

MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY



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Palm Sunday (March 23 and 24, 2024)

St. Maria Goretti	Devon	Saturday evening: 5:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	11:30 AM

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper (March 28, 2024)

Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	5:00 PM and Adoration until 8:00 PM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	7:00 PM and Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord (March 29, 2024)

Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	11:00 AM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	3:00 PM

Blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday March 30, 2024

St. Maria Goretti	Devon	1:00 PM
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Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday March 30, 2024

St. Maria Goretti	Devon	8:00 PM
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Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024)

Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	11:30 AM

Please note: INCENSE WILL BE USED AT HOLY THURSDAY AND EASTER VIGIL MASSES

Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

1st Reading: Isaiah 50, 4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2, 6-11

Gospel: Mark 11, 1-10

Hosanna! To the Suffering Christ!

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9–10

Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives.

As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man Who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him. (mycatholiclife.com)

Please remember to Fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.

Bring bell to Church to ring during Gloria on Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29 and concludes Saturday, April 6. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Some copies of this novena are available at the foyer.

Alternatively, the novena can also be accessed online at

<https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/divine-mercy-novena.pdf>

St. Maria Goretti Parish will host a Divine Mercy Service - APRIL 7, 2024 following the 11:30 Mass

All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.

"It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But I must!" Pope Francis
Following the Divine Mercy Service, please join us for light luncheon provided by the St. Maria Goretti Catholic Women's League

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

The Passion of our Lord Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

WE INVITE YOU TO
PARTICIPATE IN A 12-HOUR
**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

STARTING WITH MASS AT
9AM AND ENDING AT
9PM

GUIDED MEDITATION
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
EACH HOUR.



St. Michael Catholic Parish 5105-45A Street Leduc, AB

St. Maria Goretti Parish - Altar Server and Sacristan Rehearsal - Wednesday March 27 at 6 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date	Intention
23 Sat	Maureen Savoie Personal Intentions
24 Sun	Donna Hill - Health
27 Wed	Rest of the Soul of Harold Fell R.I.P.
28 Thu	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Jennifer Kondra
31 Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthdays of Rochelle Rosette and Mapy Rosales

YOUCAT Study Group

The YOUCAT is the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although written for the youth, it is relevant for all to study and learn from. It has a different format from the Catechism of the Catholic Church as it clusters various passages from the catechism and poses them as a question. The four major parts include: What We Believe, How We Celebrate the Christian Mysteries, How We Are to Have Life in Christ, How We Should Pray.

The next YOUCAT Study Group will meet on **Friday, April 12 at 9:45 am** at St. Maria Goretti Parish; following the morning Mass This group is sponsored by the Catholic Woman's League and as our Spiritual Advisor, Father Luan will be with us.

All parishioners from all parishes are welcomed to attend.

Our Lady of Victory

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GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION Called to Serve the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

In Canada, the Good Friday collection is designated for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land. Your gift to *Together We Serve* on Good Friday and all year-long helps to guard over 50 shrines in the Holy Land and support 180,000 Christians who bear witness to the **Resurrection of Christ.**

Easter Flower Sale

The Devon CWL is holding an Easter Flower Sale to help make our church beautiful for Easter. Potted flowers are \$20.00 each. Please see the order forms for complete details. Deadline for orders is March 24th

A Blessing for Easter Baskets



Holy Saturday at 1:00 pm
St. Maria Goretti - Devon

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Guideline for Fasting and Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and during Lent

Roman Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and Good Friday, March 29, 2024. *Additionally, they must abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.*

Ash Wednesday is one of two yearly days of obligatory fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics, along with Good Friday. According to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the norms of fasting are obligatory from age **18 until age 59.**

Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but they are not to equal that of a full meal.

The rule of abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics aged **14 and onwards.**

For those outside the age limits, Canon Law notes that "Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance."

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