



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

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December 10, 2017 — 2nd Sunday in Advent

SECOND COLLECTIONS - THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, December 10, we will be collecting alms for the Retirement Fund for Religious that benefits 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your support is deeply appreciated.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be a Sung Mass and Procession at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

MISA DE GALLO/ADVENT NOVENA

We will be celebrating a Novena of Masses in honor of Our Lady of the Expectation December 17 – 24. Novena services will be said at 6 AM (*Misa de Gallo*) at St. Vincent Ferrer, 1 PM at St. Catherine of Siena, and at 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer. The intention during this Novena is for the safety of children.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday, December 17 at 3 PM, Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered at St. Catherine of Siena. This service will make a scriptural and musical pilgrimage through Advent, with lessons from the Old Testament prophets, motets sung by the Schola Cantorum, and congregational hymns. Choral works of Boles, Neswick, Redshaw, Warlock, Piccolo, Manz, and Rutter. A reception follows in St. Dominic Hall.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards, designed especially for the parish by Sr. Mary Grace, O.P., are available in the St. Vincent Ferrer Church vestibule.

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, 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

Parish Vespers

SUNDAY: 5:30 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

MONDAY–FRIDAY:

7:35 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

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

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10 AM–3 PM

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collection for Retired Religious

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 – FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6 PM Sung Mass and Procession *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Novena for the Safety of Children

6 AM Novena Service (Misa de Gallo) *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

5:15 PM Novena Service *at St. Catherine of Siena*

6 PM Novena Service *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDATE SUNDAY)

3 PM Advent Lessons and Carols *at St. Catherine of Siena*

**Parish Party to follow in St. Dominic Hall*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 – RECONCILIATION MONDAY

4 – 8 PM Confessions *at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena*

7 PM New York Purgatorial Society Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Regular Schedule of Masses through 12 NOON Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM Mass of the Vigil with Carols *at St. Catherine of Siena*

6 PM Sung Mass of the Vigil *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

9 PM Christmas Lessons and Carols *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

9:30 PM Solemn Mass During the Night *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

12 MIDNIGHT Midnight Mass in the Dominican Rite
at St. Catherine of Siena

6 AM Mass at Dawn *at St. Catherine of Siena*

8 AM Mass at Dawn *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

9:30 AM Low Mass During the Day will Carols *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

10 AM Sung Mass During the Day *at St. Catherine of Siena*

12 NOON Solemn Mass During the Day *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

****There will be no evening Masses on Christmas Day*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

12:10 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Catholic University of America/Catholic Communication Collection

12 NOON Solemn Mass with Three Kings Procession *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

1 PM Festive Parish Coffee *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Parish Offices Closed – Regular Mass Schedule

ADVENT NOVENA

I write you on behalf of our Dominican Shrine of St. Jude, the Parish of

St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena, and the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry. Please join a program of communal prayer to prepare for Christmas 2017.

Preparing for Christmas with Jesus in the safe womb of the Virgin Mary

When we wish another grown up, “Merry Christmas,” what do we actually want for them?

We might hope they unwrap what they have always dreamed of, or that they would really take a break from work and savor the tastes and sips of the season, better yet, maybe this year they will find themselves under the mistletoe with that certain someone. But exchanging gifts, giving feasts, and falling in love are the works of people who feel safe. What we want for others, and ourselves, at Christmas is a safe place, a place safe enough to thrive in.

But the safest place for thriving is a child’s Christmas.

We inherit our desires for Christmas from our own childhood. Hopefully at this season our families surrounded our young selves with as much beauty, abundance, and attention as they could muster. Even if they couldn’t or didn’t, the absence of this well-being makes us want it for others all the more passionately. Think of the invisible carpet of safety under a child sitting on the floor captivated by a new toy, imagination and hands equally engaged. Think of the time and treasure devoted by parents and family to the creation of this one moment. Now we take this trouble over Christmas because we hope it sets the tone for all of childhood. We also do it for ourselves. We hope the child’s freedom from care will bring the security of Christmases past into our adult present.

