

22nd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

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



Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Jason Bertolini† req. by Family

Br. Bob Malloy (Birthday Blessings) req. by Jane McKay

Francis Bischoff, Jr.† req. by Bernadette Gutowski

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Closed Friday, Saturday, & Sunday



Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator

Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant

Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation

Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor

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: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



COME PRAY THE ROSARY

To so much anxiety, confusion, suffering and unrest in the world and in our lives, prayer is the answer. As we head into autumn, the Immaculata Rosary Group will continue to pray the rosary at 6:30pm every Monday evening on the Admin Bldg. patio, followed by consecration prayers for those who wish to remain.

When the weather changes, we will move indoors to the Faith Formation office in the school. Until then, please bring a chair. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.

Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, September 5th 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.



Next Sunday is our annual collection for Missions. Fr. Timothy Dogo will be here to speak about his missionary work.

The yellow Missionary Cooperation Plan envelopes are at the church entrances.



Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.

Obsessed With Possessions

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose. Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear. — Father John Muir

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Observances of the Week

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi



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

Thank you to all who have responded. In receiving \$48,304.00 in pledges and one-time contributions, we have exceeded our target. All pledge payments and one-time donations will now be coming back to St. Vincent Ferrer in overpayment refunds. Please continue to make your pledge payments. If you have not made a contribution, 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, 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.



Contact St. Mary in Royal Oak or National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica for Children's Religious Education information.



...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.

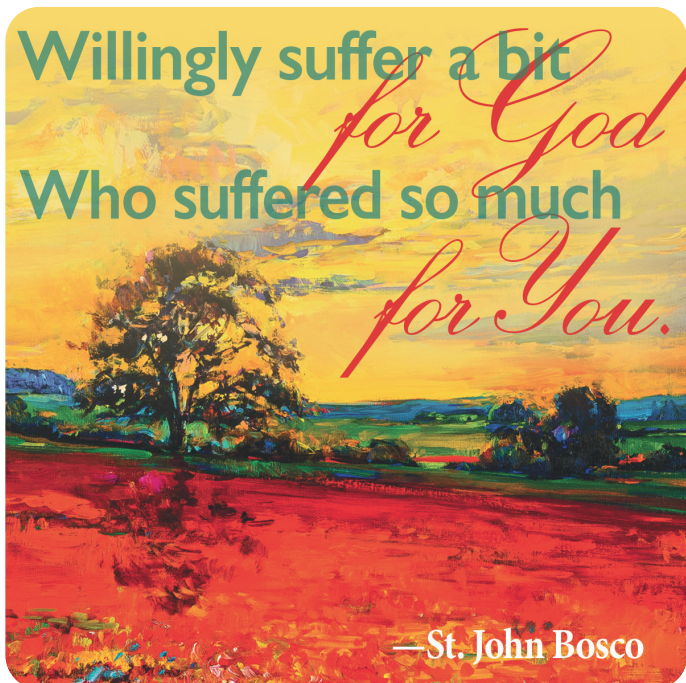
Lord Jesus,

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

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other – it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to Catholic tradition, what is the holiest night of the year? ©LPI

Answer: The Easter Vigil

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Priest Vestments

Question: Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Answer: Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9

Question: Jeremiah wrestles with an inner struggle to proclaim the word of the Lord that comes to him. Who helps you work through distress or anxiety?

2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2

Question: Paul challenges believers not to conform to the present age but be transformed by the renewal of their minds. What in our "present age" needs to be avoided?

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

Question: Peter does not want to accept Jesus' destiny as the Messiah who suffers greatly and dies. How do you process difficult news or information?

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VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!
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Zeal, Explained!

Zeal gets a bad rap these days, as we most often hear this word associated with extremists whose adherence to a belief system leads them to violence. In Scripture, we hear Paul condemn those whose "zeal for God" lacks discernment (Romans 10:2), so we know this was a problem in ancient times as well.

But no one acting in violence or hatred is practicing virtuous zeal, which refers to an all-consuming love for the Lord: "Zeal for your house has consumed me," writes the Psalmist (Psalm 69:10), referring to a religious devotion that has deprived him of all his worldly status.

