



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

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March 14, 2021 — 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

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.

SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, a second collection will be taken-up for The Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT

Every Sunday during Lent, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer following the 12 NOON Solemn Mass, with:

3 PM – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4 PM – Preaching by Fr. Walter Wagner, O.P.

4:15 PM – Organ Recital by James Wetzel

5 PM – Benediction

Fr. Walter's preaching series will examine the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), and the recital will feature music of one composer per week. Both will be livestreamed as well.

March 14: Blessed are the clean of heart. / Music of César Franck.

March 21: Blessed are the peacemakers. / Music of W.A. Mozart.

There will also be Adoration from 3–5 PM on Sundays at St. Catherine of Siena as usual.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. PATRICK

Wednesday, March 17 is the Solemnity of St. Patrick, the Patron of the Archdiocese of New York. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

Friday, March 19 is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church. There will be a Sung Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

Pope Francis has declared this a Year of St. Joseph, in celebration of the sesquicentennial of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as our Universal Patron. The Parish will pray a novena to St. Joseph, beginning on March 11.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Thursday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. There will be a Solemn Mass at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer for which the Schola Cantorum will sing music of Tomás Luis de Victoria: *Missa de Beata Maria* and *Ave Regina caelorum á 5*.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is prayed every Friday during Lent after the evening Masses: 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 5:15 PM St. Catherine of Siena.

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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10 AM–3 PM

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NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS

On Monday, March 22 at 7 PM, a sung Mass in the Dominican Rite sponsored by the New York Purgatorial Society will be offered at St. Vincent Ferrer.

ONLINE GIVING

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LAETARE SUNDAY

Today the Church will celebrate "Laetare" Sunday. This Latin title is taken from the incipit (first phrase) of the Introit of the Mass: *Laetare Jerusalem, et conventum facite omnes qui diligitis eam.* (Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you who love her.) (Isaiah 66:10) The analogous Sunday in Advent is the Third Sunday, called "Gaudete."

Pope Innocent III in 1216 expounded on it in a sermon: "On this Sunday, which marks the middle of Lent, a measure of consoling relaxation is provided, so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart."

As a reprieve from the penitential violet, the traditional liturgical color for Laetare Sunday is rose. (*No, it is not pink.*) Furthermore, the use of the organ and moderate floral decorations are permitted.

MUSIC NOTES

Next week, for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday), the Schola will sing music of three generations of composers of the Venetian School associated with St. Mark's Basilica. Adrian Willaert, a Fleming who studied in Paris with Jean Mouton, became a singer in the chapel of Cardinal Ippolito I d'Este in 1515, and later served Duke Alfonso of Ferrara. From 1527 until his death, he served as *maestro di cappella* of St. Mark's. It was under his tenure that the Basilica developed into a prominent center of Italian music, and his pupils included Cipriano de Rore, Andrea Gabrieli, Costanzo Porta, and Gioseffo Zarlino.

In 1566, Andrea Gabrieli was appointed organist of St. Mark's where he remained until his death. He taught Hans Leo Hassler, who introduced Andrea's style to Germany, and his nephew Giovanni Gabrieli.

Giovanni studied under Orlando di Lasso from around 1575. By 1584, Giovanni had returned to Venice and was soon made organist of the Scuola Grande di San Rocco, a religious confraternity second only in splendor to the Basilica. Later in 1585, he was also appointed organist of St. Mark's, becoming the principal composer following Andrea's death the next year. Giovanni remained at both institutions until his death.

Missa Quando lieta sperai – Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585)

Judica me, Deus – Andrea Gabrieli

Inclina Domine aurem tuam – Giovanni Gabrieli (c. 1554-1612)

O salutaris hostia – Adrian Willaert (c. 1490-1562)

ST. VINCENT FERRER IN ONLINE NYC ORGAN SERIES

The New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (of which Parish organist James Wetzel is the Sub Dean) is sponsoring an online series of organ tours and recitals. The most recent episode featured St. Vincent Ferrer's Schantz organ which was built in 2000. To watch, visit nycago.org.

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
6:00 PM (Vigil) August Arace
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Bowler & Yerkes Families, Andrew
& Arthur Williams, & Br. Michael
Yerkes (D)
9:30 AM August Arace
12 NOON For the People of the
Parish
6:00 PM Paul Dabrowski (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 15
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Bridget Heeran (D)
6:00 PM August Arace

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
8:00 AM Joseph Sabo (D)
12:10 PM Manuel Anthony May (D)
6:00 PM Michael & Elizabeth
Regan (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
8:00 AM Living and Deceased
Members of the Deeney &
McGuinness Families
12:10 PM Peter Gaine (D)
6:00 PM John Ambrose (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
8:00 AM Fr. William C.
Cunningham, S.J. (D)
12:10 PM Joseph Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
8:00 AM Thomas Cosgrove (D)
12:10 PM Lee A. Delaporte (D)
6:00 PM Dennis Flanagan (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
8:00 AM Living Members of the
Martin Family
6:00 PM Ita McEnery

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 14
4:00 PM (Vigil) St. Joseph Novena
10:00 AM Jack Scaccio (D)
5:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

MONDAY, MARCH 15
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
7:00 AM Negat Flournoy
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St.
Jude
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
7:00 AM Gretta Lodes (D)
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
9:00 AM Renato S. Ventigan (D)
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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

Samantha Baring, Richard Bounsor,
Roseann Connelly, Roland Goslett,
Maggie Heath, Peter Lord, John
Morace, Maurice A. Murphy, David
Olivier, Alicia Repezczy, Adolfo
Sardina, Blair Scribner, and Michael
Wigan.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Karen Cuddy, Nancy Falconer,
Andrew Fraser, Rupert Hambro,
Kathy Mendlinger, Jackie McCarthy,
Marilyn McCarthy, Stephen Webb,
Lucille Witty 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
Sr. Malachy O'Brien, O.P. (D);
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);
Patrick McCarthy (D); Special
Intention; Intention of Donor; Souls
in Purgatory; The People of the
Parish.