Do you think the child at the heart of Christmas was safe? How do you read the story? The Scriptures show Jesus born of a family in forced transit, without the conventional comforts of childbirth. He is born to parents in an unconventional union and together the three go on to become refugees in Egypt. Yet this child is never unaccompanied. Mary and Joseph are both overtaken by events, but steadfast in their love and care. Further, the shepherds, the angels and the Wise Men, are signs of protective presence; they testify that God, who sent them all, is the safety of the child. The Child Jesus knows this and testifies to it when he is found in the Temple among the Doctors. He will make his security in the Father the firm witness of his whole fleshly career, all the way to his Crucifixion.

The Christmas Story is of God providing security in vulnerability. The Christ Child is laid in the Manger for himself and for every child, God taking note of each Soul from its first moment. The Child in the manger, and the child by the Christmas tree, both speak on behalf of God to the vulnerable child inside each of us.

If we get this message and work to make life safe for one child, we make it safe for a whole family, and if we work for the safety of all children we foster the life of our whole race.

Beginning on December 17 and concluding on Christmas Day, we will pray in common for the safety of children, so that childhood may have the power God designed for it. We want to pray that every child may know the safety of the womb, the cradle, the playpen, the classroom, and the playground. We want to beseech God for the well being of children in broken homes, addicted homes, and refugee camps. We will pray that God’s providence may reach little ones who live in poverty and who live with disease.

The Novena Prayers will be said at each Mass celebrated in the two churches of our Parish. But at three services the preaching will also address our longing that childhood be safe, and the longing for safety by the child in each of us. The preached services will be at 6 AM (the *Misa de Gallo*) at St. Vincent Ferrer, 5:15 PM at St. Catherine of Siena (December 17 at 5 PM and December 23 -24 at 4 PM), and 6 PM at St. Vincent Ferrer.

At each church there will be a place of prayer for this Novena, complete with holy cards and slips for making petitions.

Christmas Novena Services will be at the Midnight *Missa Cantata* in the Dominican Rite at St. Catherine of Siena, and at the 8 AM Mass at Dawn at St. Vincent Ferrer.

May the blessing of the Christ Child touch the child in you this Christmas.



Fr. Walter
For all the Friars

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
6:00 PM (Vigil) Jack, Natalie, Marie,
& Francis Egan O'Brien (D)
8:00 AM Mary Cunningham
Luby (D)
9:30 AM Helen Saulnier (D)
12 NOON Lorna Maria Medina (D)
6:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Dr. Margaret Grimes (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
8:00 AM For the Deceased members
of the Parish & the Order (D)
12:10 PM Concepcion G.
De La Cruz
6:00 PM Carol Premone (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
8:00 AM Thomas McKeown (D)
12:10 PM Carmel Ruhan (D)
6:00 PM Salvatore & Joan M.
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
10:00 AM For the Christians in the
Middle East
12:10 PM Kevin Krone (D)
6:00 PM Patricia, Richard, & Garrett
Keegan (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 AM James J. & Irene M.
Clarke (D)
12:10 PM Walter & Dorothy Corke
(D)
6:00 PM For the Deceased members
of the Foye, Armstrong, Gorman,
Donohoe, & Murphy Families (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:00 AM Steven & Anne Craig (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
4:00 PM (Vigil) Jon Ran Pengan (D)
10:00 AM For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 PM Miguel & Teodola
Lucido (D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Frank McHugh

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
7:00 AM For the intentions of
Richard Limbaugh
5:15 PM Margaret & Thomas M.
O'Connor (D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
7:00 AM For the intentions of
Richard Limbaugh
5:15 PM For the Deceased members
of the Koestner (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
7:00 AM For the intentions of
Richard Limbaugh
5:15 PM Franzicka & John
Koestner (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 PM Fr. George Concordia, O.P.
& Fr. Murphy, O.P. (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
9:00 AM Meldi Ebrahimian

PARISH PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

Ginger Benhar, Joseph Robert
Cusimano, Carolyn Kelly, James
Leung, Sarah McDermott, Shirley
Miller, Stanley Nadel, Luis Pacheco,
Gabiella Pratt, Bridget Senturk, Rita
Sullivan, & Mary Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of Victoria Ghilaga, Ellorine
Martinez, Bradford Meckel, Gail M.
Meckel, Roshnara Orr, Raymond
Rizzo, Cristina Tabares, & Richard
Wrottesley, 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
Leo Beaudette; Rene Concepcion (d);
Patricia Dennis; Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Jack Ryan
Keegan (l); Anthony Mortelliti;
William J. Schwede, Jr. (d)

