

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church



20th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 15:27-28

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

ST VINCENT FERRER MASS TIME

SUNDAY - 9:00AM - LIVESTREAMED



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
(also livestreamed)
followed by
Silent Adoration on
Tuesdays until 10:30am



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
(also livestreamed)
followed by **Rosary on**
Thursdays



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary: 730 S Lafayette, Royal Oak 48067

Tuesday: 7:30 to 8:30pm

Friday: 6:30 to 7:30am

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00pm

National Shrine: 2100 W 12 Mile Royal Oak 48073

M thru F: following 6:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 8am

Saturday: following 8:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 10am

MASS INTENTIONS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

Pranas Juska† (35th R.A.) req. by Regina Juska-Svoba
Maria Maiorana† req. by Virga Family
Donna Dietrich† req. by Family
Francis Bischoff, Jr.† req. by sister, Jane McKay
Margaret Saccone (for healing) req. by sister, Jane McKay
Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday through Thursday
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Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

For sacramental information or funerals
contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David." At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. "Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir

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**Our target for this
year is
\$ 39,101.00.**

Thank you to all who have responded. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has received \$40,304.00 in pledges and one-time gifts, exceeding our target. \$1,517.00 is the difference between what has already been paid and our target amount. That amount has to be covered before we can begin to receive overpayment refunds. Please continue to make your pledge payments and if you have not yet submitted a pledge or one-time payment, please consider one.

Checks must be made payable to *Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA* and mailed to the gift processing center in Minnesota using the return envelope included in the packet mailed to parishioners. To make an electronic donation, please follow the directions on the pledge cards.

If you did not receive a CSA letter packet and wish to make a donation, please call the Parish Office.

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

extends its deepest sympathy and support to the
family and friends of



Jim Smith

Dolores Bail

Please remember them and the souls of all the
faithful departed in your prayers.

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise!

COME PRAY THE ROSARY



Join the Immaculata Prayer Group in praying the rosary every Monday evening at 6:30pm on the Admin Bldg Patio. Bring a chair. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them. All are welcome.

*"If there were one million families praying
the Rosary every day,
the entire world would be saved."
-Pope St. Pius X*

WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Observances of the Week

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, August 22nd at 9:00am

Faith Formation Office
SVF School Bldg.



Women's Sacred Journey group invites all women to join them in praying and reflecting on Scripture passages. The gathering is every other Saturday. No registration or fee required.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name? ©LPi

Answer: Pope John Paul I



...government leaders everywhere to seek wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.

...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, floods, wars, earthquakes and disasters.

...respect for life from conception to natural death

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

...all who are sick, homebound undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey.

Amen

To be added to the prayer list or remain on it after four weeks, please call the office at 248-542-8720.

The
Queenship
of Mary

Aug 22

THE QUEEN
IS AT YOUR
RIGHT HAND,
ARRAYED
in gold
PSALM 45



"The purpose of the Feast [of the Queenship of Mary, August 22] is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb."

Venerable Pope Pius XII



Step 1: Enthroned Mary in your Home

Place a statue or image of Mary in an honored, visible place in your home



Step 2: Consecrate Your House to Mary, Queen of Heaven

Recite the Act of Contrition

Pray 3 Hail Marys

Pray 3 Glorias

Pray the invocation "Mary Immaculate"



Simple Ways to Celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary



Step 1: Enthroned Mary in your Home

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Strengthening Faith

Question: Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own lives. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7

Question: The Lord reveals to Isaiah that He desires a house of prayer for all peoples. Do you see your faith community being open to outsiders?

2nd Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Question: Paul sees how God used Israel's unbelief in Jesus as an opportunity to extend His mercy to the Gentiles. Have you ever shown mercy to someone in an unexpected way?

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

Question: The Canaanite woman is persistent with Jesus to heal her demon-possessed daughter, and so he does. When have you felt heard by Jesus? ©LPi



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Wisdom, Explained!

It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue — after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art. 2).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive it — remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 23, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Riley
Reader #1	D Tourville
Reader #2	P Allen
EME	L Collins
EME	L Yolkiewicz
EME	M Simmons
Greeter	B Turchin
Greeter	R Juska-Svoba
Greeter	T Lane
Greeter	D Vu

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning August 23, 2026
Robin Silverest

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

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TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE

All married and engaged couples are invited to attend the fifth annual Together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference that will be held on Saturday, October 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Troy, MI. This one-day conference will include inspiring keynote presentations on the theme of Family, an Image of the Trinity, as well as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. On-site childcare and scholarships are available for those in need.

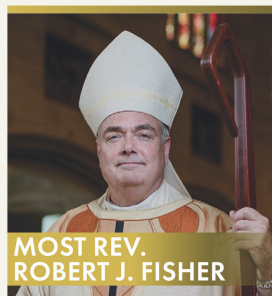
We encourage you to spend some quality time with your spouse to focus on building up your marriage and family at Together in Holiness. (See below for more information.)



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CHESS, NOT CHECKERS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

There's a saying that good leaders have to play chess, not checkers.

It will surprise no one who knows me well that I am terrible at chess. It's not so much a lack of skill (although that's part of it) as a lack of effort. I find chess exhausting. To succeed at this complex game of strategy, you have to see not just the board in front of you, but the person in front of you — and more than that, you have to consider not just what is, but what could be.

I prefer checkers.

When I read a Gospel passage like today's, I think of what Jesus would be like as a chess player. It's so easy to see this account of the Canaanite woman and her tenacity and take it at face value, as a reminder to pray without ceasing, to never stop asking God for what we need. And certainly, it is that.

But it's not only that.

We see a woman begging God for help, and we see God refuse — at first. We see her persist, and we see him capitulate. At least, that's what it looks like to us.

What does it look like to Jesus?

Jesus sees this woman's face and hears her words, just as his disciples do — but he also sees her heart. He sees her whole life. He sees every moment that leads up to this one. He sees her belief, but he also sees her unbelief. He sees her wounds. He sees her daughter.

He sees the game board not just for what it is, but for what it could be.

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MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W Twelve Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY - 8:30am and 4:30pm (livestreamed)

SUNDAY - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6:00pm

3:30pm (Spanish)

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

6:30am (livestreamed), 8:30am

St. Mary Magdalen

50 E Annabelle Ave, Hazel Park, 48030

WEDNESDAY - Noon

SUNDAY - 11:00am

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30am

SUNDAY - 9:00am & 11:00am

MON., TUES., THURS., FRI. - 7:30am



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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending August 9, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	240	99		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 5,939.18	754.18	(2,764.25)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	323.00	(149.00)	(1,065.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	46.00	(1,627.00)	(5,990.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund		4.00		4.00
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan				5.00
Holy Days		80.00		145.00
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