



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

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## June 21, 2020 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PARISH OUTREACH

We continue to wrestle with the dangers of gathering. In light of canceling Masses, adoration, and confession we would like to continue to stay connected with each of our parishioners. Fr. Walter continues to grace us with his beautiful reflections, Fr. Joseph has provided for us some refresher lessons that he has so wonderfully shared with our Candidates and Catechumens, and Br. Hyacinth has graciously been live-streaming a daily rosary and Mass through Facebook. You can access these wonderful opportunities for prayer and reflection on our website (<http://www.svsc.info/outreach/>), through our emails, and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/StVincentAndStCatherine/>)

If you are not receiving our parish emails but would like to, please email us at [parish@svsc.info](mailto:parish@svsc.info).

We hope to be able to continue to serve your faith throughout this confusing and difficult time.

### NEW WEBSITE

We've taken this opportunity to complete a new and improved parish website. We invite you to visit [www.svsc.info](http://www.svsc.info) and find out more about the parish, religious education, music, and keep up to date with Father's daily messages, streaming services, and news. It may be difficult to come to the churches right now, you can now visit the shrines, statues, and altars of our churches in the virtual tours.

### MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat has generously gifted all of us with complimentary access to their online version to help us all pray from home during this time. To use this beautiful source of for prayer, please visit <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

### CANCELED MASSES

All Masses and Eucharistic Adoration are canceled in the Archdiocese of New York during this time.

While Masses in the Archdiocese of New York continue to be canceled you can still access Mass online at <https://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/live> and <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>.

### Thank You

We would like to thank our wonderful staff, Tony, Tracey, Brandon, and JR, who continue to come in each day to open, clean, and maintain both our churches. All of your work and devotion is deeply appreciated, especially at this time.

### 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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## PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.  
*Pastor*

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Rev. Joseph Hagan, O.P.  
*Vicar for Formation*

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.  
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Fr. Hyacinth Grubb, O.P.  
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## ST. VINCENT FERRER

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## 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.

## 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](http://www.svsc.info) and go to "Donate" or visit [www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26](http://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=ztm3ks26) and click "Start Giving."

## MUSIC NOTES

Until the cessation of the 'essential personnel only' mandate, the Schola will not be able to sing. During this time, James Wetzel will chant the Ordinary and Propers for the webcast Masses on Sundays and Feastdays from St. Vincent Ferrer (at 10 AM on Sundays and 9 AM otherwise). Online leaflets for these Masses for the faithful at home to follow will be uploaded to our parish website: [www.svsc.info/music](http://www.svsc.info/music).

During this time our Music Director, James Wetzel, has been creating an archival record of recordings of liturgies at St. Vincent Ferrer. These live recordings have not been equalized or treated in any way. That the quality is still high in spite of all of these qualifications is a testament to the skill of the singers we are blessed to have.

You can find some of James' favorite recordings onto a Soundcloud account, continuously being updated. All welcome to listen to and 'follow' the channel: <https://soundcloud.com/jamesdwetzel>. We hope that until public Mass resumes and the Schola is able to offer live music again, these tracks will buoy your spirits and serve as a reminder of the beauty of liturgical art and music for which our Parish is known.

## Outreach

As we live through this difficult time, our parish clergy and staff hope that we can help you and provide sources of comfort and guidance. For these resources visit [www.svsc.info/outreach](http://www.svsc.info/outreach).

Here you can find:

- Materials used during our daily Masses
- Daily Greetings from the Friars
- Resources for Prayer

Our Religious Education page is available to help your children with:

- Prayer in the Home
- Praying with Children in a Pandemic
- CGS Podcasts

Fr. Joseph Hagan has been kind enough to share with all of us a series of talks (including a handout) on *Credo 22-23: Love of God and Neighbor*. This series has been put together for our catechumens and candidates who have been on a long journey to and through RCIA. This series seems particularly helpful while we learn a new way to live alone, together.

