

# AUGUST 31, 2025

## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Our Lady of Victory Parish**

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### Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
30	Sat	<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Marla Forchuk</b>
31	Sun	<b>Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions</b>
1	Mon	<b>Repose of the Soul of Lucena Lazaro R.I.P.</b>
2	Tue	<b>Repose of the Soul of Alan Anderson R.I.P.</b>
3	Wed	<b>Amber Serafinchan - Personal Intentions</b>
4	Thu	<b>Repose of the Souls of William and Mary Feschuk</b>
5	Fri	<b>In Honor of the Holy Spirit</b>
		<b>Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions</b>
6	Sat	<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Manuelito Rosete</b>
		<b>Rhodes &amp; Hills Family members, Living &amp; Deceased</b>
7	Sun	<b>Lazaro, Pisanello, and Rosete Family members - Living &amp; Deceased</b>
		<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Dilan Rhodes</b>

### 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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**1st Reading:** Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrew 12. 18-19, 22-24

**Gospel:** Luke 14. 1,7-14

### Motivations of Love

The poor, crippled, lame and blind in today Gospel refer to those who are in need of our love. This certainly will include friends and family. When we encounter those in need, we must offer our love, not because we get something out of it, but because it is the right thing to do. The payment we receive in this case comes directly and exclusively from God. It's not a payment of societal recognition or praise. It's not a payment of material things. It's not a payment that helps us get ahead in life. It's a payment of grace that makes us holy. This is the only motivation we should have in life—a motivation for holiness by glorifying God through our love of Him and others.

Think about your motivations in life. Why do you do what you do every day? Clearly, we all have certain responsibilities that must be met, such as earning a living, caring for the home and family, strengthening our relationships, etc. But why do you do these things? What is the source of your motivation? Is your motivation based on pure love?

When our love is pure, we are motivated to act in one way or another because we see that it is our holy duty toward God or an act that will benefit another. For example, a loving and holy parent will work hard to earn a living not because they want to get rich so as to indulge in the things of this world, but because they love and care for their family and want to provide for their material needs. Or a friend will seek to be there and listen to another friend not because it is advantageous for them, but because they love their friend and want to provide a listening ear when they need it. True love always looks at the good of the other, looking for the ways they are spiritually poor, crippled, lame and blind so that they can help them in accord with God's will. True love always seeks to fill a void with what is needed at that moment.

The good news for us is that when our motivations are pure and selfless, looking only to glorify God and care for others, God will lavish upon us eternal rewards that begin now. We will grow rich in virtue and rich in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We will obtain joy, peace, strength, courage, love, goodness and so much more. These good things are the true riches in life and can only be bestowed by God upon a soul whose motivations in life are pure, selfless, sacrificial and merciful.

Reflect, today, upon what motivates you each and every day. Do you think more about yourself when acting or more about God and others? Hopefully you will discover within your motivation a burning desire to serve others and glorify God in everything you do. But where you do see selfishness, know that this motivation can never fulfill you. Humble yourself by turning your attention to the love of God and the needs of others, and make serving them your exclusive mission. Doing so will result in God lavishing upon you more than you could ever imagine. (mycatholiclife.com)

### There will be NO WEEKDAY MASSES this week

#### St. Maria Goretti - Devon - Urgently needed : Greeters especially for Sundays

Please phone the church office or Bernie 780-203-2708 to volunteer.

Thank you and may God Bless you



#### CWL FURTHER EDUCATION AWARD

One goal of the Catholic Women's League is to support and encourage youth. Since 1991, Devon CWL has enhanced the further education award for one Grade 12 Diploma student each year.

**The deadline for submitting applications is September 30th.**

The further education award of \$250.00 will be announced and presented to a successful applicant during Mass on October 5th. Interested? **Applications are located in the entrance of the church.**



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