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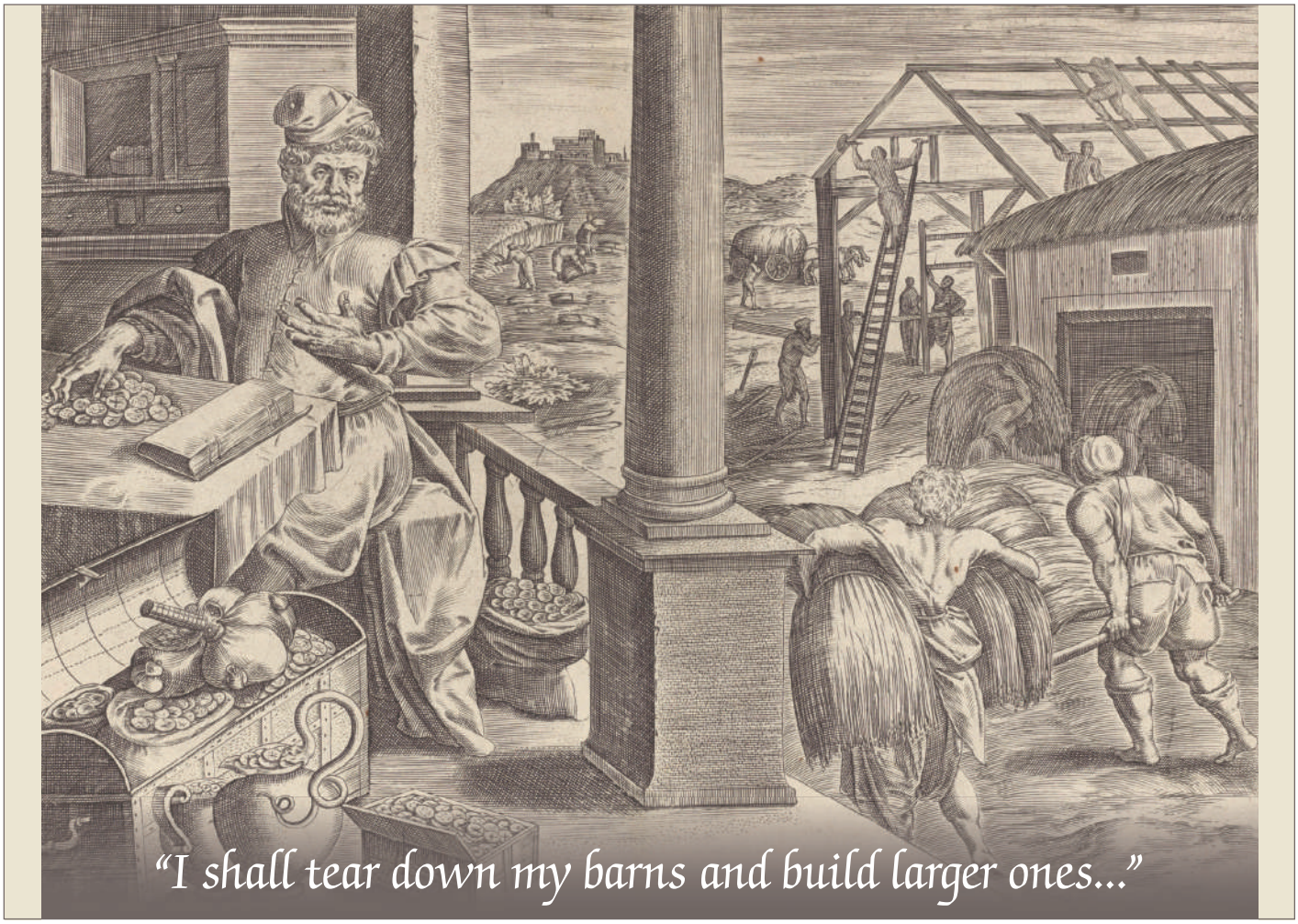

