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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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, OCTOBER 25, 2026

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Cynthia Vertel (9th R.A.)† req. by Bernadette Gutowski
Donna Dietrich† req. by Family
Phyllis Cottrell† req. by Bernadette Gutowski
Edward Lebioda† (60th R.A.) req. by daughter, Jeanette 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
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Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

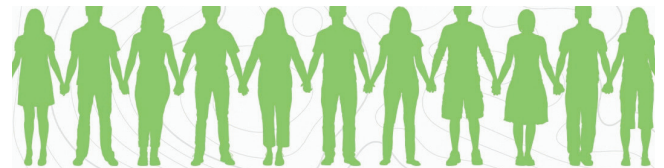
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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OCTOBER 18



In a time where much can divide us
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
invites us to rejoice in our unity
as missionaries by our Baptism!

World Mission Day was first established by Pope Pius XI, beginning in October 1927. This year the Church celebrates the 100th World Mission Day on Sunday, October 18, 2026. As the Church prepares to celebrate this day, Pope Leo XIV calls us to unity in Christ, love, and renewed missionary commitment "with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" in his first World Mission Sunday Message: "One in Christ, united in mission."

"Catholics celebrate by offering prayers, sacrifices, and money to benefit various organizations worldwide."

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Envelopes for the Propagation of the Faith are available at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



Activity	Date	Requested items
Socks & Underwear Collection	October 25	men's white socks men's undershirts (L & XL men's underwear (L & XL)

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP ON RESTRUCTURING...

"We have incorporated your feedback into a second round of draft models, now with two models for each planning area. Some models may be revised, some may be entirely new, and others may remain unchanged from Round 1. In late October, you can view these Round 2 models by visiting restructuring.aod.org.

Once again, these are still draft models. The pastorate groupings are not final. Rather, these models are an opportunity to see how your feedback is helping to shape this important process. I pray you will see in this next round of draft models that we truly listened, took your feedback to heart, and did our best to let it shape where we are today.

In October, these second-round draft models will be shared with our priests and key parish leaders for another round of feedback. From there, the material will go to the Archdiocesan Restructuring Commission for its review and feedback. The proposal will then come to me for my own prayerful discernment before a final plan is announced in April 2027." *Archbishop Edward Weisenberger*

If you did not see the video at Mass, you can read the full context of his letter at: www.stvincentferrer.net



Evangelical Service Corner

Prayer Blanket and Card Making for Shut-ins Ministries Meeting Thursday, October 22nd - 6-9pm

Our Prayer Blanket and Decorating Cards for Shut-Ins Ministries will meet on Thursday, October 22nd, 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.

REGARDING MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass intentions requests are limited to five on our Sunday Mass now. A request for a specific Sunday, must be made in advance. Do not submit a Mass intention donation unless the date has been confirmed at the Parish Office. Otherwise your donation may be returned. Currently, there are no available dates in October or November and just a few openings remaining for Sundays in December.

Mass intention requests for 2027 will not be accepted until mid-December and will be limited.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Saturday, October 24 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.

ROSARY PRAYER CONTINUES ON MONDAY EVENINGS



All are welcome to come and pray the rosary at 6:30pm on Monday evenings followed by consecration prayers for those who wish to remain.

We will be gathering indoors. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

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Observances of the Week

- Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
 Monday: Ss. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara
 Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
 Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope
 Friday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



...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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6

Question: Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire, learns that God plans to use him to rescue his people, Israel. Have you ever felt God has used you to help someone else?

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Question: Paul speaks in gratitude for the faith of the Thessalonians and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst. What are you thankful for this week?

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

Question: The Pharisees and the Herodians are unable to trap Jesus in his words. Do you feel equipped to defend the Faith from others who may challenge you? ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

LORD'S PRAYER

Question: Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God. ©LPi



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Perseverance, Explained!

"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance — these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance is the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us" (Romans 5:4-5).

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 25, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	L Yolkiewicz
Reader #1	C McCarthy
Reader #2	D Gray
EME	R Pasiak
EME	T Pasiak
EME	A Goll
Greeter	M McLaughlin
Greeter	D McLaughlin
Greeter	P Rarus
Greeter	B Gutowski

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning October 25, 2026
Mary Ann Simmons

The Weight of Our Actions

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest--it isn't always so easy as adults either.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Traveling Vocations Chalice

Families and individuals are needed to host the Traveling Vocations Chalice for a one week commitment. Prayers are included with the chalice.

Please sign up at the table outside the chapel wall near the Herbert Street entrance.



WHOSE IMAGE WE BEAR

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In writing this column, I spent a lot of time mulling over a strange question: if I had a coin with Caesar's face on it, could I use it to pay for my morning coffee?

Ancient Roman artifacts are worth a lot of money, but I have no idea how to appraise the artifacts and convert that worth to cash. I doubt my local barista does, either.

Out of curiosity, I Googled it. Apparently, the value depends a lot on the emperor. If we're talking about a marquee name like Julius Caesar, a coin will go for thousands of dollars. But let's say it's a shekel from Emperor Geta, some third-century failure who got murdered by his brother. You can get his coin for less than \$200.

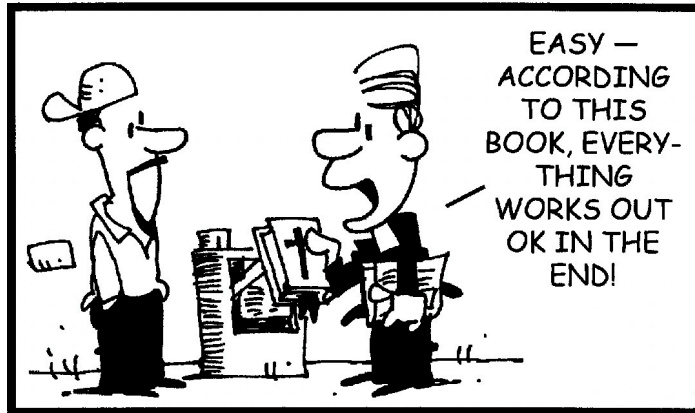
It matters, apparently, whose face you're stamped with. We are all only as good as the image we bear.

When Christ said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God," he was talking about faithful citizenship and faithful discipleship. He was talking about the omnipotence of God over any political movement or historical era.

But he was also talking about our worth. Where it comes from, what it means, how long it will last. He was talking about whose image we bear.

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FAMILIES OF PARISHES

MASS SCHEDULE

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 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 am
MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30am

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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending October 11, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	83		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 4,894.28	(290.72)	(6,729.48)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	430.00	(42.00)	(2,971.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	246.00	(1,427.00)	(11,232.00)
Bequests: Free Will		56.00		430.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund		100.00		1,125.00
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Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls		75.00		714.00
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