



July 3, 2016  
Weekly Bulletin  
Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

# The Parish of Saint Vincent Ferrer & Saint Catherine of Siena

Dominican Friars – 869 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10065  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saint Vincent Ferrer

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6:00 PM Vigil  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, NOON  
(solemn), 6:00 PM (sung)

Daily Masses

M – F: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM,  
6:00 PM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM

## CONFESSION TIMES

M – F: 5:20 PM – 5:50 PM  
Wednesday: 7:45 PM – 8:30 PM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM – 5:50 PM

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

### Saint Catherine of Siena

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil  
Sunday: 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday:  
7:00 AM, 5:15 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM

## CONFESSION TIMES

Monday– Friday:  
4:40 PM – 5:05 PM  
Saturday:  
3:30 PM – 3:50 PM

## Parish Contacts and Office Hours

Parish office address:  
869 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

Parish office hours:  
Monday through Friday:  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, July 3rd, our parish will take up the collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your generosity will provide care for the people of Africa by funding catechesis materials, staff, workshops, retreats, and the construction of new churches. Please give generously.

## FOURTH OF JULY

On Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day, there will be one Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer at **9:00 AM**. The Church will open at 8:30 AM, and close for the day after the 9:00 AM Mass.

The Mass at St. Catherine of Siena will be at **9:00 AM**. The church will open at 8:30 AM, and close for the day after the 9:00 AM Mass.

The parish offices **will be closed** on Monday, July 4th.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS - JULY & AUGUST

During July and August the parish office will be open Monday -  
Thursday: 9 AM - 1 PM, 2 PM - 5 PM,  
and Friday: 9 AM - 2 PM.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, Sunday, July 10, there will be a second collection to help reduce the parish's Operating Deficit at St. Vincent's, H.E.L.P. collection at St. Catherine's. Thank you for your support.

## FEAST OF ST. MARY

### MAGDALENE - JULY 22

Pope Francis recently elevated the memorial of St. Mary Magdalene to the rank of Feast. To celebrate this occasion, we will have an Hour of Mercy preceding the 6 PM Mass on Friday, July 22. Confessions will be heard beginning at 5 PM, Vespers will be celebrated with the Dominican friars at 5:30 PM, and Mass will be celebrated with cantor and organ at 6 PM.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

We are still collecting Registration forms to create a common parish roster. A short form can be found in the back of the church or in the church offices, it can also be found on the Parish website at [www.svsc.info/register](http://www.svsc.info/register). This will provide the Parish Staff with up-to-date contact information for the members of the parish.

## PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Each Friday, the NOON Mass at St. Catherine of Siena is offered for the deceased enrolled in the St. Catherine's Purgatorial Society. Enrollment of a deceased family member or friend is available in the church office for \$35.

# PARISH DIRECTORY AND INFORMATION

## DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 212.744.2080

Fax: 212.327.3011

Parish Website:

[www.svsc.info](http://www.svsc.info)

Parish E-mail:

[parish@svsc.info](mailto:parish@svsc.info)

V. Rev. Walter Wagner, O.P.  
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, O.P.  
Vicar

Rev. Jonah Pollock, O.P.  
Vicar & Associate Director  
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Rev. Innocent Smith, O.P.  
Vicar

Bro. Damian McCarthy, O.P.  
Sacristan

Deacon John M. Powers

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Business Manager

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Director of Music

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Director of Catechesis and  
Youth Ministry  
St. Catherine of Siena

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Child Education  
St. Vincent Ferrer

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Administrative Coordinator  
& Assistant to the Pastor

Dominican Shrine of  
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Dominican Shrine of Saint  
Jude website:  
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School: 212.535.4680

Sr. Gail Morgan, O.P.  
Principal

## WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF SAINT VINCENT FERRER AND SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

### REGISTRATION

Please register as a member of our parish if this is where you regularly attend mass. Registration forms are available in the parish office. To become a parishioner, call the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Participation in a baptism preparation class is mandatory for infant baptism. Baptism preparation class is usually held at St. Vincent Ferrer on the second Friday of each month at 6:30 PM, and at St. Catherine of Siena on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please call the parish office to register for this free class or for more information.

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Refer to the cover of the bulletin for the schedule, or call to request an appointment.

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Dolores Getcher at St. Vincent Ferrer, and Lisa Harrelson, the Director of Catechesis at St. Catherine of Siena. Typically, youth receive these sacraments during their second grade year. Contact Dolores Getcher at 212.861.2566, or 212.988.8300, ext. 186 at St. Catherine of Siena for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Dolores Getcher at St. Vincent Ferrer, and Lisa Harrelson, the Director of Catechesis at St. Catherine of Siena. Contact Dolores Getcher at St. Vincent Ferrer, or Lisa Harrelson at St. Catherine of Siena for more information.

Each Winter the "Upper Room" program prepares Catholic adults for Confirmation. Call the Parish office for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made by calling the parish office at least six months in advance. It is necessary to book your wedding date with the parish office prior to booking a reception hall. Contact the pastor for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office if you or someone you know will be hospitalized or confined at home and would like to be anointed by a priest.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is an inquiry class for those interested in learning more about the faith, whether baptized or non-baptized, as well as those adults who desire to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. Please call Fr. Jonah at St. Catherine's at 212.988.8300, ext. 182, or Mary Schwarz at St. Vincent Ferrer at 212.734.9758 or email [rcia.svf@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.svf@gmail.com) for more information.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Religious education for Levels 1-5. For information and/or registration for classes held from September to May at St. Vincent Ferrer, please contact Mrs. Dolores Getcher at 212.861.2566.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a hands-on religious education program through which children learn about the Bible, Catholic Liturgy, and Sacraments. Please contact Lisa Harrelson, Director of Catechesis and Youth Ministry, at 212.988.8300, ext. 186, or [lharrelson@stcatherinenyc.org](mailto:lharrelson@stcatherinenyc.org), for more information.

Ignite Middle School Youth Ministry is a Confirmation formation and continuing religious education program for ages 10-14. Please contact Lisa Harrelson, Director of Catechesis and Youth Ministry, at 212.988.8300, ext. 186, or [lharrelson@stcatherinenyc.org](mailto:lharrelson@stcatherinenyc.org), for more information.

# FROM FATHER WALTER, O.P., PASTOR

*Fourteenth Sunday of the Year*

Today at Sung Mass, the Cantor will begin the Liturgy with these verses from Psalm 47:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

While he sings it, the priest (and servers) will go to the altar. The text accompanies and comments on the movement. That the Church has paired specific words with a simple gesture discloses the spiritual significance of these few steps.

The Celebrant sums up ritually what everyone has already done factually. Physically and spiritually each of us has gone out of our way, gathered for Eucharist, and thereby approached Christ, whom the altar represents. We may ask our ourselves why we continue to do this. Respectability no longer demands churchgoing, nor is the fear of Hell an incentive that compels most people. What causes me to bring my faith out of the privacy of my room and into the social realm of the Church? Why do I not only pray, but seek out corporate worship?

The Entrance Antiphon (in Latin, Introit) responds to just these questions. As in a mirror the text points out that we come to Mass because we have recognized something and someone. What we have found in the midst of the temple is acceptance, and the One who accepts. Most of us carry a load of mistakes, fears, and perceived inadequacies. It is the sacramental Christ who receives us and un-shoulders us of these things for which we would reject ourselves. We praise God whose love does not reward goodness, but causes it. So often we accuse ourselves, and each other, on the basis of what we do, or fail to do, at the surface. Life's epidermis provides the shallow roots of our resentments and detractions, it gives the junk-nourishment to our violent deeds and thoughts.

When we draw near to God we come to the one who knows, better than we ourselves, why we do what we do. He sees through to the muddled heart of things and recognizes as one of His own the Soul who struggles there. God's "saving justice" consists in His unrelenting acknowledgement of His own handiwork. God's knowledge never fails to be effective. God knows my soul as it is and as it can be, and His power will not fail to move me from point A toward point B. God's justice does not overlook my frailty in kindness, but heals it by grace.

To be comprehended so completely incites our response of amazement and gratitude. In the completeness of His love, Christ gives us the Mass as the vehicle for that response. Its readings, prayers, and songs set before us the array of God's works and help us to see our own lives within that panorama of blessings. Here is the opportunity to perceive ever more deeply that we are valued in a way that economics, romance, and aging do not limit.

From this realization flows the praise that marks the worship of the Church. Essentially, the Scriptures sing the song of God's free giving and we put these words on our lips more and more as we recognize that our life has its origin in gift and derives its sustenance from gift. In the three "propers" of the Mass, the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion Antiphons, the Scriptures bring their vocabulary of praise into the Mass. The hymns drawn from later sources show how the Church has absorbed the perspective of grace.

Perceiving that already we are recipients of "merciful love" and "saving justice" amounts to a wealth beyond value in a world increasingly short of this kind of security. We rest in the reliability of God's justice and we have hope in its liberating effect.

Perhaps in this weekend we can apply the teaching of God's giving ways to the marvelous fact of being Americans. The grace of living at this time, in this place, gives freedom to name in the insecurity that drives this election season and to say how the election season deepens insecurity. The United States gives us the freedom to proclaim that we have a wealth within us that the United States in its best, cannot give.

