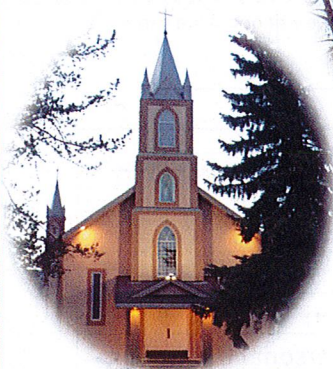


# OCTOBER 26, 2025

## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

<https://olvthorsby.wordpress.com/>



### Tri - Parish Contact Information

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

Pastor: **Rev. Luan Vu**

Pastor's E-mail: Luan.Vu@caedm.ca

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Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton—<https://www.caedm.ca>

### OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

#### Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

#### Weekday Mass

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
by appointment.

### ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:30 am

#### Weekday Masses

Wed. & Fri. Rosary: 8:40 am

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

Adoration: Friday 9:30 to 10:00 am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday half an hour before Mass  
or any day by appointment.

### ST MARGARET MARY PARISH

#### Weekend Mass

Rosary at 9:45 am

Sunday Mass: 10:15 am

#### Weekday Mass

Tuesday: 10:30 am

Adoration: 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
by appointment.

### Cemetery Contacts:

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby: Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779

St Francis: Ed Naprawa - 780.789.2195 and/or George Cygan 780 918 3412

St Charles: Clem Coffey - 780.696.2221 and/or Barry Gidosh 780 910 1003

Holy Trinity - Nisku: Gerry Chamulka 780.955.8048

St. Margaret Mary - Calmar: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 and/or Cheryl Hancar 780-980-3046



**MISSION STATEMENT**

Radiating Christ's message of love and hope in the daily celebration of the Eucharist and incorporating it in our family life.

**PPC Chair:** Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417

**Finance Chair:** Matthew Yarmuch 780-987-5470

**Liturgy:** Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487

**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
25	Sat	Repose of the Souls of he Blanchette Family members
		Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
26	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Sarah Blanchette
27	Mon	St. Anthony / Divine Mercy / Holy Trinity
28	Tue	For the well-being of the Blanchette Family members
29	Wed	Marcel & Mardelle Blanchette Family Members - Personal Intentions
30	Thu	Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
31	Fri	Diana Vargas - Improved Health and Personal Intentions
1	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, living & deceased
		Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
2	Sun	Repose of the Soul of David Borle R.I.P.

**Operation Christmas Child 2025**

Commencing this weekend, empty shoeboxes will be available in the church foyer.

Please take one (or more), fill it with love and special items and  
**return it to the church no later than November 16th.**



**NOTE:** Starting this year some countries have disallowed soap  
so please **no soap items** in the boxes



For Ideas, frequently asked questions, as well as items that must **not** be included, click and scroll:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/suggested-gifts>

May you be richly blessed for your kindness and generosity.

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



PPC Chair: Ernest Jablonski 780-789-2363 Finance Chair: Mary Jablonski 780-789-2363

## **TRI-PARISH NEWS**

### **How Catholics can get 8 plenary indulgences during the first week of November**

From 12 noon on 1 November until midnight on 2 November one plenary indulgence (applicable only to the Holy Souls) may be gained by visiting a church or oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed there.

Conditions for gaining a plenary indulgence:

- Go to Confession (in the week preceding or the week following 1 November)
- Receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day if you can get to Mass)
- Pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father, and Hail Mary or any other prayer of one's choice). *The Pope's prayer intention for November 2025 is for the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.*
- One should have the desire to be detached from every attraction to sin, even the slightest.

#### **1 - 8 November**

The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, may gain a plenary indulgence (applicable only to the Holy Souls) once per day from 1 to 8 November.

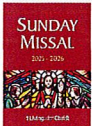
The above conditions regarding Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions apply also for this.

#### **What is an Indulgence?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead. (CCC 1471)

***V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.***

***R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.***



**2026 Missals are now available**

***\$7 each - located at the Foyer of the Church***



**St. Margaret Mary Parish** 5120 50 Ave, Calmar, AB

PPC Chair: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 Finance Chair: Bonnie Thomas 780-910-6312



## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 26, 2025

1st Reading: Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18, 9-14

### Humility in Prayer

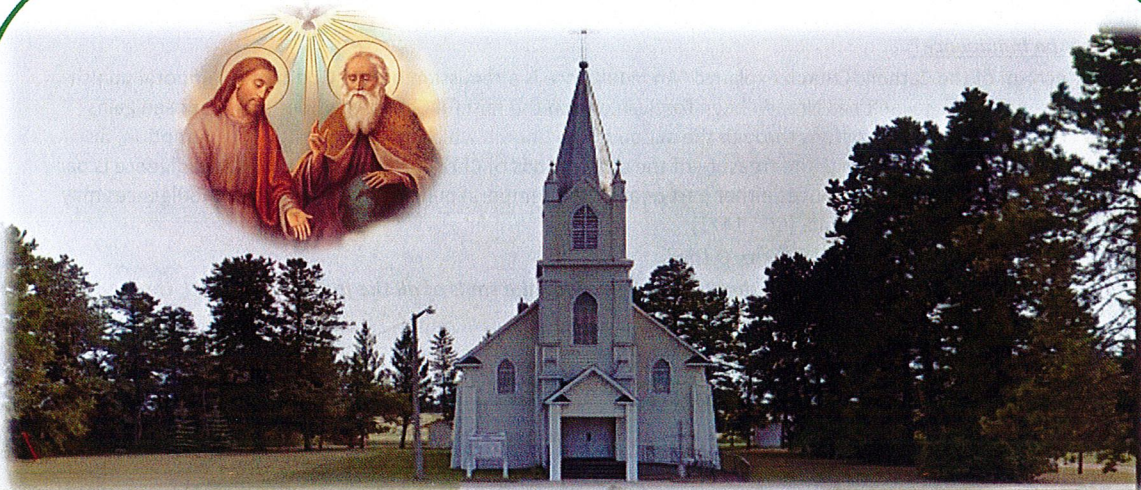
*"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector.'" Luke 18:10-11*

What a sad prayer. Of course, it wasn't even a prayer to God since the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself." The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector "stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God's grace. Truth be told, he wasn't worthy of it. That's why God's grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn't deserve mercy but begs for God's grace as an act of God's mercy.

When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn't mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit.

When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that, because of your sins, you are unworthy of God's mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness. (mycatholiclife.com)



**Holy Trinity Parish - 25521 Hwy 19, Nisku**

**All Saints Day Mass - Saturday November 1 at 11:00 am**

**Followed by the Blessing of the Graves**

**Everyone Welcome!**