

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME TO THE FEAST.

— MATTHEW 22:4 —



ST. VINCENT FERRER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

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 18, 2026

Pina Tosto† req. by Virga Family

Martin Daryl† req. by Family

Richard McCarthy† req. by Corrine McCarthy

Elena Maulding† (41st R.A.) req. by Regina Juska-Svoba

Gene Bosetti† req. by Oparka Family

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

Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next 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



*Twenty-Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

— Father John Muir

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MERCY IN ACTION MONTH



Activity	Date	Requested items
Sandwich Making	October 17 10am - Admin bldg. hall	volunteer sign up
Halloween Candy Collection	October 18	bags of individually wrapped candy
Men's Socks & Underwear Collection	October 18 & 25	men's white socks men's undershirts (L & XL) men's underwear (L & XL)



...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

Women's Sacred Journey

The group **will not** meet for scripture study on October 17th, as members will be making sandwiches for the homeless that morning.



Society for the Propagation of the Faith COLLECTION - Oct. 18

This annual collection is an effort of the entire Church to help dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young or actively persecuted. As Catholics, we are called not only to pray for and fund missions, but also to become missionaries, evangelizing others in our daily lives.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith envelopes can be found at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



Observances of the Week

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
 Wednesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
 Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
 Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday ©LPi

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 in them.

As the weather changes, the gathering will move from the patio to the Admin dining hall or the Faith Formation Office in the school. Until then, please bring a chair. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10a

Question: Isaiah speaks of the Lord's lavish future blessings upon all nations and peoples. How should we, as believers, best prepare for God's future blessings?

2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Question: Paul sees that the key to peace of mind in all of life's circumstances is to be "empowered" by Christ Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus strengthen you?

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Question: In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, Jesus teaches that all who are invited to God's banquet are to be fully open and prepared. What are some spiritual exercises you practice to remain prepared for God's work in your life?

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God Will Provide

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the Washington Post who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

-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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

GOD IN DAILY LIFE

Question: How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer: Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

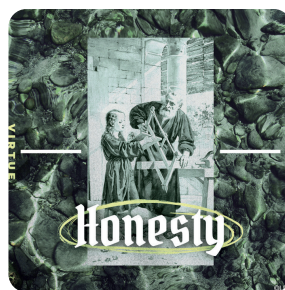
One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives! ©LPi

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.

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**VIRTUES,
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Honesty, Explained!

If the question were posed: "Who is God?" a variety of answers could be given, and more than one could be correct.

The most succinct, however, would be this: God is truth.

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," Jesus tells his disciples (John 14:6). The pursuit of truth, he further instructs, will set them free (John 8:32) from the original untruth uttered and embraced in Eden.

If God is truth, he is honored by truthfulness. Untruthfulness, not surprisingly, is synonymous with disorder and broken relationships among mankind — Eden's everlasting legacy. The virtue of honesty, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, is "a kind of spiritual beauty" which measures the degree to which we honor one another in how we live truthfully (Sum. II:II, 145, Art 1-4).

Honesty is something that must be known interiorly in order to be visible exteriorly: "Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your Truth" (Psalm 86:11). ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 18, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	C McCarthy
Reader #1	A Goll
Reader #2	L Yolkiewicz
EME	M Kairis
EME	J McCown
EME	A Goll
Greeter	M Simmons
Greeter	L Collins
Greeter	B Turchin
Greeter	R Juska-Svoba

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning October 18, 2026
Bernie Turchin

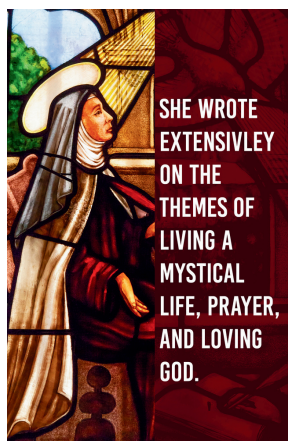
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**FEAST
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THE KING OF REJECTED MEALS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“She was the Queen of Rejected Meals.”

That’s what I want it to say on my tombstone. Etched in marble, deeply, so the wind and rain of a thousand years can never erase it.

Humor, you see, masks my despair. I’m sure many of you know the feeling of sweating over a hot stove for an hour to create a dish that a small, picky eater will push away, lips curled with disgust.

We’ve all made a feast no one wanted to come to.

It strikes me that “King of Rejected Meals” is an epithet which could likewise be scrawled on the empty tomb. Don’t mistake me — I’m not comparing myself to Christ! (And I’m definitely not comparing my sub-par beef-and-zucchini casserole to the Eucharist, the food of life.)

I’m just saying that a lot of evenings, when I’m clearing plates from the table, I wonder why I even bother. I wonder why I don’t just give in and let the kids eat potato chips and KitKats for every meal like they want.

Why don’t I? Well, mom guilt, for starters. But it’s more than that, really. It’s the certainty I have, underneath the resentment, that my efforts aren’t in vain, despite all evidence to the contrary.

Hope springs eternal, you see. How can we Christians help but be optimistic? We have been welcomed to a feast laid for others. We find our salvation in the ultimate rejected meal, in recognizing what true nourishment looks and feels and tastes like, even — especially! — when the rest of the world does not.

Maybe one day my kids will eat grilled chicken willingly. Who knows? Miracles happen every day.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the body-length white liturgical robe priests wear during Mass?

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Answer: An alb



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

REPORT ABUSE

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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending October 4, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220			
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 4,902.27	(282.73)	(6,438.76)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	503.00	31.00	(2,929.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	*8,923.00	7,250.00	(9,805.00)
Bequests: Free Will		54.00		374.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund		152.00		1,025.00
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan				
Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls		40.00		639.00
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