



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

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November 20, 2016 — Christ the King

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, November 20, the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will be taken up at all the Masses. Your contribution is distributed by Catholic Charities to those who are seeking affordable housing, employment, food pantries, and numerous programs that make life a little easier for them. Please be generous.

SOLEMN DOMINICAN RITE MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF MARY

On November 21, 7 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer, a Solemn Dominican Rite Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated. The Mass will be celebrated by members of the Fraternity of St. Vincent Ferrer, a French religious order inspired by the Dominican charism. A reception will take place after Mass with a chance to learn more about the Fraternity.

THANKSGIVING

Masses on Thanksgiving Day will be said at 8 AM at St. Vincent Ferrer and 9 AM at St. Catherine of Siena.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED - THANKSGIVING

The Church Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

PARISH VESPERS

Beginning on November 27, Parish Vespers will take place on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM, preceded by a chant workshop at 5:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, designed especially for the parish by Sister Mary Grace, O.P. at Caterina Benincasa Dominican Monastery, are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer vestibule.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS CARDS

Cards are now available at the St. Vincent Ferrer Church Office which enables one to remember the living and/or deceased in the Novena of Masses offered at St. Vincent Ferrer beginning on Christmas Day.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Again this year we will place the Advent Wreath around the base of the Statue of the Blessed Mary, Porta Caeli, to the right of the altar of sacrifice. The wreath will contain lamps instead of candles. These can be lit with an intention in the manner of the sanctuary lamps before the High Altar. We hope this will be an opportunity for spiritual giving during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. Availability would be as follows:

The First Week of Advent	1 lamp
The Second Week of Advent	2 lamps
The Third Week of Advent	3 lamps
The Fourth Week of Advent	4 lamps
The Octave of Christmas	5 lamps
The Second Week of Christmas	5 lamps

During these weeks, the Sanctuary Madonna lamp that usually hangs beside the Porta Caeli will not be lit.

MASS AND CONFESSIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,
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

Parish Vespers

SUNDAY: 5:15 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 & OTHER PRAYER

ST. VINCENT FERRER

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:40 AM (MORNING PRAYER)

5:30 PM (OFFICE OF READINGS
AND EVENING PRAYER)

WEDNESDAY:

6:30 PM (ROSARY)

7:30 PM (HOLY HOUR)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

THURSDAY:

4:00 PM (HOLY HOUR)

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

5:00 PM (ROSARY)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
PRAYER GROUP

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 PM

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM

PARISH OFFICE

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9 am–1 pm, 2–5 pm

St. Catherine of Siena
411 East 68th Street, NY, NY 10065
Office Hours:
Monday – Friday: 10 am–3 pm

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Allen, OP
Vicar

Rev. Albert Paretsky, OP
Vicar

Rev. Innocent Smith, OP
Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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Lisa Harrelson
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Youth Ministry

Rachel Miller
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Church Custodian

Tracey Hicks
Church Custodian

ST. VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL

(212) 535-4680
Sr. Gail Morgan, OP
Principal

PARISH INFORMATION

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, or online at www.svsc.info/register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To arrange for the baptism of a child, call the Parish Office. Baptisms are usually celebrated on Saturdays, but other arrangements may be made depending upon the circumstances. A baptism preparation class is held at St. Vincent Ferrer on the second Saturday of the month at 12 PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Youth participate in the sacramental preparation program coordinated by Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info). Adults who have not been confirmed should inquire with the Parish Office about preparing for confirmation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To begin making arrangements for a wedding at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with a priest. More information is available at www.svsc.info/weddings.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick at the parish, at a nearby hospital, or at home (for those who are homebound).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA is a class for adults interested in becoming Catholic. To learn more, contact Fr. Innocent Smith, OP, at the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

For information and/or registration for classes held at St. Vincent Ferrer or St. Catherine of Siena, contact Lisa Harrelson (lharrelson@svsc.info).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Parish Study is a program for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. It meets on Tuesday evenings in the Fall and Spring. To learn more, contact the Parish Office or check our website at www.svsc.info.

