

APRIL 17 - 20, 2025 TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

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

<u>Holy Thursday</u>	Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	5:00 PM
	St. Maria Goretti	Devon	7:00 PM
<u>Good Friday</u>	Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	11:00 AM
	St. Maria Goretti	Devon	3:00 PM
<u>Holy Saturday</u>	St. Maria Goretti - Blessing of the Baskets	Devon	1:00 PM
	St. Maria Goretti - Easter Vigil	Devon	8:00 PM
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	9:00 AM
	St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	10:15 AM
	St. Maria Goretti	Devon	11:30 AM

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DIVINE MERCY - Did you know what Pope Francis said about it?

"I think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think - and I say it with humility - that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy."

Homily of Pope Francis on March 17, 2013

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets. He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11) *Homily of Pope Francis on March 17, 2013*

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14) ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which

God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. *Easter Urbi et Orbi Message of Pope Francis on March 31, 2013*

DIVINE MERCY - DID YOU KNOW?

The Divine Mercy devotion is based primarily on the message of God's mercy found in Scripture and in Sacred Tradition. Through faith in the biblical message of Mercy, we are to ask for God's mercy, completely trust in His mercy, and learn to be merciful to others as He is merciful to us (Luke 6:36).

This devotion is not a matter of our devotion to God, but of His devotion to us! The heart of this devotion is trust in the merciful love of God Himself, and all the devotional forms that come to us through St. Faustina (e.g., the Image, the Feast, and the Chaplet) are merely means to enable us to grow in trustful surrender to that Divine Mercy.

Novena to Divine Mercy

The nine day Divine Mercy Novena can be made at any time but it is most especially made in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy beginning Good Friday, April 18th and ending on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 26th. Some copies are available or download this link: <https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/divine-mercy-novena.pdf>

RECEIVING the GRACES of DIVINE MERCY

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should: Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter; Sincerely repent of all our sins; Place our complete trust in Jesus; Receive sacramental Confession; Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast; Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy. Further details at www.thedivinemercy.org



Please pray for our RCIA Catechumens

Ava Pruden-Doughty

Anneliese Webb

Mike Reding

Niki Reding

Noah Reding

Maya Reding

Milo Reding

Mason Reding

Nelson Reding

who will be brought into the Church fully at the Easter vigil mass.

Easter Message 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our broken world needs Easter more than ever. St. Paul tells us that “If Christ be not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:14). Our observance of Easter is not just a mere recollection of the central events of Christianity, it is a life-giving sacrament and sign of hope, that is realized in our lives each and every year.

This Easter at our parish, we especially look forward to welcoming our big group of new Christians in the recent history of our parish. These were those, who even during these extraordinary times, seek that new Life in the Sacrament of Baptism. On Easter night, these individuals will die and rise again with Christ to the newness of life, the very meaning of the Easter mystery.

Each year, the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, when we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, are the high point of the Christian year. This is always true, and even more so in this Jubilee Year with its theme that calls us to be “*Pilgrims of Hope*.”

There are many things that distract us on our journey through life and we face challenges that may weaken our hope. No one is immune to the realities of sickness, death, economic uncertainty or family strife. Yet the great Easter mystery of the risen Christ instills in us a hope that can never be extinguished. As the Holy Father notes, it is this hope that “makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.”

The Resurrection of Christ solidly anchors this hope, which does not disappoint us. On Easter morning, Jesus’ light dispelled the darkness of the tomb. Today, He wants His light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives.

May the celebrations of this holy season instill in us the grace of God which enables us to journey as Pilgrims of Hope and share that hope with others. I pray that God may bless all of you richly throughout this Jubilee Year.

Happy Easter!

Yours in Christ

Fr. Luan Vu

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.

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2025

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43 **2nd Reading:** Colossians 3, 1-4 **Gospel:** John 20, 1-18

The Resurrection of the Body

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. John 20:1-3

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It's an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His divine nature, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Somehow, through our bodies, we will also be able to share ourselves with others in a pure and holy way, communicating to others the love of God alive within our souls. We will have the gift of agility, being able to move from place to place with immediacy simply by thinking it. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world. For example, Jesus' resurrected body had wounds in His hands, feet and side. But now those wounds radiate His glory and forever testify to His act of perfect love.

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come. (mycatholiclife.com)

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
19	Sat	Kirsten Rhodes & Connor Rind as they prepare for their wedding
20	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Doreen Johnson R.I.P.
22	Tue	Thanksgiving for the 80th Birthday of Mary Desrouches
23	Wed	Repose of the Souls of the deceased members of the Hanly Family
		Repose of the Soul of Doreen Johnson R.I.P.
25	Fri	Healing and Health Intentions for Donna Hill
		Tirzah Leroux - Baptism anniversary
26	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Larry Savoie R.I.P.
27	Sun	Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions