



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

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March 7, 2021 — 3rd 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.

ALMSGIVING SUNDAY

This 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.

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 7: Blessed are the meek. / Music of Herbert Howells.

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

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

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Blessed are the merciful.

Reflecting on the Lessons of Covid:

Going the Distance with My Humanity and Yours

Saturday, March 13 is the Parish Lenten Retreat at St. Vincent Ferrer. A morning conference will be given at 10:30 AM followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass at 12 NOON. The retreat will also be livestreamed via the Parish website, svsc.info. For more information, please email the Parish Office at parish@svsc.info.

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.

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.

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

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.

Pastor

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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 à 5*.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 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

The next week, for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), the Schola will sing music of two Franco-Flemish composers of the Renaissance. Jacob Handl was born in the Duchy of Carniola in the Holy Roman Empire and served as a musician in the Viennese court chapel, as choirmaster for a Moravian bishop, and as organist of the Church of St. John on the Balustrade in Prague from 1585 until his death in 1591.

Born in Flanders, Giaches de Wert was taken at an early age to Italy as a choirboy. In 1565 he was appointed *maestro di cappella* to Guglielmo Gonzaga, the duke of Mantua, at the ducal chapel of Santa Barbara.

Missa Transeunte Domino – Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Peccavi super numerum – *Quoniam iniquitatem meam*

– Giaches de Wert (1535-1596)

O salutaris hostia – Jacob Handl

PREGNANCY HELP

Can you spare 5-10 hours per week? Pregnancy Help, Inc. (PHI) is in need of volunteer peer counselors (they will train you) to work with women in crisis pregnancies. They are also in need of computer savvy volunteers to assist with day to day administrative tasks. Spanish bilingual is a plus.

If you are interested, please contact Nicole at 212-243-0970 or email nmoorephi@gmail.com.

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER**

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
6:00 PM (Vigil) August Arace
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
9:30 AM Gumercindo Dancel
Misa (D)
12 NOON Beverly Kesler
6:00 PM Dr. George Pierser (D)

MONDAY, MARCH 8
8:00 AM For the Deceased of the
Parish & the Order
12:10 PM Francisco Gonzales
Dancel (D)
6:00 PM The Clark Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
8:00 AM Harold, Donna, &
Michael Webster (D)
12:10 PM Catherine & Patrick
McGlade (D)
6:00 PM Frances Prus (D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
8:00 AM Jane Kilburg Alcorn (D)
12:10 PM August Arace
6:00 PM Deceased Members of
the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
8:00 AM Dr. Rafael Urquia (D)
12:10 PM Fanny De La Cruz
Medina (D)
6:00 PM August Arace

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Rak Family (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM August Arace

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
8:00 AM Special Intention
6:00 PM August Arace

**MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)
10:00 AM James John
McGuinness (D)
5:00 PM For the People of the
Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 8
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Warren Murchie (D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
7:00 AM Negat Flournoy
5:15 PM Living & Deceased Priests
of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
7:00 AM Patrons of the Shrine of
St. Jude
5:15 PM Valentino & Anita
Spani (D)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society
of St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
7:00 AM Kathy & Pat Oettinger (D)
5:15 PM St. Joseph Novena

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
9:00 AM Vincent Costello
4:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

**PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

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

August Arace, Samantha Baring,
Richard Bounsor, Roseann Connelly,
Roland Goslett, Maggie Heath, Peter
Lord, Jackie McCarthy, Maurice
A. Murphy, David Olivier, Alicia
Repechky, Adolfo Sardina, Blair
Scribner, Stephen Webb, Gary West,
and Michael Wigan.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Samantha Bing, Sue Crissy, Nancy
Falconer, Andrew Fraser, Rupert
Hambro, Kathy Mendlinger, Marilyn
McCarthy, 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
Kevin Wilson (D); Patrick Donoghue
(D); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez
(L); 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

*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.*

THE DOMINICAN SHRINE OF ST. JUDE ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

March 11 – March 19, 2021

Dear Friend of St. Jude,

Each year at this time I invite you to pray with us, and with St. Joseph, the patron of the Universal Church, for those who no longer practice their faith. But this year the Holy Father has dedicated the whole year to the foster father of Jesus, and so asking his intercession for our loved ones holds special timeliness. The Church will pray with St. Joseph for a year, and we will redouble our petitions for nine days in preparation for his feast on March 19.