## 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

6:00 PM (Vigil) Mary Morrissey (D)  
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Special Intention  
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Erik Rej (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 AM For the Deceased of the Parish & the Order (D)  
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Edward C. Perry (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 AM Daniel O'Connor (D)  
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Arthur C. Heller (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 AM Rene Concepcion (D)  
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Consorcia Miranda (D)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 AM Richard & Frances Reynolds (D)  
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Louie Dedvukaj

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 AM Tommy Dolan (D)  
12:10 PM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM Rev. Charles I. Martineau, O.P. (D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 AM Father's Day Novena  
6:00 PM (Vigil) Special Intention

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

4:00 PM (Vigil) David Gale (D)  
10:00 AM Fr. Christopher Johnson, O.P. (D)  
5:00 PM Veronica Orlosky (D)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

7:00 AM For the Province of St. Joseph  
5:15 PM Sister Louise Gorka (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7:00 AM Susan Gagliardi  
5:15 PM For the Living & Deceased Priests of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 AM or the Patrons of the Shrine of St. Jude  
5:15 PM St. Catherine

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 AM Lucielle Bentivegna (D)  
5:15 PM Marlene Ampie & Goncarlo Valverde (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 AM For the Purgatorial Society of St. Catherine of Siena (D)  
5:15 PM St. Jude

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 AM Queen of Peace Prayer Group  
4:00 PM (Vigil) David Johnson (D)

## PARISH PRAYER

### INTENTIONS

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

Dr. Aborosi, Michael Aerts, Mike Borland, George Brooksbank, Jan Donovan, Jarrod Dubesko, William Feeley, Maggie Heath, Christine Heller, Joseph Henao, Douglas Kozak, Jack Mangin, Jared Miller, Murphy, David Olivier, Fernandez Randely, David Reid, Isabelle Rivera, Lorna Shepherd, Anchalee Sae-Lim, Adolfo Sardina, Lisa Selby, Oxsana Skop, Prechry Thongtha, Barbara Tracy, & Abby Whisler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jerzy Glowczewski, John Narkiewicz, Mary Noonan, William Henry Oswald, Juan de Jesus Piraquive, Patricia Kathryn Reed, & Joseph Michael Thomas, 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, New York-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*  
Elizabeth Donnelly; Bro. Rumold Donoghue (D); Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (L); Father's Day Novena; For the Souls in Purgatory; For the People of the Parish; Intention of Donor

*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

## **This Week of Grace**

### **Religious Liberty Week 2020**

- This observance commences on Monday of this week and concludes on Monday of next week. The days from June 22 to June 29 embrace three feasts of Saints who spoke truth to power, which is a central function of Religious liberty.
- St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher (June 22) refused their assent to legislation of Henry VIII separating England from the jurisdiction of the Holy See.
- St. John the Baptist (June 24) challenged King Herod regarding the legality of his marriage.
- St. Peter and St. Paul challenged institutional religious authority regarding its treatment of the Messiah.
- The religious freedom we enjoy makes it possible for members of every faith to carry out this sacred and difficult ministry of truth.
- Pray for all whom the Holy Spirit moves to take this Holy Risk.

### **In the Time of Pandemic**

- Let us persevere in prayer for those who are sick and for caregivers, for those who are alone and afraid, for those who are anxious and impoverished, and for those who bear the burden of leadership.

### **In a Time of Protest**

- Pray for the safety of those who express their deepest convictions regarding the persistence of prejudice and about the quest for more perfect social justice.
- Pray that the message of protest may be delivered without violence and received with reverence.
- Pray that we may persist in contemplation of the people God places in our path and so progressively be freed by Him.

### **Welcome**

- Fr. Anthony VanBerkum, O.P. Newly ordained, Fr. Anthony will be with us two months. He will assist in the hospital ministry so that our veteran chaplains can get a break. Fr. Anthony will live at St. Catherine's.

### **June 21                      The Twelfth Sunday of the Year                                          Fathers Day**

- Pray for our fathers, living and deceased.
- Pray for fathers separated from children by the pandemic.
- Pray for fathers who have exercised their role in new ways during the quarantine that they and their families may grow as a result.
- Pray for all the men who long for the gift of fatherhood.

### **June 22                      St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher**

- Thomas More and John Fisher worked carefully and lovingly for the renewal of the Church in their time. Pray for all who show us how to pursue justice by the practice of study.
- On this feast of St. Thomas More we pray for lawyers who recognize their profession as also a vocation to serve God in the complexity of the world.

### **June 24                      The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

- Pray for all who work for the renewal of society and church by standing prophetically at the edge, those outliers who offer us a "fresh pair of eyes."

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S LIGHT

I write these lines last Monday by your reckoning. Midsummer's golden afternoon light fills my room and it brings with it remarkably cool and clear air. The light and the air beckon me. Twin sirens, they whisper, "Come away! Waste not these precious brilliant hours! Ponder the 5 PM darknesses ahead and escape into the beauty of the peak of the year." But I resist! The keyboard holds me bound, for I must answer to Rachel Miller for another late bulletin letter.

