



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

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## March 21, 2021 — 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### 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.

### THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Thank you so much for your wonderful response to our food drive for the NY Common Pantry. You donated approximately 85 boxes of food requested by the Pantry. Your generosity and kindness to those in need went beyond our expectations.

### 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 Wetzal

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

March 28: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness. / Music of Jean Langlais.

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

### 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.

### 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.

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## 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](http://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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10 AM–3 PM

## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.

*Pastor*

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*Vicar*

Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.

*Vicar for Formation*

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Bro. Frassati Davis, O.P.

*Deacon*

Deacon John M. Powers

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*Director of Religious Education*

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*Church Custodian*

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## PASSIONTIDE

The season of Lent ends with Passiontide, from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, known as “Passion Sunday” until the Triduum. The *Judica me* (the psalm traditionally recited by the celebrant as part of his ‘Prayers at the Foot of the Altar’) and the *Gloria Patri* are suppressed because they evoke sentiments of joy. The liturgy during this time focuses on and commemorates the sorrowful events of the last week of Jesus’ mortal life.

During this fortnight of “deep Lent,” violet veils traditionally cover crosses (until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday) and cover images and statues until the *Gloria* of the Easter Vigil. The veiling was associated with the Gospel (John 8:46-59) formerly read on Lent V, in which Jesus “hid himself” from the people (*Jesus autem abscondebat se*). Statues and images of the saints are likewise covered because, as theologian Nikolaus Nilles explained, “It would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master himself is hidden.” Since the revision of the Roman Calendar in 1969, the name Passiontide is no longer formally used, although the Preface called “Passion of the Lord I (The Power of the Cross)” is used in the fifth week of Lent.

## HOLY WEEK MUSIC

The musical repertoire suited for Holy Week includes an overwhelming number of masterpieces from every generation. Foremost in the light of public recognition are the Passions of J.S. Bach, the settings of the *Stabat Mater* of Dvořák and Rossini, and *The Last Seven Words* of Dubois and Haydn. However, it is in the smaller-scaled Renaissance compositions for Holy Week – those intended to be sung within the context of a liturgy – where the greatest musical riches can be heard.

From Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, the Parish will offer 17 services with music, including 8 with the Schola Cantorum. All told: 21 motets, 4 choral Mass Ordinaries, 2 chanted Passions, 1 Magnificat, and 1 setting of the Lamentations, as well as dozens of chanted antiphons, responses, and orations. Not a single piece of choral repertoire will be repeated, as is the case for the entire year. This is all the more impressive when you consider that the only time the Schola rehearses is for a 75 minute session immediately preceding each choral service.

Please consult the Holy Week flier or the Music Brochure on the tables in the narthex and online for a complete list of repertoire and consider making an Easter contribution to our St. Cecilia Guild, the group of patrons who financially support the music program.

## LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

*According to the Current Discipline:*

### Laws of Days of Abstinence:

For all aged 14 and older, obligatory abstinence from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent.

### Laws of Days of Penance:

Applies to all the Faithful during the entirety of Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

### Laws of Days of Fast:

For all aged 18 to 59, inclusive, one full meal permitted and two other meals, which, when combined, are less than a full meal, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

### Law of the Eucharistic Fast:

Complete fast from all food and drink (excluding water and medicine) for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. This applies throughout the year.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 21  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Ita McNery (D)  
8:00 AM Thomas Marasciullo (D)  
9:30 AM August Arace  
12 NOON Roseann Connelly  
6:00 PM Roy Davis (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 22  
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the  
Parish & the Order  
12:10 PM Edward C. Perry (D)  
6:00 PM August Arace

TUESDAY, MARCH 23  
8:00 AM Benefactors of the St. John  
Paul II Society  
12:10 PM August Arace  
6:00 PM Marcella Sullivan (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24  
8:00 AM Sue Crissy (D)  
12:10 PM Rene Concepcion (D)  
6:00 PM Joan M. & Salvatore  
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25  
8:00 AM Josefa Dancel &  
Anunciacion Gonzales Dancel (D)  
12:10 PM August Arace  
6:00 PM James Carino (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26  
8:00 AM Michael & Sophie  
Tobin (D)  
12:10 PM Rev. Barnabas Gorski,  
O.F.M. (D)  
6:00 PM Vinod Paulson

SATURDAY, MARCH 27  
8:00 AM Irene & Richard Gora (D)  
6:00 PM Daisy Imelda Hsu (D)

**MASS INTENTIONS  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 21  
4:00 PM (Vigil) Renato S.  
Ventigan (D)  
10:00 AM Julia C. Abaya (D)  
5:00 PM David Johnson (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 22  
7:00 AM For the Province of  
St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Giuseppe Cichi (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23  
7:00 AM Negat Flournoy  
5:15 PM In Thanksgiving for God's  
Mercy and Love

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24  
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of St.  
Jude  
5:15 PM Philip J. Smith (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 25  
7:00 AM Negat Flournoy  
5:15 PM Felicita Spani (D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26  
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society  
of St. Catherine of Siena  
5:15 PM Carmela Schiaroli (D)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27  
9:00 AM Fabian Ventigan (D)  
4:00 PM David Gale (D)

