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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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 20, 2026

Jerry Gutowski† (4th R.A) req. by Bernadette Gutowski
Walter & Mary Ann Machota† req. by Trish Gadowski
Martin Daryl† req. by Family
Pranas Juska† (Memorial Birthday) req. by Regina Juska-Svoba
Gigi Cooper† req. by Linda & LeRoy Proszkowski
Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Friday 9am to Noon
Closed 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
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For sacramental information or funerals
contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720

National Grandparents Day

September 13th



"There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren."

Pope Francis



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir
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COME PRAY THE ROSARY

Many have joined the Immaculata Rosary Group in praying the rosary at 6:30pm every Monday evening on the Admin Bldg. patio over the summer. The group has chosen to continue to meet on the patio as we move into Autumn.

When the weather changes, the gathering 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.

Choir Rehearsals

**Wednesdays 7pm
Administration
Building**



Please join us to see if this ministry is a fit for you. Reading music is not a prerequisite.

If you've ever considered singing with the choir or have sung in choirs before (or if someone turned around after Mass and said "*you have a lovely voice, you should be in the choir*") prayerfully consider adding your voice to our song of praise. Hope you can join us in seeing what an important, loving and prayerful ministry choir can be.

Blessings,
Jim

PRAISE & WORSHIP
September
23rd
Admin Bldg
Patio
7pm
FOLLOWED BY WINE & CHEESE AFTERGLOW

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community



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

Phyllis Cottrell

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

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have all been the wicked servant. We have denied others the same forgiveness and grace shown to us. This week, let us find new ways to make the love and mercy of God manifest in the lives of those we meet. ©LPi



Pray for

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...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

VACCINE CLINIC SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Kroger pharmacy will be here on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 8:30am to 11:30am to administer vaccines. These will be free of charge, but they still need your insurance card so please bring that with you. Look at your vaccination record so you know which vaccines you need. You can ask the pharmacy you use to print that record if you don't have one. Sign up will be in the back of church September 13 and 20 to assure they bring enough of the vaccines you need. You will be asked to fill out a consent form at that time.

Mayo clinic reports vaccines are safe and effective in preventing illness. The timing of them is planned so the vaccine you are given is before you are exposed to the disease. As always, consult with your physician on his recommendations in your case.

Please bring:

Pharmacy Insurance Card on September 27th.

Let's protect our health and the health of those around you by getting the recommended vaccines.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

COMMUNION

Question: Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7

Question: Sirach encourages us not to hold anger or seek revenge against a neighbor who has wronged us. Can you think of a time when you took this good advice?

2nd Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Question: Paul tells us that Jesus died and rose to life so he might be the Lord of the living and the dead. How do you remain open to Jesus as the Lord of your life?

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Question: In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches Peter the importance of forgiving others from the heart. How do you know your forgiveness of others is sincere?

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**VIRTUES.
EXPLAINED!
CONNECT WITH
TRADITION AND
GROW YOUR FAITH**
Friendliness, Explained!

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking. For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do. It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (Sum., II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 20, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	R Pasiak
Reader #1	T Riley
Reader #2	L Yolkiewicz
EME	M Kairis
EME	J McCown
EME	A Goll
Greeter	M McLaughlin
Greeter	D McLaughlin
Greeter	T Oparka
Greeter	N Oparka

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning September 20, 2026
Bernadette Gutowski

*Tuesday, September 15th is the Feast
Day of Our Lady of Sorrows*

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. Loss of Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary Meeting Jesus on the Way to Calvary
5. Crucifixion
6. Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross
7. The Burial of Jesus



FORGIVING WRONGDOINGS

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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MERCY YOU CAN FEEL

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"You qualify for forgiveness," I heard the woman on the other end of the phone tell me, and I surprised myself by starting to weep.

I had called the hospital system's financial services department to set up a payment plan on a balance I owed after having some unexpected scans and tests. I was hoping to minimize the dent our family's savings took — transform one devastating wallop into a series of more easily absorbed blows, so to speak.

Imagine my surprise when I realized the hospital was pulling its punch. If you have ever had a financial debt forgiven, you know the relief that came over me in that moment.

It wasn't until a little later that the guilt set in. I know so many people who have medical debt. Why was I able to get out of paying, and they were not?

But the cold, hard truth is that I didn't "get out" of anything. My insurance, for which I pay, had given the hospital enough money to cover the true cost of the procedures. That balance would merely have increased the hospital's profit.

Make no mistake: capitalism does not forgive.

If you describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation to someone unfamiliar with theology, chances are they'll think God is a chump. "You get to go in, say you're sorry, and leave — and everything's just fine?" someone once asked me in disbelief.

Well, yeah. That's forgiveness.

Real mercy cannot be budgeted. It must be given recklessly, extravagantly, against all reason. It must cost the giver. It must scandalize any accountant worth his salt. And no one "qualifies."

If I can't wrap my head around the idea, it might mean I'm stuck in a for-profit paradigm of justice. It might just mean that I need to engage more in real mercy. Mercy I can feel.

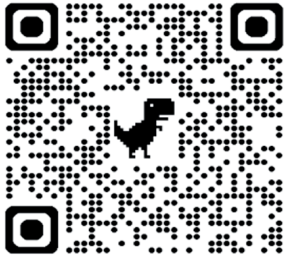
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: True or false: A pope's pontificate begins at their coronation. ©LPi

Answer: False. It begins when they accept the election results.



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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 - 4:30pm
 SUNDAY - 9:00am & 11:00am
 MON., TUES., THURS., FRI. - 7:30am

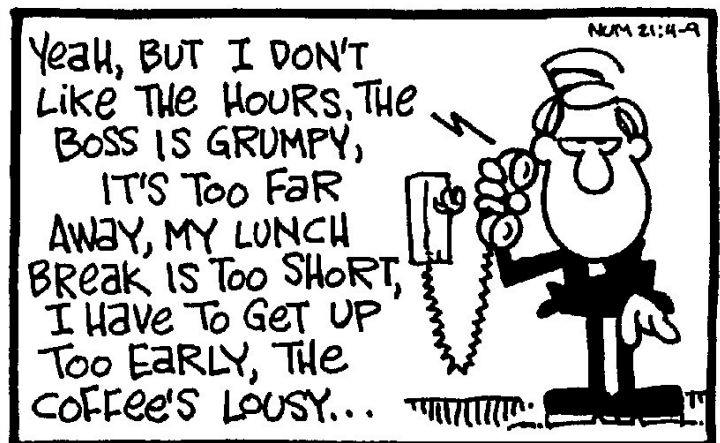
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