



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

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December 17, 2017 — 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Sunday, December 17 is Reconciliation Sunday. Confessions will be heard at both Churches during all Masses.

Monday, December 18 is Reconciliation Monday. Confessions will be heard at both Churches from 4 – 8 PM.

NEW YORK PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

The New York Purgatorial Society will sponsor a Requiem Mass in the Roman Rite on Monday, December 18 at 7 PM at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

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

Very Rev. Walter Wagner, OP
Pastor

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Vicar for Formation

Bro. Damian McCarthy, OP
Sacristan

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PARISH CALENDAR

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 (*in Latin*)
at St. Catherine of Siena

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

9:30 AM Sung Mass During the Day *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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deficit Reduction Collection and Food Sunday Collection

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 – CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

6 PM Sung Mass *at St. Vincent Ferrer*

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

Today the Liturgy begins to tell us the Christmas story. Familiar figures step off the Sacred Page like cherished ornaments emerging from their boxes to brighten Christmas Present with a glint of Christmas Past. Joseph and Mary have their perennial encounters with Angels, the same heavenly messengers upend the old age of Elizabeth and Zachariah, and they happily feel the prophetic kick of the little Baptist, saluting the little Messiah, womb to womb. Of course next Monday we will all give homage to the same Infant Lord, when he shows up promptly on the page and in the manger. In his wake will come the familiar retinue of shepherds, angels, and wise men.

Did you ever notice that Scripture gives most of these characters no words to say? But at the moment of the Annunciation Mary speaks for all of them in her famous "Let it be done to me." Like her, the bright figures of Christmas consent to let life happen to them in God's world, according to His plan, in His time. Further, their consent is not grudging or fearful. Being part of a design fulfills them completely. They understand themselves to be small people loved by their Lord into a place in His plan. From their acceptance of this comes the real serenity of Christmas.

Christmas has worn many beautiful costumes over the centuries. Each year we haul out the whole collection and delight in the music and poetry, the painting and sculpting that these stories have inspired. Beneath these pretty polychrome surfaces lie the compelling truth of poverty of spirit. The beauty of the Virgin and Child, and of those with whom they share the crèche, lies in their complete freedom from self-consciousness and self-absorption.

I think if we take a moment to reflect on the people who have genuinely attracted us, they possess just this quality. What a marvelous paradox that we delight in giving our attention to those who have no need to demand it. They do not crave attention because they are fully attentive. People who have real focus on God as their beginning and end, have lots of room for their neighbors because they need so little for themselves. Like Mary and Joseph, their stable is always open to the shepherds and magi who may be sent their way.

This perception of Christmas gets its authority from the lives of Jesus and Mary. From the beginning to the end of their earthly walk they do not show off or dominate, but always present themselves as happy servants of the Living Truth. They invite you and me to put down the burden of ourselves and live in their freedom.

All through this week at Mass this story unfolds for us. What a perfect time to discover in these iconic passages the self-forgetting that is self-finding, and that self-surrender which is self-fulfillment.

Advent Peace!



Fr. Walter

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. VINCENT FERRER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
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 18
8:00 AM Joseph McGovern &
Kathleen Redmond (D)
12:10 PM Jeanne Gorski (D)
6:00 PM Dr. Margaret Grimes (D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
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 20
8:00 AM Thomas McKeown (D)
12:10 PM Carmel Ruhan (D)
6:00 PM Salvatore & Joan M.
Carvo (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
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 22
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 23
8:00 AM Steven & Anne Craig (D)

MASS INTENTIONS
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
4:00 PM (Vigil) Marina Lucido &
Maria Cecilia Runzalan (D)
10:00 AM For the patrons of the
Shrine of Saint Jude
5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:00 AM For the Province of
St. Joseph
5:15 PM Fr. Peter McGeory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:00 AM Fr. Stephen Ries
5:15 PM Fr. Dawson Ambosta

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
7:00 AM Fr. Augustine Badgley
5:15 PM Maria Abella (D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:00 AM Peter Kim
5:15 PM Denis J. Hynes (D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:00 AM St. Catherine of Siena
Purgatorial Society (D)
5:15 PM Marina Spani-Mulella (D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
9:00 AM Marie & Sebastian
Schmid (D)

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, Stanley
Nadel, Gabriella Pratt, Bridget
Senturk, Rita Sullivan, & Mary
Wilcher.