The same wealth will be ours to share with our fellow Americans as an invitation to see beyond the volatility of markets and governments to the security within the temple of people that Christ is still building.

A Blessed Fourth of July,



Fr. Walter, O.P.

# JOIN *us* IN PRAYER

SAINT VINCENT FERRER  
MASS *Intentions*

**SUNDAY, JULY 3**

Fourteenth Sunday of  
Ordinary time

6:00 pm (Vigil) *St. Expeditus*

8:00 am † *Christopher Dominiak*

NOON † *William J. Schwede, Jr.*

6:00 pm *St. Jude*

**MONDAY, JULY 4**

Weekday

9:00 am † *Joseph McGovern &  
Kathleen Redmond*

12:10 pm *No Mass - Independence Day*

6:00 pm *No Mass - Independence Day*

**TUESDAY, JULY 5**

Weekday

8:00 am *For the intentions of Christians in  
the Middle East*

12:10 pm † *Raymond M. Hicks, Jr.*

6:00 pm † *Hugh Mansel*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**

Weekday

8:00 am † *William & Rose Marotti*

12:10 pm † *Robert Legrand*

6:00 pm † *Madeleine McGuinness*

**THURSDAY, JULY 7**

Weekday

8:00 am † *Kathleen Redmund*

12:10 pm † *Sandra Thompson*

6:00 pm † *Ventrella Giulia*

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**

Weekday

8:00 am † *For the Deceased of the Parish  
& the Order*

12:10 pm † *Janina Pieczara*

6:00 pm † *Russell Tell*

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**

Weekday

8:00 am † *William & Rose Marotti*

6:00 pm † *Jack, Natalie, Marie, &  
Francis Egan O'Brien*

SAINT CATHERINE OF  
SIENA MASS *Intentions*

**SUNDAY, JULY 3**

Fourteenth Sunday of  
Ordinary time

4:00 pm (Vigil) † *Katherine Bohan*

10:00 am *For the patrons of the Shrine  
of Saint Jude*

5:00 pm *Eileen Smyth*

**MONDAY, JULY 4**

Weekday

9:00 am *For the Province of St. Joseph*

5:15 pm *No Mass - Independence Day*

**TUESDAY, JULY 5**

Weekday

7:00 am *James Czajka*

5:15 pm † *Emilie Brudzinska Humm*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**

Weekday

7:00 am † *William Palmer*

5:15 pm † *Emilie Brudzinska Humm*

**THURSDAY, JULY 7**

Weekday

7:00 am *Paul Sweeney*

5:15 pm † *Rev. Eugene Hazewski*

**FRIDAY, JULY 8**

Weekday

7:00 am † *St. Catherine of Siena  
Purgatorial Society*

5:15 pm † *Teodoro Casino*

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**

Weekday

9:00 am *Jean Wodzynska*

4:00 pm *Serafin Bulton, Jr.*

PARISH PRAYER *Requests*

Contact the Parish Office at 212.744.2080  
or e-mail parish@svsc.info to add a name  
to this list.

*Louis Alvarez, Irene Tomoe Cooper, Courtney  
Cownt, Rachel Cownt, Christopher Heath,  
Monica Farren, Rev. Chris Johnson, O.P.,  
Helen Johnson, John Kelly, Gary  
Mantiaracina, Sarah McDermott, RoseMarie  
Morace, Stephen Osso, Vito Quatela, Clifford  
Sandy Singer, Neel Stallings, & Donna  
Zappalla.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE of  
the souls of *Helen Hoesli Anderson, Don  
Anderson, David Backus, Mary Elizabeth  
Letoile, Tom Marrone, Okechukwu Onwukwe,  
Wayne Rudolph, Alexandrina Sabel, Ich Sieng,  
& Brian Simpson*, and the souls of all our  
recently deceased.

As is our mission, 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,  
and Rockefeller University Hospital.*

CANDLE *Intentions*

The seven-day candles, which burn in  
the lamps before the tabernacle and the  
Madonna at the entrance of the  
sanctuary, and at the Pieta in St.  
Vincent Ferrer are available for an  
offering of \$15 each. These lamps are  
both an act of devotion and a source of  
beauty in our church.

SANCTUARY LAMPS -  
ST. VINCENT FERRER

Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (1)

Anthony Moreletti (1)

Edward C. Perry (d)

Robert J. Schwede (d)

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Special Intention

SANCTUARY MADONNA

Jack Ryan Keegan (1)

PIETA LAMP

Well-being of Christians in the Middle  
East

SANCTUARY LAMPS -

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

The Sanctuary Lamp and the Blessed  
Virgin Mary Candle at St. Catherine of  
Siena burn for the intentions of any  
parishioner or in memory of any of our  
deceased. The offering is \$15.00 for one  
week, Sunday through Saturday. The  
Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is lit for  
Priscila Ventigan.