Instinctively, people gravitate to the summer solstice for celebration, recognizing that they stand at nature's most luxuriant moment. From of old Midsummer's Eve and Night offered fire-lit abandon and outdoor revels. Christianity baptized all of this. The Midsummer of the Church falls not on the solstice, but just after it, from the evening of June 23 to that of June 24, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. A clever trick this is! The bacchanalia that had honored the sun's triumph now honors its retreat. The Saint of the day would have recognized his imprint on this strategy for he had said of Christ, "he must increase, I must decrease." (John 3:30). Christ's Nativity comes just after the other solstice, when in the December shadows the sun begins to advance.

In our neighborhood men and women have lit Midsummer's ancient fires to proclaim their emergence from lockdown, and they stand in the long twilight with a margarita in a closed cup at 2<sup>nd</sup> and somewhere, and from across six feet of sidewalk they want to know how you have been. As I write, another midsummer fire has been lit. The 7 PM clap has reached my ears, a summer exuberance brought to bear against tragedy early on in the gray days of pandemic peak.

How many ways to light a bonfire! Protest's torchlight makes a true midsummer blaze, summoning us to behold the prejudices that try to hide in the night and fail. In the dancing light of these flames we even see that demon lurking deepest in our primeval forest. We do not like to see the specter of violence illuminated, preferring to visit this ghoul under cover of dark. He lures us away from the holy fire, promising us a solution and leaving us a season of mayhem ending in shame, and so into the firelight come winter demons of hate and resentment, suspicion and derision. We avert our gaze in hope of cutting ties, for these spirits disturb us doubly. They are the parents of violence and the children of violence. And the fire reveals the wretched family's lair not in nature's woods, but in the ancient thickets of our own hearts.

Our hearts I say! I see the demons in you and I want to cast you into the fire to exorcise them, but as to getting them out of me, I have no idea. So I sit in Midsummer but far from Midsummer, ashamed of what I did, what I said, what I thought, and what I felt. I too am mother and father to violence and violence is my offspring. I try to blame the demons in you for the demons in me, but I do not really believe my story.

Friends at Wikipedia tell me that on Midsummer's Eve the medievals lit three kinds of fire: a fire of bones (the bonfire), a fire of wood (the watching fire), and a fire of both (St. John's fire). Well, the revelers on the avenues, the clappers on the balconies, and the marchers in the squares light fires that seem to differ, yet each throws the heat of desire for freedom; from rules that constrain, from a virus that haunts, from violence that hangs like a sword of Damocles over daily life, and from thoughts that cannot be purged. In this light we recognize the preaching of the Baptist, calling us to "clap" for the tired and the impoverished, the sick and the dying. With the protesters he rouses us to indignation at injustice. In the end, though, he does not get us unstuck from the mental loop of unwelcome feelings, but he promises the one who will.

The one promise does not come with a fire but with the single flame of his Easter candle, a beam that pierces the darkness outside and inside. The light of Christ illumines a life free from fearsome and fearful demons, and lazar like it can clear the path to that un-haunted serenity.

The fire of the Baptist's preaching shows us how the sabbath of the heart is menaced by our feelings about people with dark skin, or men and women in blue uniforms, or people decked in rainbow raiment: such goblins cannot come into the eternal presence of the loving Creator. If we fail to behold his handiwork, how will we behold Him? So many faithful people recognize this terrible cul-de-sac for what it is! They confess a prejudice and cannot perceive a way beyond it. But Christ the Truth and the Life, is also the Way.

His sacramental potency and sanctifying grace make possible something that casts out the demon of prejudice, and that is the contemplation of neighbor. If I but cooperate with his means he will enable me to see the humanity in the one who disturbs me. It all starts with the one person I cannot reduce to type: the one whose complexity breaks through my categories. From beholding the complexity of one, I grow to amazement at the complexity of the group, and then to delight at the mosaic of groups, just as Pentecost's tongues of flame intended for me.

The Holy Spirit, the Illuminator promised and delivered by Christ, shows me this paradox: contemplating human complexity is my preparation for delighting in God's simplicity. As I take up this task with more and more relish I find that the days stay longer for longer and Midsummer is not a fling, but my way of life.

Now it's a delicious Midsummer morning and in the broad daylight of 6 AM it's time for me to open St. Catherine's Church, so the early crowd can start practicing for heaven.

Summer Peace!  
Fr. Walter