**PARISH PRAYER  
INTENTIONS**

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

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls  
of Karen Cuddy, Nancy Falconer,  
Andrew Fraser, Rupert Hambro,  
Jackie McCarthy, Marilyn McCarthy,  
Juan de Jesus Piraquive, 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. Marianne Morelle, O.P. (D);  
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L);  
Elizabeth Donnelly (D); Salome M.  
Nuez; 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

*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.*

## CLOSED DOORS

A way to get ready for the extraordinary Holy Week of 2021 is to look for the closed doors in our two churches. Three of our shrines, the Altar of the Holy Souls at St. Catherine's and at St. Vincent's, the Altar of the Sacred Heart and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe are made as triptychs. They consist of a central panel flanked by leaves on hinges, and during Passiontide we close them. Fr. Allen will have at the same time, veiled statuary at St. Catherine's in yards of purple cloth. During this most intense time of Lent we are fasting from images. (We would need acres of fabric to veil the images at St. Vincent's.)

In the days when we most expect people to visit church, why are we hiding the contents? To take the point further, where images are veiled we are most concerned to cover the image of the Cross, and this, during the season of its greatest prominence. Consider then, the paradox of abstaining from images at a time when they would seem most helpful.

At one level the practice takes self-denial deeper. The images of the saints delight us with their beauty; they offer diversion to people who are bored by the homily, and they provide consolation to those tired of the harsh realities outside. Hence, veiling them takes the icing off the cake of coming to church. Here the principle of fasting is taken to the next level, where we recognize that even the things of religion can divert us, via the senses, from religion's depths.

Passiontide rivets us on the core of the faith with a focus on the events of the Lord's complete self-giving in the Upper Room and on the Cross. Of course abstinence does not condemn: fasting gives up good things to reach better things. I give up delightful offerings of this world so as to focus desire on the gifts of eternity. When God thereby becomes the actual organizing principle of my life, then I use well nature's bounty and the works of the human hand. If I take this process seriously, I end up with a truly temperate life in which I can savor the pleasures of human living healthfully, humbly, and gratefully.

But the veiling of images speaks too, of their inadequacy. Certainly our parish possesses highly artistic renderings of the saints and the events of salvation. They exude aesthetic reverence and provide truly helpful service to prayer. But in the end, they must also fail to capture the fullness of faith's mysteries. The Lord's Crucifixion and the Last Supper do not consent to remain on the canvas or within the wood and marble, just as they resist consignment to history. We call them mysteries because they happened at a moment in time, but they continue to have impact now. They have passed inside of us to shape us.

The Lord's Passion offers consolation and healing now, and it makes for a present pattern of life organized around self-giving. The Last Supper promised the supper at Emmaus, heralding a repast that has never ended.

The Eucharist of Jesus offers the image of a life truly shared, but also the means by which we truly share life in charity. People of faith come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper not only to remember the event in the Upper Room, but also to recognize anew the Cenacle intimacy they have with the Lord all the time, through Holy Communion.

Artists image the victory of the Lord's Resurrection in all kinds of ways, but it lies within us as a promise enticing and propelling us forward in the Gospel life.

In these days the words of Scripture, paired with unadorned ritual, wake us up to what lies with us as guidance and consolation for now and as hope for the future. In a time of great change we realize that we are rooted in our Risen Lord. Where images can be covered, the first unveiling is the Good Friday Showing of His Cross, the image which makes sense of all the others.

Passiontide Peace!



Fr. Walter

# THIS WEEK OF GRACE

March 21 – 27, 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 swift and just distribution of Covid vaccines.
- Pray for our Parish as we begin to ponder the shape of life after the virus.

## NB

The Communion Antiphons for this week of Lent give us a brief meditation on the act of receiving our Eucharistic Lord.

## March 21 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- *Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.* John 11:25
- Pray for our Elect who today will undergo the Third Scrutiny.

## Passiontide

- On this Monday after the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the season makes a shift in focus from promoting individual conversion to preparing for the celebration of the Lord's Passion. The Lenten prefaces yield to this one: *For through the saving Passion of your Son, the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified.* Preface of the Passion of the Lord I
- The Injustice of the Cross reveals all that is wrong with us and thus God's judgment. The Resurrection, though, reveals his abiding love in the face of human sin.

## March 22 Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.* John 8:11

## March 23 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.* John 12:32

## March 24 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *God has brought us to the kingdom of his beloved son, in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins.* Colossians 1:13-14

## March 25 The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

- *The Lord said, as he entered the world: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.* Hebrews 10:5,7
- Pray today for all women who are pregnant.
- Pray for the Sisters of Life who accompany pregnant women who find themselves in difficult circumstances.
- This is a great feast on which to pray for preachers who hope to serve God's revelation of His good news.
- Pray that as we reconnect with wider circles of people, we may be, like Mary, bearers of the Word.

## March 26 Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.* I Peter 1:14

## March 27 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

- *Christ was handed over, to gather into one the scattered children of God.* Cf. John 11:52
- Today begins the great festival of Passover. Pray for congregations and families gathering for these great days.