MASS INTENTIONS CAN BE RESERVED IN THE PARISH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH  
FRIDAY, 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM, AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ST. CATHERINE OF  
SIENA MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM.



### LOVE & RESPONSIBILITY SERIES

The Young Adult Outreach Program is excited to announce Love and Responsibility in NYC is back at Immaculate Conception's Outdoor Garden (414 East 14th Street, New York, NY)! Join world-renowned speakers who are flying in from across the country to discuss all things "relationship". We are hosting a live concert EACH WEEK following the discussion with wine! EVENT IS FREE! For more information, visit our website at [www.catholicnyc.com](http://www.catholicnyc.com)

### TODDLER PLAY GROUP

Registration is now in progress for the September 2016 - June 2017 session of our St. Jean's Toddler Play Group. Space is available in the Monday - Wednesday 10:45 AM Group and the Tuesday - Thursday 10:45 AM Group. Children from 18 months to 4 years are welcome.

We offer a loving atmosphere where the little ones can come and have their first school experience, making new friends and learning how nice it can be to go to school.

Call the Director, Pauline Rednock, at 212-472-2853, ext 2 for more information and to arrange a visit.

### ST. JOSEPH HILL ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

Founded by the Daughters of Divine Charity, St. Joseph Hill Academy, an all girls High School of approximately 400 students on Staten Island, is seeking a Principal to uphold its mission of preparing its students, academically and spiritually, to become confident young women ready to meet society's challenges. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Roman Catholic with prior relevant experience with school administration, fiscal and strategic planning, and will possess excellent communication skills necessary to interact with the Board of Trustees, faculty, the student body, and the Staten Island community. Candidates should hold a Master's Degree. Please send resumes and cover letters to [sisterwilliam@gmail.com](mailto:sisterwilliam@gmail.com)

### LOOKING FOR A MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

The Ladies of Charity are a diverse group of Catholic women who volunteer to meet the critical needs of those in challenging situations through:

- Engaging in Ministries with flexible time commitments in parishes, nursing homes, child care agencies, and other institutions that care for the marginalized.
- The creation and donation of handmade items for those we serve.
- Providing spiritual and social support for our volunteers.

For more information, or to become a Lady of Charity, please contact us.

Ladies of Charity of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York  
1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022  
212-371-1000, ext 2542 or [loc@archny.org](mailto:loc@archny.org)

The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and  
St. Catherine of Siena

### Mass Schedule Beginning July 2, 2016

#### Saturday Vigil

Time	Liturgy	Location
3:30 pm	Confessions	St. Catherine of Siena
4:00 pm	Vigil Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
5:00 pm	Confessions	St. Vincent Ferrer
6:00 pm	Sung Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer

#### Sunday

8:00 am	Low Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
10:00 am	High Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
12:00 pm	Solemn Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
4:30 pm	Parish Vespers Class	St. Vincent Ferrer
5:00 pm	Sung Mass (a capella)	St. Catherine of Siena
5:15 pm	Parish Vespers	St. Vincent Ferrer
6:00 pm	Sung Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer

#### Monday – Friday

7:30 am	Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
8:00 am	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
12:10 pm	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
5:00 pm	Confessions	St. Catherine of Siena
5:20 pm	Confessions	St. Vincent Ferrer
5:30 pm	Mass	St. Catherine of Siena
6:00 pm	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer

#### Saturday

8:00 am	Mass	St. Vincent Ferrer
9:00 am	Mass	St. Catherine of Siena

THANK YOU  
for your continued support of  
Saint Vincent Ferrer and  
St. Catherine of Siena!

JUNE 26, 2016

ST. VINCENT FERRER  
Regular Offertory: \$8,280

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA  
Regular Offertory: \$4,335



**Little Sisters of the Poor  
Jeanne Jugan Residence  
2999 Schurz Ave.  
Bronx, NY 10465**

June 18, 2016

Rev. Walter Wagner  
St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catharine of Siena  
869 Lexington Ave.  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Fr. Wagner,

Once again, we thank you for welcoming us to St. Vincent's Church for a collection. Each year your parishioners are very generous to us, but this year was outstanding! The collection totaled \$7,733.00 which includes your own generous donation from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On top of all that, your Social Concerns Committee never forgets us, and the lovely baskets have all been distributed and enjoyed by the Residents. The bulletin for the weekend we were there was filled with appeals for us and our ministry and for that we are so grateful!

