thomas.more.garrett@opeast.org.

TAI-CHI CLASSES

Health Advocates for Older People will be sponsoring Tai-Chi classes, the ancient movements and balance exercises to strengthen legs, ankles, knees, and hips. Classes will take place on Mondays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM in St. Dominic Hall at St. Catherine's. All are welcome.

LEGACY OF FAITH

The Edward Cardinal Egan Pavilion at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence in Riverdale is home to more than 35 priests. It provides peace, serenity, fellowship, and the highest-quality care for those who have dedicated their lives to serving the glory of God and the well-being of their communities. It is a tangible response to Christ's call to help others. When you sit down to review your estate to reflect your lifelong devotion to the priesthood, you might think about a gift to the Egan Pavilion. The Planned Giving Office can be reached at (646) 794-3317 or plannedgiving@archny.org.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, o.p. at (646) 794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DIVORCE/SEPARATION

For anyone struggling due to a divorce/separation in their family, there is a free on-line "Webinar-like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, this groups meets every first Tuesday from 8 – 9 P.M. and is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and optional sharing guided by an experienced facilitator.

To learn more, visit www.nonnatus.org or "Philly Nonnatus" on social media. Call, text, or email the Director of the Foundation at (215) 870-9913 or director.srnf@gmail.com (type SUPPORT in the title to receive direct link).

FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TOURS: REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT, RENEW YOUR SOUL

Franciscan friars Fr. Michael Sevigny, OFM Cap. and Fr. Jim Sauer, OFM will be leading several upcoming pilgrimages to Holy sites around the world. Proceeds benefit the work of the Franciscans. For more information, or to arrange a private, custom pilgrimage please contact Franciscan Spirit Tours toll free at (646) 736-7964 or at info@FranciscanSpiritTours.com. You may also see the full itineraries online at www.FranciscanSpiritTours.com. Mention you were referred by the bulletin and the parish will receive a contribution.

Our upcoming pilgrimages include:

Italy/Greece
Shrines, Wines, & Castles (Portugal)
The Camino
Oberammergau/Prague (Passion Play)

Plus our regularly scheduled pilgrimages:

"Franciscan Italy" "Great Women of Faith"
(Paris/Lourdes/Lisieux)
"Holy Land – The Living Rosary"
"Footsteps of St. John Paul II" (Poland/Prague)
"Our Lady in the New World" (Guadalupe/Mexico)
"Catholic Spain" "Fatima" "Journey to Peace"
(Medjugorje)
"Footsteps of Pope Francis" (Argentina/Uruguay)
"Catholic Ireland" "Church of John and Paul"
(Greece/Turkey)

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

- We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters and victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
- February is Black History Month.
- Pray for an increased awareness of the contributions African Americans have made to our nation's development.
- Pray that we may grow more aware of, and respectful of, the cultural diversity of our nation.

February 2 The Presentation of the Lord (F)

- This day is celebrated as the World Day for Consecrated Life because those who enter upon vowed service to God understand that they have presented themselves to God and made their lives available to His plan.
- Pray for vocations to all the many forms of consecrated life.
- Pray that this whole way of life in the Church may show people the wonderful freedom of obedience, the happiness of chastity, and the wealth of voluntary poverty.
- Pray for those who made our Novena of prayer in preparation for this feast. May all renew their stance of availability before God.
- Pray for our winter food drive on behalf of the New York Common Pantry.

February 3 The Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

- As we bless throats at Mass today, pray for those who have flus and colds.
- Pray, in a special way, for those suffering from the coronavirus, and those who are trying to combat the disease.

February 5 The Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

- Pray for women who suffer with breast cancer and those who treat them; St. Agatha is their patron.
- Pray for women who suffer sexual harassment.
- Pray for women who are forced into prostitution.
- Read the *Legend of St. Agatha* to see her relevance to these petitions.

February 6 The Memorial of St. Paul Miki (sj), SS. Gonzalo Garcia and Peter Baptista (OFM) and their companions, Martyrs

- These martyrs gave very successful witness to the faith until they were executed in Nagasaki in 1597.
- Pray for the Jesuits and the Franciscans and all their missionary efforts.
- Pray for the Church in Japan.

February 8 Day of Prayer to Prevent Human Trafficking

- Today we have the option of celebrating the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita (1867 – 1947) who was a native of Darfur, who was kidnapped and sold into slavery. This then is a great day to pray against the evil of human trafficking.
- Pray for all the women and men who are victimized in this way, that they may find their way to freedom of body and soul.
- Pray for those in law enforcement and social service who seek to prevent this evil.