But perhaps sustained efforts such as these come off as extra daunting when we are all so tired. In so many settings people tell me they are just exhausted with everything about the pandemic and their fatigue registers clearly with me. We have a longing, I think, to be in a crowd, to be in a plane, to shake a hand and share a hug - to live beyond worry. So to have St. Joseph come along at this moment brings to mind the steadfastness he brought to his care of Jesus and Mary on the roads to Bethlehem and thence to Egypt. In his quiet walk through the Gospels we see a perseverance that does not come from physical strength but from his grounding in the ancient covenant. Israel's life with God came to him as a constant sustenance, fueling his continuous open response to God's will in his life.

Covid too has demanded ongoing response. We have accepted new protocols, learned how to preserve our health and that of those we love, and found new depths of patience for living at close quarters and for living alone. Like St. Joseph navigating the Infancy of Christ, we have found the wherewithal for perseverance in our shared life with God. Whether we have connected with Him personally or by live-stream, the Christ Crucified and Risen offers a nourishment that never gives out. From him people have gained the strength to venture out to Mass or to not go out. Faith has enabled many to stay at a distance from those they love most, and to do without the comforts they prize most.

So, imagine passing through this most challenging of years without the strength from above. If you and I are tired with faith, what must it be like not to have it, or not to practice it? This year you and I have special impetus to pray for those who do not have the source of belief or the practice of belief. How much it would help them now to prepare for engaging in social life and work, for caring for those left damaged by the pandemic, and for taking part in the revival of economic life. Most of all they would find in Christ's sacramental life, the wherewithal for personal renewal.

We ask then, that those we love would come to realize how much they are loved by someone so much greater than ourselves, and by countless souls like ourselves who make up Christ's Body in the world.

We begin praying for this intention on March 11. As usual, the Novena prayer will be said at all the Masses in our Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena. At St. Joseph's shrine in each of our two churches you will find holy cards and petition slips. On these we hope you will place the names of those of whose lives would be so much more complete by sharing in Holy Communion and in the assembly of the Church at Mass.

I feel confident in suggesting that the effort we put into praying for our depleted children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends will come back to us with blessings. When we bring our tired selves to a holy task we come away renewed. The charity by which we seek the well being of our loved ones, becomes the way in which we truly love ourselves.

May spring come early on the outside and the inside.

Lenten Peace!



Fr. Walter

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

March 7 – 13, 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

- For the swift and just distribution of Covid vaccines.
- For the perseverance of those who long to re-connect with loved ones and friends.
- Please pray for the intentions offered in our Novena to St. Joseph, which begins on Thursday, March 11. During these days we will pray for those baptized people who no longer practice their faith.

N. B.

- *During these days of Lent, when there are fewer feasts of the saints, we will focus on the entrance chant of the Mass. Chosen to provide a perspective for each day's Mass, these passages of Scripture can inform our prayer.*

March 7 **The Third Sunday of Lent**

- *My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am poor and alone.* Psalm 95:15-16
- Pray for our Catechumens who today undergo the first scrutiny.

March 8 **Monday of the Third Week of Lent**

- *My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.* Psalm 83:2

March 9 **Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent**

- *To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me. cf. Psalm 16:6,8*

March 10 **Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent**

- *Let my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me. cf. Psalm 118:133*

March 11 **Thursday of the Thursday of the Lent**

- *I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

March 12 **Friday of the Third Week of Lent**

- *Among the Gods there is none like you, O Lord, for you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.* Psalm 85:8,10

March 13 **Saturday of the Third Week of Lent**

- *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits; it is he who forgives all you sins.* Psalm 102:2-3
- Today we plan to hold our Parish Lenten Retreat. Pray for the participants.
- This weekend marks the anniversary of our lock-down for Covid.
- Remember in prayer those we have lost.
- Remember those who have worked for the public safety.
- Give thanks for the gifts of technology that have helped us stay connected.