Please pray for the repose of the souls
of Fransisca Garcia, Lourde Garcia,
Victoria Ghilaga, Bradford Meckel,
& Raymond Rizzo, 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

Patricia Dennis; Ramon &
Fernando Gonzalez (l); Jack Ryan
Keegan (l); Anthony Mortelliti;
Edward C. Perry (d); Florence A.
Schwede (d); For the People of the
Parish

St. Vincent – Pieta Lamp

Well-being of Christians in the
Middle East

Advent Wreath

1) Thomas & Christina Lordan
Family
2) Mr. Joseph Narkiewicz
3) Safety 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
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 Infancy Narratives

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we offer to the youngest children the greatest mysteries of our faith. Included in those great mysteries is the Incarnation, how God comes to dwell among us. The young child, for their personal growth and joy, needs to be oriented to these great mysteries and how they are celebrated within the Church community. In the weeks leading up to the season of Advent, the children have been prepared by focusing on the place Jesus was born, the Land of Israel. They discover Nazareth, where Mary lived when the angel came to visit her; and Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.

The **Infancy Narratives** or stories that focus on the birth and infancy of Jesus are:

For the youngest children – The Annunciation of the Angel to Mary, The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, The Birth of Jesus and the Adoration of the Shepherds, The Presentation in the Temple, The Adoration of the Magi

For the children age six and older, also - The Flight into Egypt

The children come to see that each of these individual narratives is a part of one history. In the Atrium, the Infancy Narratives are materials available at all three levels and not only during the Advent and Christmas season, but all year. We find the children reflect upon the person of Jesus as revealed in these scripture texts through their work with these materials and the extensions that accompany them all year long.

MUSIC NOTES

As Catholics for whom the practice of our faith is directed by the seasons of the liturgical and not the commercial year, we know that Advent is the four weeks of preparation leading-up to Christmas, and that the season of Christmas extends from the First Vespers of Christmas on the 24th until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th. This is why, despite what we hear on 106.7 and the like, we sing Advent music during Advent and Christmas music during Christmastide.

To fully appreciate the differences of these two musical genres, consider not only the wonderful melodies of our favorite Advent hymns such as *Wake, awake, Comfort, comfort ye my people*, and *Lo, he comes* and Christmas carols such as *O little town of Bethlehem* and *It came upon the midnight clear*, but their texts as well. If we remember that hymns and motets are poems set to music and not pretty tunes with some words, the message that they contain and the scriptural commentary that they provide can enrich us, beyond words or music!

Choral Music of Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
for the Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Messe Basse

Ave Maria, Op. 67, No. 2

Ave verum corpus, Op. 65, No. 1

ONLINE GIVING

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish's bereavement support group will begin a new session on Thursday, January 11 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.

COLLECTIONS

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Regular Offertory: \$16,610

Retired Religious: \$5,939

Attendance: 1251

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 (*in Latin*) at 12:00 MIDNIGHT - St. Catherine of Siena

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2017

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

Sung Mass During the Day at 9:30 AM - St. Vincent Ferrer

Sung Mass During the Day at 10:00 AM - St. Catherine of Siena

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

CAMP FATIMA AND CAMP BERNADETTE

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6 – 15. Round trip bus transportation is available out of Long Island. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851, or email brendan@bfcamp.com, or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com. Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

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.

THIS WEEK OF GRACE

The days of this week offer a privileged time to prepare for Christmas. Please join our novena of prayer for the safety of children.

O God who sheltered your Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary and safeguarded Him during the wanderings of His family, watch over, we pray, each infant in the womb, and walk with every child who leaves it; led by your Spirit may they find a safe path to your eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

These antiphons from this week's vespers can help us ask Christ to be the Child who makes it safe for us to be childlike in God's sight.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and
in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!