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

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14, 2021

Some moments of life become troves of experience and insight that we draw on for the rest of life. Their impact on us enrolls such happenings in our repertoire of stories to tell, and in the telling their significance registers more and more, year by year. The days of our Parish going into lock-down will always be ripe for recounting, certainly on this Sunday of their anniversary. When the Church ceased to gather publicly on March 14, 2020, it was something we could see coming from Italy's devastating encounter with Covid. Nevertheless, it came as a shock because it was so unimaginable. In the wake of that moment I wrote to you as follows:

To keep us bonded during this time I will make the best of the indirect means of communication that remain to me.

Let me ponder with you, a world that grows ever narrower. Two days ago, I worked to devise a way to balance the concerns of those who receive Communion on the hand and those who desire to receive it on the tongue. That question became moot when at 2 PM Saturday public Mass was canceled. Then we devised a program for ministering to people in the absence of Mass. This conversation lost its point when in person ministry largely ceased. Change follows change in rapid succession, as all of us cope with an invisible unknown.

It has come between you and me, and between you and Holy Communion. It has silenced the organ and the choir. Now you are very careful on the street and in the subway, and I give a start when someone coughs. Now you wonder where each person has been and what they have touched? What have you touched? What have I touched, and, oh goodness, did I touch my own face? The invisible unknown has interposed itself between me and any spontaneity whatsoever.

On the First Sunday of Lent 2020, I got my first email suggesting that we needed hand sanitizing stations in the church; and on the Second Sunday we had started to bump elbows at the greeting after Mass, and on the vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent, a year ago today, there was no Mass. From then on, New York entered a silence of sadness and fear. I would be saying my solitary Mass in the sacristy at St. Catherine's and hear the stillness broken by the wail of a siren headed in the direction of New York Hospital. But at 7 PM the cheers reminded us that life pulsed on beneath the pall of sickness and death.

That life in the depths came to me as a grace each day. Almost immediately, my Brothers and I found ourselves planting the seeds of new patterns of ministry. On March 15, in the absence of Sunday Mass I did the first voice greeting to the parish and we ended up doing one each day until August. By St. Patrick's Day, March 17, we had begun to livestream the Mass and Rosary, and we have never ceased. Developments like these showcase technological advance and human resourcefulness, but they also manifest the spiritual communion of the Church as a life surging beneath the surface of isolation.

Paradoxically, the primary effectiveness of these measures was to reveal their insufficiency. The inner life of the Church promotes bodily gathering, and the most sophisticated videography does not replace being together. Lacking the ability to "be Church" in the usual way, we were amazed by our capacity to be so in unconventional ways, and by our desire to be so more deeply. Surely this train of thought parallels what people everywhere came to realize about their family lives. Lock-down kept us at home, but it also gave us a new sense of home. In my community at St. Catherine's we ended up developing a new and more comprehensive plan of common life based on our experience of the pandemic.

From a year's perspective, the interplay of fragility and strength in human life amazes me. Covid flattened the life of the city I loved so well, but at the same time revealed its resilience. New York continues as vulnerable and determined as a dining shed in the parking lane, in mid-winter.

I find that my faith helps me properly to receive this truth, recognizing that what is strong and resourceful in us, has a source beyond us. I perceive that God makes perseverance more than endurance. If my determination helps me not to give up, His grace enables me to go further and begin again. Starting over seems like the hardest thing, until He shows me how far I have come since the last beginning. Each spring gets more beautiful, because of what we learned from last winter.

Lenten Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

March 14 – 20, 2021

The Holy Father's Prayer intention for March 2021

- Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with new depth to taste the infinite mercy of God.

General Intentions

- Pray for the intentions of all who make our St. Joseph Novena and join our common prayer in this novena for all the baptized who do not practice their faith.
- In this year of St. Joseph pray that we may each be good stewards of ourselves, our loved ones, and our city as we work for renewal and re-connection.
- Pray for the swift and just distribution of Covid vaccines.

March 14

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

- *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful all who were in mourning: exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.* Isaiah 66:10-11
- Pray for our Elect Catechumens who today undergo the Second Scrutiny at the 12 Noon Mass.
- Today at Mass we collect for Catholic Relief Services. Pray that the Church may be present to the global reality of the pandemic and its consequences.
- This week we complete our food drive for the New York Common Pantry. Pray for the work of the Social Concerns Committee and of all who are helping the homeless at this time.

March 15

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- *As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction.* cf. Psalm 30:7-8

March 16

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- *All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord. Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.* cf. Isaiah 55:1

March 17

The Solemnity of St. Patrick

- *Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.* Psalm 95:2-3
- Today is the Patronal Feast of the Archdiocese of New York.
- Pray for the thriving of our local church in every aspect of its life.
- Pray for the Church in Ireland, that it may grow and thrive.
- Pray for Irish Americans, that they may rejoice in their heritage and their faith.
- Patrick evangelized. Pray that in this present time we may have the courage to speak about the Gospel.

March 18

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.* cf. Psalm 104:3-4

March 19

The Solemnity of St. Joseph

- *Behold, a faithful and prudent steward, whom the Lord set over his household.* Luke 12:42
- Pray for the unity of the Church.
- Pray for our Province of Dominican Friars who claim St. Joseph as Patron.
- Pray for all who raise with love children not their own.

March 20

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- *The waves of death rose about me; the pains of the netherworld surrounded me. In my anguish I called to the Lord, and from his holy temple he heard my voice.* cf. Psalm 17:5, 7