YOUNG ADULTS

St. Vincent Ferrer often hosts events of the New York Frassati Fellowship. For more information, visit www.frassatiny.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00 pm (Vigil) Marie Hallal (D)
8:00 am Cushla Martin (D)
12 pm Dr. Donald & Mary Theresa
Lintner (D)
6:00 pm Martin Burns (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
12:10 pm Rev. Barnabas
Gorski, OFM (D)
6:00 pm For the Poor Souls in
Purgatory (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 am Simon Nottidge (D)
12:10 pm Edward C. Perry (D)
6:00 pm Bayard G. Schaeffer (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 am William & Rose
Marotti (D)
12:10 pm Rene Concepcion (D)
6:00 pm Joseph A. Meehan (D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 am Edward Dempsey (D)
12:10 pm **No Mass -
Thanksgiving Day**
6:00 pm **No Mass -
Thanksgiving Day**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 pm For the Living &
Deceased members of the
Gorski Family
6:00 pm Jimmy Carty (D)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 am Concepcion G. De La Cruz

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:00 pm (Vigil) Mary Brady & the
Living & Deceased members of the
Brady Family
10:00 am For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 pm Fredrick Padovano (D)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 am For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 pm Patrick & Anne
O'Donovan (D)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 am Anthony Lotruglio (D)
5:15 pm Michael Lucarelli

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00 am Marianne T. Bogunovich
5:15 pm Fran Creegan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving for
God's Blessings
5:15 pm **No Mass -
Thanksgiving Day**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00 am St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 pm Annie McAtamney

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 am For the Deceased Brothers
& Sisters of the Dominican Order

PARISH PRAYER

INTENTIONS

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

Len Bencivenga, Annamarie
Brancaccio, Christopher Heath,
Frances Jacobellis, Rev. Chris
Johnson, O.P., Elizabeth Johnson,
Helen Johnson, Carolyn Kelly, John
Kelly, Sarah McDermott, Anthony
Mendola, Stephen Osso, Rosalia
Pernice, Maria Guillen de Ribone, &
Aquila Zacharilla.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Jordan Bayer, Sr. Margaret
Ann Landry, RSHM, Seangdoen
Naempranam, Nancy Shea, Leonina
Santacroce, & William James White,
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, and
Rockefeller University Hospital.

CANDLE INTENTIONS

The seven-day candles are available for
an offering of \$15 each.

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Lamps
Ramon & Fernando Gonzalez (I);
Edward C. Perry (d); Anna Schwede
(d); Margaret Williams (d); For the
People of the Parish; Intention of
Donor; Special Intention

St. Vincent - Sanctuary Madonna
Jack Ryan Keegan

St. Vincent - Pieta Lamp
Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

St. Catherine - Mary Candle
Priscilla Ventigan

*Mass Intentions may 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.*

BEFRIENDING POWER

Kingship elicits thoughts of power, and in these touchy post-election days we may not welcome them. Abuse of power hardly counts as a new thing under the Sun, but recent decades have demanded that we name its extent and variety. American history has taken shape as a series of reactions to domination and, with varying degrees of success, we have targeted monarchy, dictatorship, slaveholding, exclusion from voting, unregulated labor practices, discrimination in housing, employment, and public services. But in recent times we have had to face the abuse of persons at close quarters; in churches, in offices, on campuses, and at home.

Understandably, we check power with law. To this impulse we may credit the federal structure of our republic and the system of checks and balances that obtains at every level of its government. Further, we may add the variety of legislation that protects the civil rights of groups and individuals. Our discomfort with power may inspire us to use images of kindness and gentleness to domesticate the might of Christ: but this does not do justice to His kingship, which possesses a power both unqualified and unqualifiable. He does not comfort us by blunting His power but by making us safe within it, so that we befriend our own power to be like Him.

All of this becomes visible on the Cross. Christ crucified has not lost his power, but has used it fully. He helps us to perceive this truth of his Passion on the night before, when He washes the feet of His disciples. That the leader tends to the follower is a self-emptying (Kenosis), but this counts not as loss but as complete fulfillment. In Christ crucified is the naked power to love in an unqualified fashion and this attaches completely to God's power to create and sustain life. Christ, in His humanity retains the power, even when dying, to seek the good of those alienated from God, and we can glimpse in Him God's power to bring life into existence and sustain it.

