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OCTOBER 4, 2026 – FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI — 800TH ANNIVERSARY — 1226/2026

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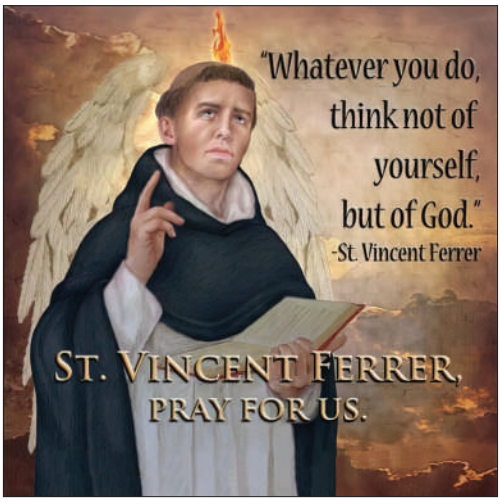

MASS SCHEDULE

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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Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3 **5:00 p.m.**
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Margaret and James Feron — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Sunday, October 4 **8:00 a.m.**
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam

11:00 a.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish — Blessings
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
Requested by the Ford and _____ Families
Marie Adams, George, Wingard and Jazna Jean
— Blessings and Thanksgiving
Nyketha Lyken — In Memoriam
Requested by The School of Religion

Monday, October 5 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Thomas Galatola — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Tuesday, October 6 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Bruno, Priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
All Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Wednesday, October 7 **9:00 a.m.**
Our Lady of the Rosary
All Religious, Lay Teachers and Staff Who Served at
Saint Vincent Ferrer School

Thursday, October 8 **9:00 a.m.**
All Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them

Friday, October 9 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Phyllis and Anthony Harris
— Blessings and Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 10 **9:00 a.m.**
All the Souls in Purgatory

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Candle
Sheila Scope — Blessings and Healing

Bread and Wine
Judith Gullap — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Saint Joseph Candle
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING AND TRAINING OCTOBER 18 AND 25

There will be a meeting and training session for **ALL Altar Servers** on two consecutive Sundays:

October 18 and October 25
following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Please make every effort to attend.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

In preparation for the new Liturgical Year, there will be a meeting of all liturgical ministries: Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Music, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ministers of Welcome
on

Saturday, October 17, 2026
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Please make every effort to attend.

Scripture Reflection

To the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family:

"Our Sister Death", exclaimed Saint Francis on 3 October 1226 in Porziuncola, as he went towards her as a man finally at peace. Eight centuries have passed since the death of the Poverello of Assisi, who wrote the word of Christ's salvation indelibly in the hearts of the people of his time.

In commemorating the significant anniversary of the eighth centenary of his passing, I wish to join spiritually with the entire Franciscan Family and with all those who will take part in the commemorative events, hoping that the message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today.

At the beginning of his evangelical life, he heard a call: "The Lord revealed to me that we should say this greeting: "May the Lord give you peace"[1]. With these essential words, he conveys to his friars and to every believer the inner wonder that the Gospel had brought into his life: peace is the sum of all God's gifts, a gift that comes from above. What an illusion it would be to think that it can be built by human efforts alone! And yet it is an active gift, to be welcomed and lived every day[2].

It is the same greeting that, on the evening of Easter, the Risen Lord addresses to his disciples, afraid and locked in the Upper Room: "Peace be with you" [3]. It is not a formula of courtesy, but the certain proclamation of Christ's victory over death. Like the voice of the Angels on Christmas night – "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those whom he loves" [4] – so the peace that the Seraphic Father proclaims is the peace that Christ himself made resound between heaven and earth.

In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.

The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister", who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbour, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer.

In this Year of Grace, I wish to offer you a prayer that Saint Francis of Assisi may continue to instill in all of us perfect joy and harmony:

Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.

Amen

With these sentiments, I express my fervent wishes for good, especially for all of you who follow the charism of the Poverello of Assisi and for those who will commemorate the anniversary of his dies natalis in various ways, while I cordially impart my desired Apostolic Blessing.

[1] Testament 23.
[2] Cf. Pope Leo XIV, Address to the Diplomatic Corps, 16 May 2025.
[3] Jn 20:19.
[4] Lk 2:14.

— Letter of the Holy Father Leo XIV to the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family on the occasion of the opening of the Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, January 7, 2026

Daily readings for the 27th Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 4
Micah 6:6-8
Psalm 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11
Galatians 6:14-18
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday, October 5
Galatians 1:6-12
Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6
Galatians 1:13-24
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7
Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14
Psalm 117:1bc, 2
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8
Galatians 3:1-5
(Psalm) Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 9
Galatians 3:7-14
Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10
Galatians 3:22-29
Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Luke 11:27-28

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VIRTUS TRAINING UPDATE

Dear Parish Ministers and Volunteers:

Thank you for being active members of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish. We are especially grateful that you volunteer your time and talent in service to God.

In compliance with Diocesan and State regulations, all parish ministers and volunteers are required to complete an annual online Virtus refresher. This year's module is, "Protecting God's Children from Maltreatment 4.1". It was e-mailed to your Virtus account.