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Antonius Peter Gopaul

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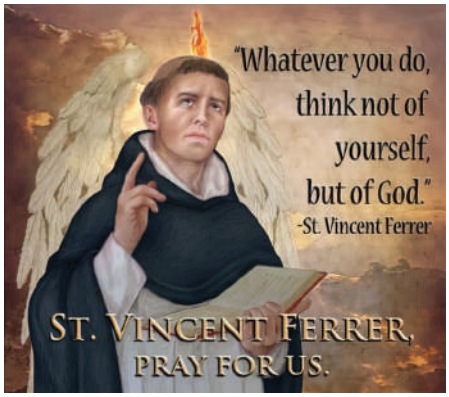

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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18th Week in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, August 2nd **5:00 p.m.**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cecilia L. Wong — In Memoriam – 21st Anniversary
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, August 3rd **8:00 a.m.**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Therese Ancion — In Memoriam
Requested by The Ancion Family

11:00 a.m.
Rev. Father Antonius P. Gopaul
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Alice Calabrese
Ingrid Addison — Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Rev. Father Antonius P. Gopaul

Monday, August 4th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint John Vianney, Priest
Joyce Muzaf Naisr — In Memoriam
Requested by Michelle Nasir

Tuesday, August 5th **9:00 a.m.**
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Joan Brookes — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul and Family

Wednesday, August 6th **9:00 a.m.**
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Ronald Almonor — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Germaine Bellamy

Thursday, August 7th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Sixtus, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
Saint Cajetan, Priest
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Ermin Neal — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Antonius P. Gopaul and Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Friday, August 8th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Dominic, Priest
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Nesly Marvin Lubin — In Memoriam
Requested by Yvette Lubin and Family

Saturday, August 9th **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Novena in Honor of The Feast of the Assumption
Phyllis and Keiron Alleyne
— 10th Wedding Anniversary Blessings

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Vincent Ferrer Parish Staff and Volunteers
Thanksgiving and Blessings

Altar Flowers
Jean Souffrant — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
The Sick and Homebound of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish
— Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Michael James Sannuto — Blessings and Healing
Requested by James Bambara

Mary's Chapel
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam

Annunciation Chapel
Marc Jean — In Memoriam

MASS INTENTIONS

THE MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2025

We encourage you to honor and/or memorialize a loved one, living or deceased, with a Mass, a gift of bread and wine, sanctuary candle, altar candle, chapel candle or altar flowers.

Requests must be submitted on or before the Friday, two weeks before the desired date.

Place your request together with your name and phone number, in a sealed envelope in the offering basket.

Please make a $20 donation with each request.

WITH OUR THANKS

The **Ministry of Mercy** sincerely thanks you for your support of the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on July 26. We are also truly grateful for your patience and your understanding regarding the site mix-up. This has been a valuable lesson for the future. Despite the inconvenience we had a great time together. God bless you all!

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Luke 12:13-21.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator? How often do I judge others? How can I begin to view my brothers and sister with love rather than judgment?

Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry! What do my possessions and budget say about my priorities? How do I show gratitude for God's abundant care for me?

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God. What are my treasures? What matters to God?

Closing Prayer

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

(From Psalm 90)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 3
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21
Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord (Ps): set your heart on what will last forever (2). We only fool ourselves (1) if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord" (3).

Monday, August 4
Numbers 11:4b-15 Psalm 81:12-17
Matthew 14:13-21
Moses grows impatient with the Lord (1) when the Israelites grow hard of heart (Ps). Jesus feeds the hungry crowd with five loaves and two fish (2).

Tuesday, August 5
Numbers 12:1-13 Psalm 51:1, 3-7, 12-13
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Aaron asks to be forgiven (Ps) for not trusting God's servant, Moses. Peter fails to place trust and faith in Jesus (2a). It is that which comes from within that defiles. (2b).

Wednesday, August 6
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28b-36
Transfigured in glory (3), the Son of Man has received kingship and dominion (1, Ps). He will come again in glory (2).

Thursday, August 7
Numbers 20:1-13 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Matthew 16:13-23
In the desert of Zin, water gushed forth for the children of Israel (1) who tested the Lord through they had seen his works (Ps). You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church (2).