And, this year was a little different, since the sisters were not available. We enjoy their company for breakfast; but you and Brother Damian made sure we were well taken care of – so thank you for that added hospitality this year!

Please express our gratitude to all those who helped us -either at the collection or with the toiletries -we really cannot continue this vocation of mercy without their help! Let them know that we pray constantly for all of our benefactors and have a monthly Mass offered for them. God bless you and all the Dominicans and the good people there at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catharine of Siena.

*Sincerely in Christ,*  
Sr. Mary Johh, I.S.P.



DFHCM of NY

DOMINICAN FRIARS HEALTH CARE  
MINISTRY OF NEW YORK

## *Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care*

EDITOR: FR. JONAH POLLOCK, O.P., S.T.L.

### **CHRIST the HEALER: *Jesus' Healing Ministry Continues in His Church***

*By Fr. Jonah Pollock, O.P., S.T.L., Associate Director, Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York*

**JESUS CHRIST, IN HIS EARTHLY LIFE TIME,** showed himself to be the divine physician, healing bodies and spirits by his power and goodness, as God shining through his fully human heart. Jesus shared this healing ministry with his disciples both during his public ministry and after his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. We have considered in previous reflections the ways in which Jesus' disciples performed bodily healings in his name. Jesus' own healing power was present and at work in them. Jesus also shared with his disciples and, in a particular way, with his twelve apostles, his power to forgive sins and heal souls. Jesus commanded them to baptize, forgive sins in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to celebrate the Eucharist, the sacrament of his saving body and blood.

**THE HEALING POWER OF THE APOSTLES** was not something they possessed on their own. It was the power of Jesus working in them. Saint Peter testifies to this after healing a man who was paralyzed. "Why," he asks his fellow Israelites, "are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety" (Acts 3:12)? "It was in the name of Jesus the Nazorean," Peter proclaimed, "whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed" (Acts 4:10). Jesus had ascended into heaven, but by his gift of the Holy Spirit, his healing power remained present and active in the world. The apostles were given Jesus' power to heal through the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. But Pentecost was not just about the empowerment of the apostles; it was about the birth of the Church.

**JESUS' HEALING POWER,** present and manifest in the work of his apostles, continues to be present and manifest in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Saint Paul teaches us that the Church is the Body of Christ. Within this body, different gifts are given to different members according to the purpose of the one Spirit. Saint Paul names some of the gifts God has bestowed upon the Church's members. Among the gifted, he says, some are "apostles," and some receive "gifts of healing" (1 Cor 12:28).

**THESE GIFTS WERE EXERCISED IN THE EARLY CHURCH** in various ways. The apostles baptized, forgave sins, celebrated the Eucharist, and healed. They also handed on their ministry to others: bishops, priests, and deacons who continued the healing ministry entrusted to the apostles (see 1 Tim 3:1, Tit 1:5, Acts 6:1-6). The letter of

James gives us a particular insight into the healing ministry exercised by priests. "Is anyone among you sick?" James asks, "He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas 5:14-15).

**THOSE WITH "GIFTS OF HEALING"** also continued to exercise Jesus' healing ministry. These gifts are examples of what theologians call "charismatic gifts." That means that they are given to some members of the Church for the benefit of the whole Church. We are probably safe in assuming that these healing gifts were exercised in the early Church in ordinary ways by, for example, physicians and nurses, and also in miraculous ways by people who healed through the extraordinary power of Jesus, as Saint Peter did when he healed the paralyzed man.

**THE CHURCH CONTINUES IN OUR OWN TIME** to make the healing work of Jesus present and active in the world. She does this by the continuation of apostolic ministry in the bishops, who are the apostles' successors, and in the priests and deacons who share in their ordained ministry, most especially in the administration of the sacraments. The sacraments of penance and anointing of the sick are most commonly recognized as sacraments of healing. However, all the sacraments and the entire sacramental and liturgical life of the Church make the Lord's healing grace present and active in the lives of his people.

**THE CHURCH ALSO CONTINUES THE HEALING** ministry of Jesus in her members whom God raises up as healers. This continues to happen in both ordinary and miraculous ways. We might think, in this connection, of the many saints who brought about wondrous works of healing by the extraordinary power of Jesus. We might also think of the saints who demonstrated heroic virtue through simple, ordinary acts of healing, like Saint Catherine of Siena or Blessed Theresa of Calcutta. However, the Church also extends the healing work of Jesus through members less well known. Through the innumerable nurses, doctors, and other health care practitioners who minister to their sick brothers and sisters in His name, Jesus continues to heal.