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

Advent Wreath
1) Fr. Aloysius Budnick
2) Andrew & Christina O'Rahilly

St. Catherine – Sanctuary Lamp
Maria Martha Litrenta

St. Catherine – Purgatorial Candle
Renato S. Ventigan (d); Rosa J.
Silan(d)

St. Catherine – Rosary Altar Candle
Maria Martha Litrenta; Intention of
the donor

*Mass Intentions may be reserved in the Parish Office Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM,
and in the Church Office of St. Catherine of Siena Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM.*

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD NOTES

The Season of Advent

The word Advent means “coming.” It prepares us to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem at the first Christmas. It also anticipates His second coming at the Parousia, when God will be all in all. It also reminds us that Jesus comes to us daily in His Word and in the Sacraments. In the Atrium, we begin the season with an Advent Celebration, where we announce this time of waiting and preparing for the Feast of Christmas, by changing the liturgical color on the prayer table from green to purple. We also add an Advent Wreath to our prayer table. The wreath has a circular base of evergreens and four candles, representing the four weeks of the Advent Season. During our Advent celebration, we bless our wreath and pray for our time of preparation in anticipation of Christmas.

Advent at Home

Many families have an Advent Wreath and light the corresponding candles at meal time or prayer time. Do you have a particular song that you like to sing when you light the candles on your wreath? Your children may enjoy “Light One Candle.” Listen to the song (written by Natalie Sleeth and used with permission by Hinshaw Music, Inc.), sung by CGS catechist Genevieve Priest at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-dCFiqOFRY&feature=youtu.be>. Songs give the child a way of expressing emotions and spirituality. Singing is also a physical release for the child. It is a way for the child to practice language, new words, poetry, and other cultural information.

As a family, you may want to create prayer cards with the words of the Angel’s greeting to Mary: **“Rejoice, full of grace”** and **“The Lord is with you,”** so that you can continue to ponder these words during Advent. The prayer cards can be placed on your family prayer table near the Advent Wreath. You may also make prayer cards with the names of Jesus that the children hear in the Atrium: **Wonderful Counselor** or **Prince of Peace** as the children love to proclaim these names of Jesus.

COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER 3, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$14,501

Deficit Reduction: \$6,946

Food Sunday \$4,070

Attendance: 1239

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, we celebrate the (liturgical) half-way point of Advent, known as 'Gaudete Sunday'. The Latin title is derived from the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon) sung at Mass, meaning 'Rejoice'. (Each Sunday actually has such a title, but some, such as 'Gaudete' and the analogous 'Laetare Sunday' in Lent, are more widely known.) As a reprieve from the penitential violet, the traditional liturgical color for the day is rose. The choral music reflects this brighter, joyous character of the day with extroverted music from the 20th Century Anglican tradition.

Choral Music for the Third Sunday of Advent:

Missa Brevis No. 2 in F minor

– Healey Willan (1880-1969)

Sing we merrily unto God our strength

– Sidney Campbell (1909-1974)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

– Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-IN

Parish Director of Music James Wetzel will be the accompanist for the National Chorale's 50th Annual 'Messiah Sing-in' at Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 PM. This is a highlight of the New York choral season in which the audience is the chorus for Handel's beloved masterwork. For more information, visit: www.nationalchorale.org.

ONLINE GIVING

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DFHCMNY – CRIPPLED BY ILLNESS; RUNNING TO MEET THE LORD

This week an article by Fr. Jonah Pollock of the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry (DFHCMNY) can be found in the back of our churches and online on our website, www.susc.info. He writes on *Crippled by Illness; Running to Meet the Lord*.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ST. VINCENT FERRER AND ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Mass of the Vigil with Carols at 4:00 PM - St. Catherine of Siena