What we can learn from this is that whenever power is used to dominate it falls far short of its potential, but it reaches that potential when it enables the thriving of the other, and this is to love completely. Faith teaches us to receive this love with ease. We come to befriend the power of God, and not fear it, when we recognize that our seeing, hearing, thinking, even breathing, in the present moment happens because of God's continuous exercise of His power. Here we discover that our claims of self-sufficiency are never strong as our constant dependence on the power of God, and the realization offers no humiliation, but rather the joy of realizing that we are truly loved into life.

This truth releases us from fear of our own power. If we are held in life by God's power for good, we also share in that power. Created in His image we possess something of His capacities, and so we must befriend our own power for good.

It is important to note this since our first impulse toward holiness may be to check ourselves out of a healthy suspicion of our own potency. So we keep our noses clean and our mouths shut. We expend great energy in not offending our companions and in not embarrassing ourselves. Our instincts rest on the clear record of our missteps and those of others.

But Christ comes not to quench our power but to release it and direct it to the thriving of others. He knows this will accomplish good for them and happiness for us as it is happiness for Him. This happiness begins in us when we recognize the people who are vulnerable to us and we choose not to dominate, that is intimidate, seduce, manipulate, or exclude them.

On Thanksgiving we may look around the table and recognize those most vulnerable to us. These are the ones we can easily hurt, but also release and raise up. Over the pumpkin pie we will have the capacity from Christ to speak the encouraging word that sets another free for holy risk, or may choose the cutting word that will hold them fast to past mistakes. If we choose the latter course, our power remains untransformed and theirs remains shackled. Choosing to befriend our power over our beloved will prove a happier use of our mind than meditating on how they can hurt or help us.

Recognizing the truth of power in that domestic place demands deep honesty. Befriending that power takes the Kingdom of Christ out of the pages of the Gospel and plants it in your home.

Thanksgiving Peace!



Fr. Walter

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (cchd) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. cchd's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the cchd Collection.

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Members of the Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena invite ALL to an Annual Renewal/Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. To prepare for this Marian devotion a 33-day period of preparation starts on November 1, Feast of All Saints. After the 33 days of preparation, participants go to confession. On the day of consecration, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, 8 December after the 5:15 PM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Father Walter will lead us in prayer for the consecration.

Prayers and meditations for participants can be done at their own time and place and are found in a booklet, "Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Christ through Mary" according to St. Louis de Montfort, for purchase at the priories.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, December 7th at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, New York, NY for Mass with His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Mass begins at 7:30 PM. Music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit www.catholicnyc.com.

LECTURE BY FR. INNOCENT AT NYU

On December 3 at the Catholic Center at NYU (238 Thompson Street, New York, NY), Fr. Innocent Smith, O.P. will give an afternoon presentation titled: "The Rest is Said in Praise to God: Thomas Aquinas on the Rites of the Mass." The presentation consists of two talks at 1 PM and 2:30 PM, followed by Mass at 3:45 PM. All are welcome.

FAITH AND ETHICS FORUMS - 2016-2017 AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL STUDENTS OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

How can I guide patients, families and colleagues in decisions about complex moral issues?

Why are moral distress and moral relativism so evident in today's health care environment?

Why are conscience clauses important in the delivery of health care services?

What is happening to the dignity and freedom of the sick in the new health reform agenda?

How does the Catholic moral tradition inform and guide my practice?

These and many more questions are the focus of a series of small group discussions facilitated by the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York. Monthly discussions provide a vehicle and a place where all students of the health professions (including interns, residents and fellows) of all faiths can come together for discussions about faith and contemporary ethical issues in health care which affect their lives as persons and as clinicians in a continuously changing health care delivery system.

Please join us on Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 PM when Mary Susan Brady, MD, FACS, Associate Attending in the Department of Surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will present on Christianity and Healing a Surgical Perspective.

As a reminder Forums are held on the third Sunday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM (except for June, July and August) in St. Dominic Hall following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 411 E. 68th Street, New York, NY. There is no charge for this series but an RSVP email is required. Light refreshments are served. Forums for the 2016-17 academic year are scheduled for: November 20, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 23 and May 21.

For more information or if you would like to participate please contact Bro. Ignatius Perkins, OP, Executive Director (brotherignatius@dfhcmny.org) or one of the Student Coordinators: Grace McNerney (gema612@gmail.com), Jessica Edgecomb (Jessica_Edgecomb@nymc.edu).

COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Regular Offertory: \$13,399

Deficit Reduction: \$5,104

Food Sunday: \$1,620

Attendance: 1255

*The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena
invites you to our*

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:00 PM * 4:00 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY,

DECEMBER 3 AND 4

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

*Make your Christmas shopping
for friends and family
easy this year!*

The Fair offers a great selection of:

- Beautiful gift basket raffles from local businesses*
- Handcrafted crocheted and knitted gifts*
- Jewelry and accessories*
- Christmas ornaments*
- Holiday religious items*
- Rosaries, medals and prayer cards*
- Homemade baked treats*
- \$10 and under table*
- A 50/50 Raffle*

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Reflections on Ethics, Faith & Health Care

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

CARE for the SICK and REIGN with CHRIST the KING

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

“I WAS ILL AND YOU CARED FOR ME” (Matt 25:36). So the king will say, seated on his glorious throne with all his angels in attendance and all the nations assembled before him, some on his right and some on his left. The king will speak these words to those on his right after saying to them, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matt 25:36) When they ask him when it was that they found him ill and attended to his needs, he will reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matt 25:40)

THIS IS PART OF THE GOSPEL PASSAGE the Church proclaims every third year on the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Church invites us to reflect on this passage in order to better understand the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we do that, we come to know Jesus is a king who personally and compassionately identifies with each one of his subjects, especially the lowliest and most afflicted. We see Jesus coming in glory with all the heavenly host to establish his kingdom on earth once and for all. We see Christ the King wielding absolute power and total authority. Nevertheless, we find him establishing his kingdom, not in order to rule over his subjects by force, but to rule *with* those who show their love for him by sharing his compassion for the lowliest and most afflicted. “Inherit the kingdom,” he says. Saint Paul echoes this invitation: “If we persevere we shall also reign with him” (2 Tim 12).

JESUS IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING than the ones we read about in history books. He is different because he is greater. He is king of heaven and earth, of all times and all places. He is also different because he has a different relationship with those he rules. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells his apostles at the Last Supper, “The kings of the gentiles lord it over them . . . but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest and the leader as the servant. For . . . I am among you as one who serves” (Luke 22: 25-27). He goes on to tell his apostles, “I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom” (Luke 22:29-30). For Jesus, kingship is exercised through service. For those

who reign with Jesus, who sit at his table and inherit his kingdom, the same must be true. Reigning means serving. Jesus Christ is a king who serves and those who serve Jesus in the persons of the lowliest and most afflicted are invited to reign with him.

THE CHURCH CALLS THE WAYS OF SERVING that Jesus describes in Matthew 25, “Corporal works of mercy.” They include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, and visiting the imprisoned. They also include, as we have seen, caring for the sick. “I was ill,” Jesus says, “and you cared for me.” Caring for the sick is one of the principal ways that we are invited to show love for Jesus by serving him in the lowliest and most afflicted. In our sick brothers and sisters, it is Jesus Christ whom we encounter. In them we are invited to care for him.

PEOPLE CARE FOR THE SICK IN MANY WAYS. Some people care for the sick in professional capacities, as doctors or nurses or in another of the many health care professions. Some care for the sick as chaplains, attending to the spiritual needs of sick persons, their loved ones, and the medical professionals who care for them. Chaplains can include trained clergy and laity from a multitude of religious traditions. In the Catholic tradition, priest like myself are appointed chaplains for the sick residing in particular health care facilities in order to provide for their pastoral care. By virtue of their ordinations, bishops, priests, and deacons are charged with the ministry of Holy Communion and Catholic laity can also be commissioned to bring Jesus’ Eucharistic presence to the sick and those who care for them. Many more people care for the sick by helping sick family members, friends, and fellow parishioners who suffer illness in hospitals, in other facilities, or in their own homes.

NO MATTER HOW WE CARE FOR THE SICK, Christ the King invites all of us to recognize him in their persons. Our sick brothers and sisters provide us with a great opportunity: to care for Jesus himself and to inherit the kingdom that he has prepared for us from the foundation of the world. By caring for the sick we are invited to reign with Christ in his eternal kingdom: “a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.”¹

¹ Roman Missal, Preface of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.