If anyone's "love" of God leads him to sin, he is not actually motivated by love of God. A burning and all-consuming love of God has, for its object, God Himself — and closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 6, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Riley
Reader #1	A Goll
Reader #2	T Karolski
EME	M Simmons
EME	R Pasiak
EME	T Pasiak
Greeter	L Collins
Greeter	D Vu
Greeter	P Rarus
Greeter	B Turchin

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning September 6, 2026
Kathy Bush



Carry Your Cross



Question: As Catholics, we talk a lot about “redemptive suffering” and “carrying your cross.” What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer: When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. “Pick up your cross daily and follow me.” At the time, Jesus hadn’t yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. “Pick up the thing that tortures you the most,” Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn’t to seek out new sufferings in our life. It’s to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God’s grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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TO CARRY THE CROSS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I’m happy to! Hand it over. Here’s the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That’s okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can’t do that if I’m carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who’s got it all wrong — I’ll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won’t put it down! I’ll keep holding it. That’s better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this “Christian” thing wrong?

“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,” Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel. “But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It’s not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

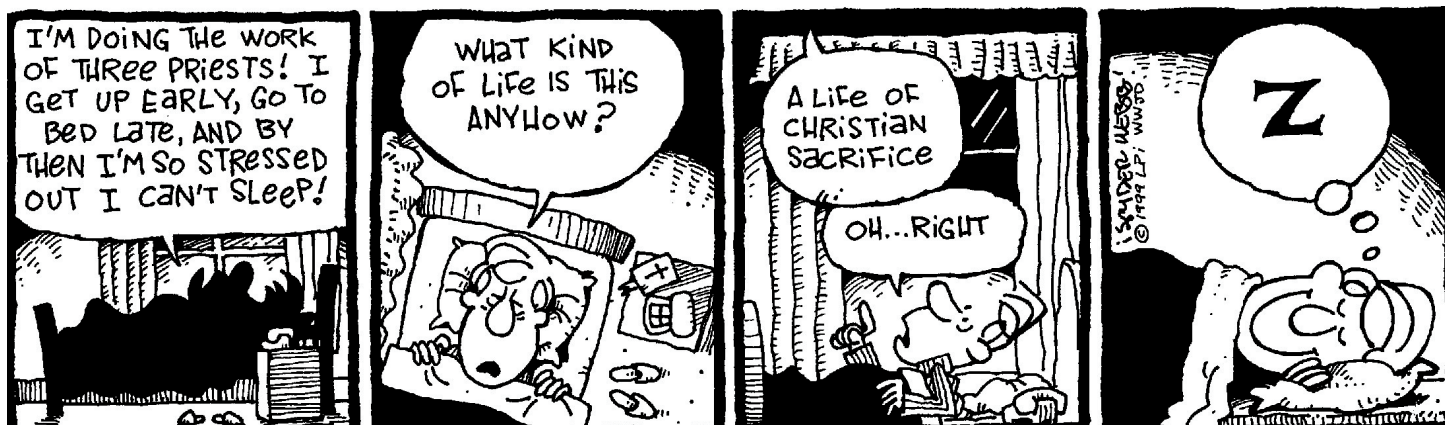
It’s merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, “God forbid!” at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, “God forbid!” at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it’s a reminder to look at my hands — because they’ve probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I’ve forgotten: “This way. Follow me.”

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

A central theme emerges in today's Scripture readings: doing God's will. The prophet Jeremiah's deep relationship with God inspires him to do God's will in spite of his hesitancy — and the community mocking him. The result is his prophesy against the community leaders' worship of idols and unfair treatment of the poor. In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, he urges them to find God's will by transforming and renewing their minds and bodies to what is good, pleasing, and perfect to Him. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus aligns himself with His Father's will by predicting to His disciples that He will suffer, die, and be raised up on the third day.

For faithful stewards, the ultimate scenario for discipleship is to encounter and develop a deep relationship with Christ by seeking the Father's will, and then acting on it. For the wise steward, the result is tremendous fulfillment and peace in this life. Developing your spiritual life is key to discovering God's will. Begin by reading and reflecting on Scripture for a few minutes each day.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

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

REPORT ABUSE

To make a report or contact the Abuse Hotline:

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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending August 23, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	72		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 4,298.48	(886.52)	(2,097.50)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	67.00	(405.00)	(1,677.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	20.00	(1,653.00)	(9,161.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund		2.00		6.00
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan				5.00
Holy Days: Assumption of Mary		60.00		485.00
CSA 2026 Pledged 48,304.00			CSA Paid \$45,584.00	