Sung Mass of the Vigil at 6:00 PM - St. Vincent Ferrer

Christmas Lessons and Carols at 9:00 PM - St. Vincent Ferrer

Solemn Mass During the Night at 9:30 PM - St. Vincent Ferrer

Midnight Mass in the Dominican Rite at 12:00 AM - St. Catherine of Siena

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2017

Mass at Dawn at 6:00 AM - St. Catherine of Siena

Mass at Dawn at 8:00 AM - St. Vincent Ferrer

Sung Masses During the Day at 9:00 AM - St. Catherine of Siena

Sung Masses During the Day at 10:00 AM - St. Vincent Ferrer

Solemn Mass During the Day at 12:00 NOON - St. Vincent Ferrer

**There will be no Evening Masses on Christmas Day

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1, 2018

Regular Weekday Mass Schedule with

Sung Mass at 12:10 PM – St. Vincent Ferrer

**FRASSATI HOLY HOUR AND DINNER:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

Join us for our monthly Holy Hour and dinner. Once a month, Frassati Fellowship comes together to pray, share dinner, and grow in community. The December Holy Hour will begin immediately after 6 PM Mass. There will be praise & worship music, confessions, and prayer teams available. Following the Holy Hour we'll enjoy a festive dinner for \$10.

Date/Times: Sunday, December 10, 6 – 10 PM

Parish Mass: 7:15 PM

Holy Hour: 8:30 PM

Dinner (Lower Church) following Holy Hour

Location: The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer

869 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

More info at <http://frassati.nyc/holy-hours-and-dinners/>
or email: contact@frassati.nyc

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish's bereavement support group will begin a new session on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7 PM at St. Catherine of Siena. The seven weekly sessions will help guide persons who are mourning the recent loss of a loved one by sharing with others who are grieving, learning about the process of grief, and being supported during a difficult time. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please leave your name and contact information with the Parish office and the coordinators will contact you.

VISITATION CIRCLE

The Parish's Visitation Circle cordially invites single, widowed, and divorced women of our parish to join its annual Christmas Party. Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2017
Place: St. Vincent Ferrer Priory Parlors
Time: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
Requested: \$10.00 offering

Please come and enjoy fellowship, good food, music, wine and soft drinks. Please call (212) 744-2080 to leave your name if you plan to attend. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT MASS WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

You are invited to join the Office of Young Adult Outreach on Wednesday, December 13 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Avenue, 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 Ike Ndolo. There will be a social after the Mass. For more information, visit www.catholicnyc.com.

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY

De La Salle Academy, at 332 West 43 Street, is a private, non-sectarian school for grades six through eight. We serve a diverse community of students and faculty. Our mission is to provide a quality education for students from low-income families, develop the leaders of today and of tomorrow, and instill in them the importance of serving their community. We will be having the entrance exams for incoming 6 graders on Saturday, January 20 at 8:30 AM, and the exam for incoming 7 graders on Saturday, February 3 at 8:30 AM.

LIFE WRITING/MEMOIR: A WEEKEND WRITING RETREAT

This weekend writing retreat, with a focus on creative non-fiction and fiction, is centered on the belief that when we leave behind the disruptions of our busy lives and gather in a supportive community we make important breakthroughs in our writing. The weekend will reinforce the writer's life, (re)-discover the writer's soul, offer daily workshops, craft discussion, writing prompts, feedback, motivation, inspiration and time to work on new or existing projects. The retreat is open to writers of every genre, both beginners and advanced. Writers will sharpen writing skills, meet other exceptional writers, take walks with a view of the mountains and river, and have time for meals and plenty of breaks.

Whether you are a beginner writer or a published author, you will be energized by the support, literary guidance, relaxation and encouragement. Believe in your story – you are the best one to write it!

Dates and Times: Friday, January 26 at 5 PM to Sunday, January 28 at 1 PM

Presenter: Magie Dominic

Fee: \$225. A \$75 deposit required at registration; early registration is encouraged. Please pay in full by January 15.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

For the Church, that this Advent season, she may be like the herald's voice in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and inviting all the faithful to await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness will dwell.

For the peoples of the Americas, that under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we may find great hope in the promise of the unborn Child within her womb, that from a lowly handmaiden of the Lord can come forth the Salvation of the world. (*December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*)

For all whose lives are obscured by suffering, addiction, or sin, that through the intercession of Saint Lucy, their darkness may be illumined with the light of faith and with eager hope in the coming of our Lord. (*December 13 - Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*)

For those burdened by doubt, darkness, and despair, that through the intercession of Saint John of the Cross, they may recognize in the dark night of the soul the bright, unwavering light of Christ shining forth, and so come to find the inner silence and outward peace only He can bring. (*December 14 - Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*)