

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

St. Margaret Mary - Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. on Tuesday September 22

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

by appointment.

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 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

MARGARET MARY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Rosary at 9:45 am

Sunday Mass: 10:15 am

Weekday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30 pm

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

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

St. Maria Goretti Parish 8 St. Clair Street, Devon, AB

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: Matt 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
19	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Joseph Haz R.I.P,
20	Sun	Living & Deceased members of the Lazaro & Pisanello Family
21	Mon	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
22	Tue	Marcella Zimrose - Health and personal intentions
23	Wed	Laurier Blanchette - Health and personal Intentions
24	Thu	Repose of the Soul of Joseph Haz R.I.P,
25	Fri	Connor and Kirsten Rind - First Wedding Anniversary
26	Sat	Laurier Blanchette - Health and personal Intentions
27	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Michele Morrison
		Repose of the Soul of Maximo Lazaro Sr. R.I.P.

**St. Maria Goretti Parish Council
POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP**

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

\$750

*To assist a parishioner pursuing post-secondary education
(university, college, technical school, or trade program).*

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an active member of the St. Maria Goretti parish community.
- Must be attending or entering a recognized post-secondary institution.
- Must demonstrate participation in parish life and/or service to the wider community.
- Must be able to provide proof of acceptance or enrollment upon request.

Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** September 30, 2026.
- **Winner Announcement:** October 4, 2026, during the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

CWL Further Education Award

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

\$250

Application Forms are located at the foyer.

Deadline: September 30, 2026

Award presented during October 4 Mass



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

Catechism for this week:

Q. Horoscopes and Fortunetellers. What does the Church think about them?

A. Believe it or not, they are real! But let me explain what I mean by "real."

Regarding horoscopes, do our birthdates really have an influence upon who we are, our personality, or what we do? No. Sorry, but it's simply not true.

What about fortunetellers? The goal of it is to try and discover the future. Only God knows the future. The Catholic Church teaches this about knowing the future, *"God can reveal the future to his prophets or to other saints. Still, a sound Christian attitude consists in putting oneself confidently into the hands of Providence for whatever concerns the future, and giving up all unhealthy curiosity about it"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2115). Furthermore, the Catechism says, *"All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone"* (#2116).

That's pretty clear! What needs to be known is that even if someone seeks "guidance" from Horoscopes and Fortunetellers, or the like just for fun or for curiosity, they are dabbling in something that is clearly forbidden by God. In fact, persons getting involved with all of this may even be opening themselves up to demonic influence without even knowing it. Why? Because the only way that one of these practices can be "real" is if a demon works through them giving some sort of false guidance about the future.

So, when I say that these stuffs are "real," I mean that they are real dangers and can really influence us in negative ways. What's important to believe is that God is the only one who knows the future. And generally speaking, God does not reveal the future to us. If God decides to use a saint or a prophet to reveal the future, in some way, He will do it on His own initiative and for our good. This is rare and is not something we ever need to seek out. God will do this Himself. For our part, regarding the future, we only need to enter more deeply, each day, into a relationship of trust in God's divine providence.

If you have been involved in one of these forbidden practices I encourage you to simply go to confession. In that sacrament, God will free you from any mistakes you've made and help you rely only on His grace!

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Tuesday September 22 - Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm. PPC Meeting to follow

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 55, 6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20, 1-16a

Key Theme: God's generous mercy.

Focus: Grace for everyone.

Summary: God's ways are greater than our ways. He welcomes all who turn to Him and give mercy freely.

Challenge: Let go of envy and compassion. Trust God's goodness and rejoice when others receive His grace.

Action step: Encourage someone who feels left out. Remind that person that God's love is always near.

Verse to remember: "Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20, 15)

A photograph of the St. Maria Goretti Parish church building, a red brick structure with a large white cross on the facade. The building is set against a clear blue sky with some trees in the background.

**St. Maria Goretti Parish
invites you to our RCIA
program starting in
October.**

Join us on your faith journey
as a participant or as part
of the RCIA Team.
Please contact **Rev. Vu** or
Gloria at **780-987-2791**.

A colorful banner featuring musical notes and a treble clef. The text "JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY" is prominently displayed in the center, with "Contact: Niki 780-619-5649" at the bottom.

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MUSIC MINISTRY**

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Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858