

MARCH 28 - 31, 2024

TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY



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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 remember to Fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.

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

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

Dear brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord:

We believe in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, buried and on the third day He rose from the dead. We have spent the last 40 days in Lent preparing spiritually for the Triduum, the three high Holy days: **Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday Easter Vigil anticipating Easter Sunday.**

Our Catholic Christian faith is rich in tradition, heritage, celebration, and symbol. Our God is fully human and divine. God is near to us, present in each of us and so transcendent, present beyond and at a distance. God is love and mercy. He conquered sin and death to set us free from both sin and death. We do not need to wait until we die to be transformed with a new body. On this side of the grave, long before we suffer biological death we find our ways to live in darkness and dwell in our cold dark and damp tombs through hatred, arrogance, self-righteous, prejudice and so on. We all sin and fall short. We all are blind and need to see as God sees, feel as God feels and forgive as God forgives even on those who executed His Son. We are free to prefer the darkness or free to prefer as St. Benedict preached: "Prefer nothing to Christ"

I pray this Easter you see yourselves as God sees you: as preferring nothing to Christ, when you fast, pray and give alms to the poor; when you die to self; when you see the face of Jesus in others because you are very mindful of the face of Jesus in yourself. No one wants to live in the tomb, we are made for life. Thank you all of you for the many ways you give me, our parishes and the world life through the unique, compassionate ways you die to self for others in imitation of Christ

I also take this opportunity to thank you all for the success of our Lenten and Easter celebration. Most especially, I thank those who beautify arrange the house of God, those who provided flowers, those in the liturgy ministry, music ministry, YouCat study group, Catholic Women League, Knight of Columbus members, lectors, greeters, extraordinary ministers, information technology and altar servers. Keep up the good work and God would surely give you more love and talents to serve His Church.

Happy Easter and blessings upon you always

Yours in Christ

Fr. Luan Vu

Easter – March 31, 2024

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

There is no day on which it is easier to preach on the victory of life than today, the Feast of Life, the Feast of Christ's victory over death. Easter makes it clear that being "pro-life" is not something that flows primarily from any political or ideological loyalty, nor simply from a cause, plan, project, or organization. Being pro-life, and all its other manifestations and activities, flow from what happened on Easter. Christ did not only conquer his death; he overturned the entire kingdom of death!

On Easter, we do not come to Church simply to congratulate Jesus for rising from the dead. We come to celebrate the fact that we share that victory. We too, by living and dying in him, will rise in him on the last day.

But this victory is also about today, because we share his risen life now. If we share his life, we are "an Easter people," or as Evangelium Vitae says, "the People of Life." This means that we proclaim this victory of life, and stand strongly against all the forces in our society that eclipse or destroy the value of life – foremost among them all being abortion. We stand before these forces, not intimidated, hesitant, or unsure of our ability to overcome them. Instead, we stand before them in strength, declaring that they no longer have any ground to stand on, nor any place in our midst. Christ is Risen! On this day we preach with all the vigor and conviction that the Gospel inspires, and send our people forth to apply the Easter victory of Christ to every segment of society!



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



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.**

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
31	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthdays of Rochelle Rosette and Mapy Rosales
1	Mon	For all the Priests, Religious and Missionaries
2	Tue	Donna Hill - Health and Healing
4	Thu	In honour of the Holy Spirit
6	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
7	Sun	Savoie and Schumacher Families - Living & Deceased

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.

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.