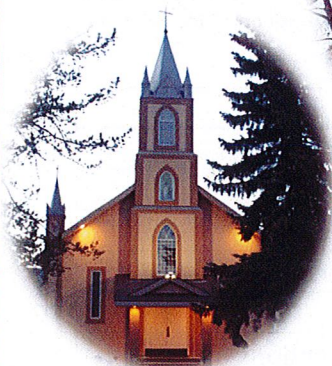


OCTOBER 12, 2025

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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



Tri - Parish Contact Information

8 St. Clair St. Devon, AB T9G 1J3
Phone: (780) 987-2858 Fax: (780) 987-2837
Parish E-mail : dcc2006@telus.net
www.smgparish.ca



St. Margaret Mary Parish

Pastor: Rev. Luan Vu

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

Office Hours: Mon - Wed & Fri 9:00am - 3:00pm (Thursday - CLOSED)

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

The office will be closed on Monday October 13 and Friday October 17

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
11	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Laurier Blanchette
12	Sun	Bill Bates - Health and Personal Intentions
13	Mon	Repose of the Souls of the Friends of the Blanchette Family
14	Tue	Bill and Gloria Sirski-Bates - Health & Personal Intentions
15	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Jack Boser R.I.P.
16	Thu	Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
17	Fri	Catherine Kroetch - Personal Intentions
18	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Jack Boser R.I.P.
19	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Juliette Belanger

The Carmelite Sisters celebrate a feast day on October 15, 2025

They would like fish and chips, which will be purchased at a local restaurant. Monetary donations would be welcome! If someone would like to make a dessert, great! Donations will be accepted after Saturday masses by Connie; and Sunday masses by Gloria.

Thank you and God bless!

St. Maria Gorretti Parish - First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

Registration for these Sacraments will be held Tuesday October 14th at 7:00 pm

Classes proposed to begin on or about October 16th.

.First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are completed together. Classes are open to all children who are in grade 2 or higher who have received the sacrament of Baptism.

- bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate
- \$30 cash or cheque to St. Maria Goretti Parish for the workbooks

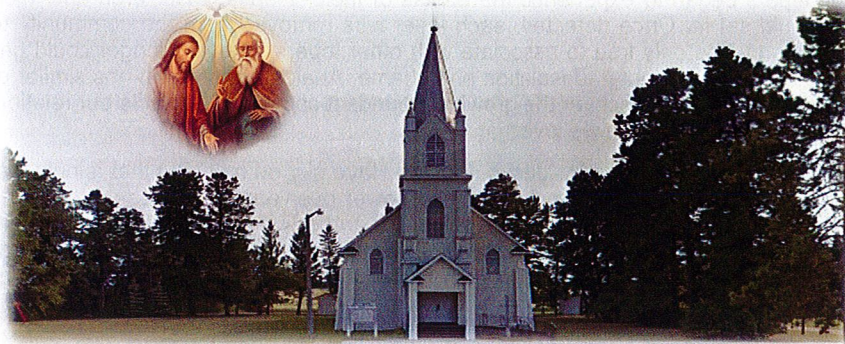
If you require more information, please contact the parish office at 780-987-2858 or Margaret Cargill at 780-987-0353 / cargills@shaw.ca

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

Our Lady of Victory Parish 4819 51 St, Thorsby, AB
www.olvthorsby.wordpress.com

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

TRI-PARISH NEWS



Holy Trinity Parish - 25521 Hwy 19, Nisku

All Saints Day Mass and Blessing of the Graves - Saturday November 1 at 11:00 am

The Knights of Columbus are providing a scholarship of \$250 for one person, male or female, who meets the following criteria:

- ♦ graduated Grade 12 in June of 2025
- ♦ is going to post secondary education (2025 - 2026 school year)
- ♦ Is a member of St. Maria Goretti in Devon, St. Margaret Mary in Calmar,
or Our Lady of Victory in Thorsby.

Applicants must include post-secondary field of study and their involvement in their parish in the past 4 years.
Applications will be received by Fr. Vu or at the parish office in Devon. **Applications close Oct 12, 2025.**

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

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

The Catholic Parish of St. Margaret Mary 75th Anniversary
Sunday October 19, 2025 Mass at 5:00 pm

A Pot Luck Dinner will follow Mass.

Please bring a food item to share.

We hope you can attend. This invitation is extended to everyone including past parishioners and descendant of those families; as well as to your family members
For more information, please call 780-985-3655 or text 780-902-7951

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 12, 2025

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5, 14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2, 8-13

Gospel: Luke 17, 11-19

Praying for More than Our Needs

The story from today's Gospel begins very well for all ten of these lepers. For nine of them, it ends tragically. For one, it ends in an even better and more glorious way than it began.

The lepers represent us all. Their illness was a symbol of all sin and the consequences of sin. When the disease began, the lepers began to experience the effects of their disease. Discolored and thick dry skin, sores, and rashes would set in. Once detected, each leper was removed from the community to stop the spread of the disease and was only free to associate with other lepers. They no longer could gather freely with their loved ones as the lepers entered isolation and shame. Analogously, all sin has similar effects. Sin causes pain within our souls as we discover the growing wounds it causes. Sin affects our relationships and our ability to freely relate to those whom we love.

The initial cure for sin is simple. We cry out, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!" But that is only the first step. By curing the lepers, Jesus was showing us that He had power over our sin. He could forgive us and will forgive us when we seek His mercy. But forgiveness will end in tragedy if it does not lead us to faith and to a following of the will of God with zeal and determination. If we take the forgiveness of sins for granted, then we will be in an even more miserable state than before. The nine lepers who failed to return and give thanks to God represent those who do not convert their lives when touched by God's merciful hand.

This story highlights the importance of our response to God when He does touch us. We must glorify God with a loud voice, fall on our knees before Him and express our deepest gratitude. When the one leper does this, Jesus says to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." That mercy from our Lord was a mercy that touched his soul. It imparted the gift of faith and enabled this man to go forth and be healed with eternal graces.

Too often we turn to God in prayer only when we have a problem. Then, once the problem is taken care of, we pay little to no attention to our Lord. God's role in our lives is not to fix our problems so that we can then go about our daily lives as normal. His mercy must evoke ongoing and profound gratitude. Gratitude to God is nothing other than an acknowledgement of the truth. We owe everything to God. Without Him, we are nothing. We are dead in our sins. Just one leper realized this and was blessed with the gift of faith that saved not only his body, but also his soul.

Reflect, today, upon the ways in which you turn to God in prayer. It is good to come to Him with your needs and problems. It is good to cry out "Jesus, Master! Have pity on me!" It is good to come to Him as the Physician of your soul and the source of healing you need. But that is not enough. In fact, if you stop there in your life of prayer, you will end in a most miserable state. You will be using God for your selfish advantage. Reflect upon whether you are able to take the next and most important step in faith. Do you come to Him when all is well? Do you praise Him with all your might for all that He has done for you? Do you fall on your knees before Him with the deepest gratitude in your heart? Reflect upon your prayer and seek to imitate this one leper. If you do, your faith will also save you and our Lord will invite you to rise and go forth, healed in the truest way possible. (mycatholiclife.com)