Friday, August 8
Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Psalm 77:12-16, 21
Matthew 16:24-28
What god is like our God (Ps)? God alone is to be worshiped (1). The conditions of discipleship are revealed by Jesus (2).

Saturday, August 9
Deuteronomy 6:4-13 Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
Matthew 17:14-20
Love the Lord your God (Ps) with all your heart (1). If your faith and trust are strong enough, nothing is impossible (2).

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Scripture Reflection

What Matters to God?

Jesus was a master storyteller. As he shares the parable of the rich fool in today's Gospel, we might imagine his original hearers leaning forward in anticipation as the story builds to its powerful peak: This very night your life will be taken from you! A collective gasp. But wait. The disciples (and we) are left wondering—is it not important to save for a rainy day?

Viewing this parable through a wider lens, we realize that it is situated within the whole of Luke chapter 12. Immediately following this story, Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life. . . . For life is more than food and the body more than clothing" (Luke 12:22). Indeed, today's parable ends with the same exhortation: Set your sights on what matters to God.

Again and again throughout Scripture, we hear that, while earthly goods are necessary, we are called to focus outside of ourselves. Indeed, our hearts follow where we put our time and energy. Are we more concerned with "getting what's mine" than with ensuring that everyone has a piece? Are we rich in money, or privilege, or status but lacking in compassion, or gratitude, or love?

Following Christ means striving to live in such abundant freedom and generosity that when death inevitably arrives on our doorstep, we will greet him with the peace that comes from knowing that our lives have been rich in what matters to God.

— Heidi Busse

Heidi Busse is the editor of Give Us This Day.

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025			
	Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
	August 9	August 10	August 10
Lector # 1	Cynthia	Carolle	Donald
Lector # 2	Lancine	Anna	Gloria
	August 16	August 17	August 17
Lector # 1	Aiden	Daisy	Charmaine
Lector # 2	Alana	Carolle	Lydia
	August 23	August 24	August 24
Lector # 1	Jocelynne	Lancine	Elaine
Lector # 2	Cynthia	Anna	Geralda
	August 30	August 31	August 31
Lector # 1	Alison	Daisy	Donald
Lector # 2	Fritz	Carolle	Charmaine
	September 6	September 7	September 7
Lector # 1	Aiden	Jared	Geralda
Lector # 2	Alana	Jeri	Elaine

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025		
Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
August 9	August 10	August 10
Pat/Mary	Claudia	Marie-Rosa
August 16	August 17	August 17
Jocelyne	Camille/Brenda	Charmaine
August 23	August 24	August 24
Doris	Roxanne	Gloria

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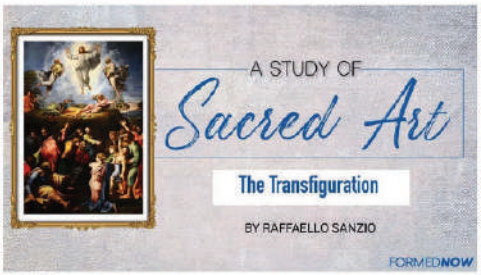
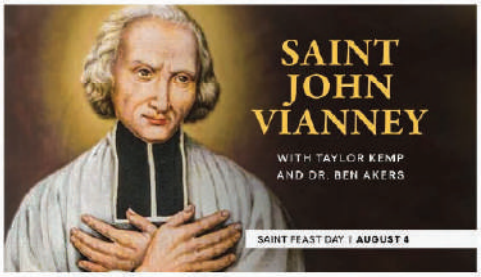


The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today

Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord



Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests

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The Parable of the Rich Fool

A man and his brother were arguing about money. Jesus told them, "Don't be greedy."

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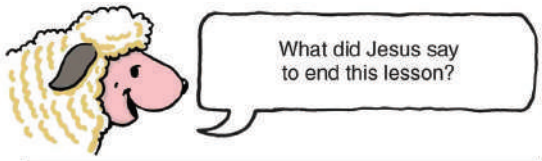

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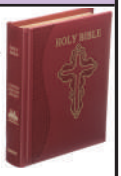

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