

# DECEMBER 21, 2025 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

### 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

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**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 for this week**

Date	Intention
20 Sat	Repose of the Soul of Marilyn Rhodes R.I.P.
21 Sun	Margaret Harmer - Health and well-being
22 Mon	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Maureen Savoie
23 Tue	Repose of the Soul of Brent McDonell R.I.P.
24 Wed	Christmas Vigil
25 Thu	Christmas Day
26 Fri	Blessings for our new Archbishop Stephen Hero
27 Sat	Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
	Thanksgiving for Fr. Luan Vu and for his personal intentions
28 Sun	Family & Friends in Ukraine - May God's guidance & protection be with them always
	Blessings for our new Archbishop Stephen Hero



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My greetings to you during this special season as we solemnly prepare for the joy-filled celebrations of the birth of our Saviour on Christmas Day. This is always a special time of year for the Church.

In addition to the normal celebrations this season, after Christmas, Fr. Paul Kavanagh, the Archdiocesan Administrator, will preside at the Closing Mass for the Jubilee 2025 year at 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 28 at St. Joseph's Cathedral-Basilica. Pope Leo XIV and other bishops will do the same in Rome and around the world on Sunday, 28 December. The theme for the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". It is fitting to look back on the year at the many signs of hope we have seen as we celebrate the birth of Christ, the source of all hope.

Reflecting on the Jubilee Year, Pope Leo XIV echoed this sentiment when he said to the youth gathered outside of Rome: "I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Hope...With her help, in every part of the world, continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Saviour, and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your faith to everyone you meet!"

Hope and joy are infectious. They bring strength to those already with us and will bring to us people who are searching for community, belonging and meaning in life beyond material possessions.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May your Christmas celebration be full of hope and joy. I want to assure you of my prayers. May the radiant light of Jesus shine brightly on us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Luan Vu



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A Thank You to Bernie Bredin and Clem Coffey for organizing the parish Advent Supper. It was a great evening. Also a Thank You to Mark Bendoritis and anyone else involved with solving the recent water issue at the church. Everything is now working properly.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia so our church looks beautiful for the Christmas season. Parish Council wants to wish all parishioners a blessed Christmas and good health and happiness for the New Year.

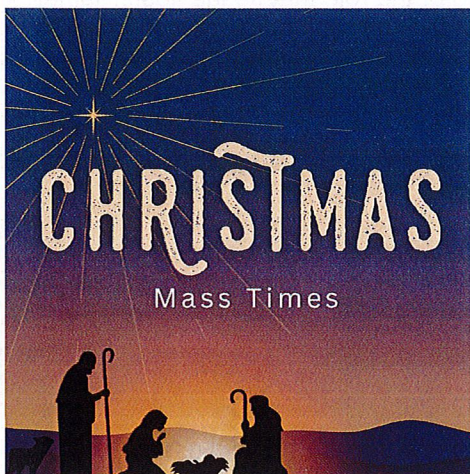
## ***TRI-PARISH NEWS***

### **Journey through Advent**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025.

Each video in the series serves as an introduction to the liturgical season of Advent and presents reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>



### **CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday December 24**

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	5:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	7:00 PM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	9:00 PM

### **CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday December 25**

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	11:00 AM
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### **NEW YEAR'S EVE - Wednesday December 31**

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	4:00 PM
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### **NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday January 1**

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	10:30 AM

### **2026 Donation Envelopes can be found at the church entrance**

Please call the office at 780-987-2858 If you did not get yours or if you would like a new set.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2025

*1st Reading: Isaiah 7, 10-14*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1, 1-7*

*Gospel: Matthew 1, 18-24*

### **Saint Joseph, Our Patron and Protector**

Joseph knew that the penalty for adultery was death by stoning. His heart must have been deeply conflicted. On one hand, the virtues of his betrothed wife, Mary, were abundantly clear. Mary radiated holiness. Impurity was foreign to her Immaculate Heart. Yet she was pregnant, and Joseph was not the father. What should he do?

To protect Mary from public shame, Joseph decided to do what he believed was the most merciful thing—he “decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention...” Though little is known about Joseph, this Gospel passage identifies him as “a righteous man.” Many saints, popes, and Church documents highlight his unquestionable sanctity. He was not immaculate and free from sin as was his wife, but God the Father would have chosen a righteous and holy man to be the foster father of the Son of God.

Joseph’s actions reveal his deep faith. As he slept, “the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.’” The angel explained to him that Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (see Isaiah 7:14) and that Joseph was to take Mary and her unborn Son into his home and care for them. When he awoke, he did as the angel commanded.

Joseph’s dream was no ordinary dream. The Holy Spirit accompanied the angel and instilled the certitude of faith in Joseph’s mind, empowering his will to obey God’s will. Joseph became the father and guardian of the Savior of the World. On December 8, 1847, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph to be the Universal Patron and Protector of the Catholic Church. Just as he protected the Son of God, so he intercedes for us who are members of Christ’s body, the Church.

As our Advent season enters its final week, we are reminded of the role that Jesus’ foster father played not only in the life of the Holy Family, but also about the role Saint Joseph continues to play in the life of the Church and in each one of our lives. His intercessory power from Heaven is great, and we should not hesitate to call upon his prayers, especially when we need protection, struggle with fear, or face some grave challenge. ([mycatholiclife.com](http://mycatholiclife.com))

### **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.

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**PPC Chair:** Barb Abel 780-985-3655

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### **Carmelite Nuns - Christmas Hamper**

Donations of Non-perishable items are appreciated