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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YOU TOO  
GO INTO MY  
VINEYARD."

— MATTHEW 20:4 —

## 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, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Donna Dietrich† req. by Family

Tony Szeliga† req. by Jeanette Szeliga

Jean Lebioda† (18<sup>th</sup> R.A.) req. by daughter, Jean Szeliga

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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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

Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



### PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - September 27th

Next Sunday, Priesthood Sunday, is a day to honor and thank our priests. To help show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for and ministered to us throughout the years and to help defray the cost of this annual assessment we will be taking a collection for the Priests Retirement Fund, which provides retired priests a monthly pension, and health and automobile insurance.

Envelopes for this collection are at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



October 17, 2026 has been designated as Mercy in Action Day of Service. Parishes in our Archdiocese will engage in corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. Instead of a single day, here at St. Vincent Ferrer, we are extending our charitable collections and works of mercy throughout the month of October instead of a single day. The full schedule of activities will be available next weekend. Below is a list of activities for the weekend of October 3/4.

**Saturday, October 3rd**

Pet Blessing at 10:00am on the Admin Building patio

**Sunday, October 4th**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until Noon, with the rosary being prayed during Adoration at 11:30am.

**Collections October 3 & 4:** peanut butter & jelly  
pet food & supplies

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP &  
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Saturday, September 26th at 9:00am

Faith Formation Office in School



The men's fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday. All men are welcome. No fees or registration are required.



**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, followed by consecration prayers for those who wish to remain. The group has chosen to continue to meet on the patio as we move into Autumn and welcomes others to join them.

As 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.

**VACCINE CLINIC - SEPT. 27TH**

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.

**Sign-up for the vaccine(s) you would like to receive at the table in back of church.**

**Next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> bring:  
Pharmacy Insurance Card**



**Evangelical Service Corner**

**Prayer Blanket and Card Making  
Ministries Meeting**

**Thursday, September 24th - 6-9pm**

Our Prayer Blanket and Decorating Cards for Shut-Ins Ministries will resume on Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 6-9 PM in the church social hall. You don't need a lot of talent, just a willingness to serve others. We need people to decorate squares, arrange squares, and sew squares into blankets. We also need people who can use templates to decorate cards for shut-ins. You don't need to bring anything. We provide all the supplies. Please join us.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The master rewards the latecomers with the same wage as those who labored all day, upsetting the construct of who deserves what – and why. May we never seek to be the judge of what others deserve. May we labor in our vineyard with joy and gratitude.

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but he refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.  
— Father John Muir

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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

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the community. Their kindness provided essential school supplies, community resources, and encouragement to many local families as they prepare for the new school year.

Looking ahead, our next major effort will be our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We aim to collect non-perishable food items so that every family in need in our community can share a warm holiday meal...

Thank you again for your continued support and collaboration.

Best regards,  
Claudia E. Saure

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan



September  
Month of the  
Seven Sorrows  
of Mary

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### LATERAN BASILICA

**Question:** November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

**Answer:** Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter. ©LPi

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Is 55:6-9

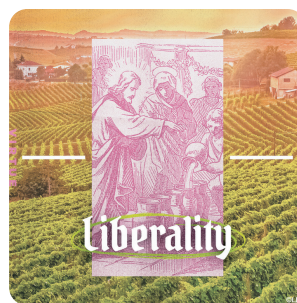
**Question:** Isaiah teaches that while God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our understanding, the Lord is nonetheless near to us. When do you feel closest to God?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

**Question:** As Paul writes to the Philippians from prison, he speaks of his spiritual dilemma of feeling caught between life and death. Who do you turn to for spiritual guidance?

**Gospel:** Mt 20:1-16a

**Question:** In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of Heaven, God's generosity is not always easily understood. Where do you see God's generosity at work among your family or friends? ©LPi



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*Liberality, Explained!*

Jesus told the rich young man that in order to be saved, he must sell all he owned and give the proceeds to the poor. This is the virtue of liberality — giving of one's resources freely and in abundance.

However, the virtue of liberality should be practiced by each person according to his state in life. The rich young man could afford to lose everything — and indeed, was too attached to his wealth. We are all called to give selflessly of what we have, but "we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us," writes St. Paul (Romans 12:6).

Some of us have too much time and have grown idle. Some of us have too much talent and use it only to benefit ourselves. Some of us have too much wealth, and hoard it jealously. Whatever we have too much of will keep us from God. So let's practice liberality, and be generous.

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## MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 27, 2026

| MASS      | 9:00AM        |
|-----------|---------------|
| Sacristan | L Yolkiewicz  |
| Reader #1 | C McCarthy    |
| Reader #2 | R Grant       |
| EME       | T Karolski    |
| EME       | P Allen       |
| EME       | D Gray        |
| Greeter   | M Smith       |
| Greeter   | R Juska-Svoba |
| Greeter   | T Pasiak      |
| Greeter   | R Pasiak      |

**Traveling Chalice Host Beginning September 27, 2026**  
Marge & Duane McLaughlin

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

### COSMAS AND DAMIAN

Feast Day - September 26

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers, who were born in Arabia in the third century to devout Christian parents. They grew up with three other brothers, Anthimus, Euprepus and Leonitis in a town called Aegeae, an ancient city near the Mediterranean Sea. Their father died and early death, and they were raised by their mother. They went to study science and receive medical training in Antioch, Syria, and later returned to their hometown to practice medicine together. They were called the “moneyless ones” because they did not ask for compensation for ministering to their patients.

Cosmas and Damian were faithful men who shared their faith in Christ with their patients as they ministered to their bodily ailments. They prayed with and for their patients. With supernatural skills and grace from God, many of the patient’s healings were considered miracles. This brought them to the attention of Diocletian, the Roman Emperor from 284 to 305AD, who persecuted early Christians. They were captured by Lysias, the Roman Governor.

Ancient Church stories record that they were first cast into the sea with their three brothers, and an angel delivered them safely to shore. Following that, they were burned, stoned and shot with arrows but were unscathed. Eventually they were all beheaded because they would not renounce their faith. They were buried in Cyrrhus, an ancient city in Syria. Centuries later, when, the Christian Roman Emperor Justinian became ill, he prayed to the brothers for a cure. His prayer was answered and in their honor, he enlarged the city of Cyr and the church where they are buried.

Their names can be heard during the celebration of the Mass when a litany of saints is asked for their intercession. They are patrons of pharmacists, physicians, surgeons, dentists, nurses and the blind.

## Observances of the Week

Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday  
 Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; National Migration Week  
 Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest  
 Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs  
 Next Sunday: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

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## CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** John F. Kennedy, the first Catholic American president and member of the Knights of Columbus, established which distinguished volunteer organization?  
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**Answer:** The Peace Corps

## THE WHY

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Sometimes, the Gospel takes everything you think you know about Jesus, throws it in a box, shakes it violently, dumps it on the floor, looks you in the eye and says: “Clean it up.”

And there you are, picking up the pieces, wondering how, after 2,000 years, someone can still keep you guessing.

Today is one of those Gospels. We know Jesus as a champion of the poor. We envision him as a social justice warrior. And now he’s advocating for time theft in the workplace? Make it make sense.

Well, at its heart, today’s Gospel is a story about who gets what. A story about comparison, which we are told is the thief of joy — but without comparison, nothing would ever get done. In this world, wages are set, court cases are settled, international borders are drawn, all by comparing one entity to another and evaluating that comparison to make a judgment.

What this Gospel doesn’t tell us is the “why.” The workers who labored longest in the vineyard feel cheated because those who showed up later earn the same wage. This would be egregious — unless we consider that the only criteria used in the comparison is the length of the work day’s duration. Quality and efficiency of work is never even mentioned. For all we know, those all-day workers could have been standing around fanning themselves, and should feel lucky to get what they did.

“Why” is a question we ask a lot in this life. Why did my dad die? Why did I get cancer? Why did my husband lose his job? As we pick up the pieces of today’s Gospel, we should ask ourselves this: when we know what we know about Who decides who gets what, do we have to know the “why?”

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To make a report or contact the Abuse Hotline:

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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

### Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending September 6, 2026

| Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27                      | Budgeted    | Actual     | Over/Under | YTD         |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants     | 220         | 86         |            |             |
| Offertory                                          | \$ 5,185.00 | \$5,586.27 | 401.27     | (2,469.96)  |
| Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions | 472.00      | 503.00     | 31.00      | (2,007.00)  |
| Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds  | 1,673.00    | 100.00     | (1,573.00) | (12,302.00) |
| Bequests: Free Will                                |             |            |            |             |
| AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund             |             |            |            | 6.00        |
| AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan        |             | 2,100.00   |            | 2,105.00    |
| Holy Days: Assumption and All Saints               |             | 70.00      |            | 584.00      |

### Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending September 13, 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 | 3,788.56 | (1,396.44) | (3,866.40)            |
| Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions | 472.00      | 220.00   | (252.00)   | (2,259.00)            |
| Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds  | 1,673.00    | 111.00   | (1,562.00) | (13,864.00)           |
| Bequests: Free Will                                |             | 61.00    |            | 61.00                 |
| AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund             |             |          |            | 6.00                  |
| AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan        |             | 1,025.00 |            | 3,130.00              |
| Holy Days                                          |             |          |            | 584.00                |
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