You can either visit Virtusonline.org to complete the module online, or you can attend any of the online presentations sponsored by the Parish.

Thank you again for all that you do for Saint Vincent Ferrer!

Nine Things to Know About Saint Francis of Assisi

1. Francis of Assisi was born in Italy in 1181 or 1182. His baptismal name was John, but he was called Francis because his father was away on a merchant trip to France when he was born.

2. Francis, a wild young man, was captured by the Perugian army after Assisi lost a battle to Perugia. He was imprisoned for a year, and after his release his slow conversion began. The final moment of his turning to Christ came when he met a leper on the road, gave him alms, and kissed him.

3. While praying in the Church of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Rebuild my church." Francis began using his father's own resources to repair the ruined San Damiano with his own hands. His irreligious father, in anger, imprisoned and beat him horribly, but finally Guido, the bishop of Assisi, arbitrated the dispute. When Francis' father disinherited Francis, and Guido commanded Francis to return his father's property, Francis took the very clothes from his back, handed them to his father, and renounced wealth forever.

4. Francis became a sort of hermit without any property of his own. Admiring men began to follow him, and soon he had a community of brethren centered on the chapel of the Portiuncula, a gift from the Benedictines (which Francis had also rebuilt with his own hands).

5. St. Clare joined Francis in the quest for ultimate poverty, and with other holy women formed the Second Order of St. Francis, or the "Poor Clares." Clare and Francis were lifelong friends.

6. As the order was beginning to prosper, Francis made three attempts to travel to Muslim territory and preach the Gospel. His first journey to Syria ended in shipwreck, and he had to stow away on a ship back to Italy.

His second journey ended in illness, but on the third he landed in Egypt with 12 friars. The crusaders told him he would surely be killed, but Francis, unafraid, marched straight into the Muslim camp and spoke with the sultan. Francis told Malek al-Kamil: "I am sent not by men but by the most high God, to show you and your people the way of salvation by announcing to you the truths of the gospel." Francis did not convert the sultan, nor did he obtain the martyrdom he was seeking, but he certainly inspired Muslim and crusader alike.

7. Francis received the stigmata, or the wounds of Christ in his own body, in 1224.

8. Wracked by pain from his holy wounds and extremely ill, Francis composed the famous "Canticle of the Sun" and died in 1226.

9. Though Francis asked to be buried in a cemetery for criminals, the pope commanded that a basilica be built at the Colle dell'Inferno and Francis buried inside. Gregory IX, who had helped establish the Rule of St. Francis and had defended Francis in his poverty, canonized him in 1228, less than two years after his death.

—Andrew Winter,
Southern Nebraska Register, October 3, 2025

Annual Catholic Appeal 2026
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As disciples of Jesus at we are called not only to support our parish but also to share in the mission of the wider Church. When one part of the body is missing, the whole body is affected. In the same way, your participation in this Appeal—above and beyond your regular Sunday offering—helps our parish fulfill Christ's mission while keeping us connected to the larger Catholic community.

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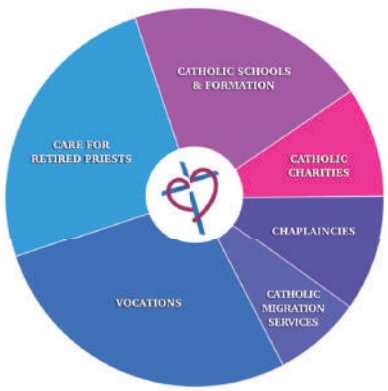

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FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI — 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said, "Come to me."

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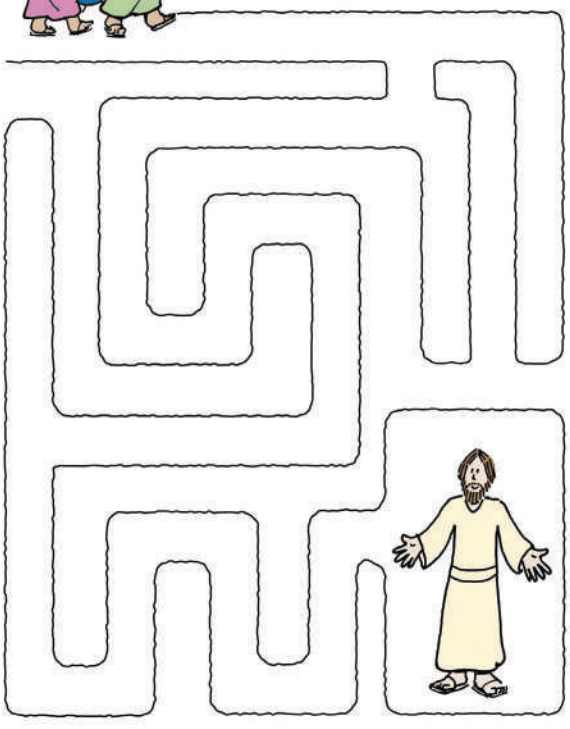

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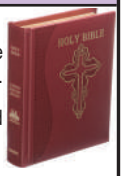

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