

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 ALL SOULS' DAY



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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NO MASSES ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4 AND WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5 - due to Priests Assembly

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

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: Matthew Yarmuch 780-987-5470

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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
1	Sat	Repose of the Soul of David Borle R.I.P.
		Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
		Rhodes & Hills Family members, living & deceased
2	Sun	Repose of the Soul of David Borle R.I.P.
4	Tue	Barba & Rosales Family members - Living & Deceased
5	Wed	All Souls of the Roberge and Blanchette Families R.I.P.
6	Thu	Repose of the Soul of Patria de Pazos R.I.P. / Thanks to Holy Trinity
7	Fri	Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions / In honour of the Holy Spirit
8	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, living & deceased
		Thanksgiving for Birthday of Audrey Moroz
9	Sun	For the Birthdays of Garth Harper / Jack McKeon / Annette Mirka
		Repose of the Soul of Bernard McIvor R.I.P.

Operation Christmas Child 2025

Commencing this weekend, empty shoeboxes will be available in the church foyer.

Please take one (or more), fill it with love and special items and

return it to the church no later than November 16th.



NOTE: Starting this year some countries have disallowed soap so please **no soap items** in the boxes



For Ideas, frequently asked questions, as well as items that must **not** be included, click and scroll:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/suggested-gifts>

May you be richly blessed for your kindness and generosity.

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

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

TRI-PARISH NEWS

How Catholics can get 8 plenary indulgences during the first week of November

From 12 noon on 1 November until midnight on 2 November one plenary indulgence (applicable only to the Holy Souls) may be gained by visiting a church or oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed there.

Conditions for gaining a plenary indulgence:

- Go to Confession (in the week preceding or the week following 1 November)
- Receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day if you can get to Mass)
- Pray for the Pope's intentions (one Our Father, and Hail Mary or any other prayer of one's choice). *The Pope's prayer intention for November 2025 is for the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.*
- One should have the desire to be detached from every attraction to sin, even the slightest.

1 - 8 November

The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, may gain a plenary indulgence (applicable only to the Holy Souls) once per day from 1 to 8 November.

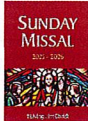
The above conditions regarding Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions apply also for this.

What is an Indulgence?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead. (CCC 1471)

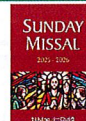
V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



2026 Missals are now available

\$7 each - located at the Foyer of the Church



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All Souls' Day – November 2, 2025

1st Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

2nd Reading: Romans 5:5-11

Gospel: John 6:37-40

Commemorating All Souls

Yesterday's Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God's grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good God face-to-face.

Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state?

The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (#1030–31a).

For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn't God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification.

Purification of all attachment to sin within our soul is a mercy beyond what we can imagine. Through this final purification, God prepares the holy souls who have died for an eternity of joy. But this purification is necessary because God, in His love, does not want any soul to live eternally with even a minor attachment to sin. God wants us all free. The truth is that every sin on our soul, even the smallest one, is reason enough for us to be excluded from Heaven. So, Purgatory must be seen as a final mercy from God by which He lifts every last burden that keeps us from perfect love, so that our eternity will be one of utmost freedom and ecstasy. God wants us to be filled only with the purity of love forever. Thus, upon our death, we are graced to enter into a final and intense purification of every minor sin, so that when we see God in all His glory, we will see Him with the perfection to which we are called. Purgatory is a gift, a grace, a mercy. It will be painful to go through in the same way that overcoming any sin is painful. But the good fruit of freedom from sin makes every final purification we must endure worth it a hundredfold and more.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification. (mycatholiclife.com)

St. Maria Goretti - THANK YOU to our gardening Angels

Yvonne Bohme, Marilyn Blanchette and Adrien Fouillard

Thank You Note from The Carmelite Sisters

Praise be Jesus Christ! Thank You for the delicious banquet you gifted us in honour of our Holy Mother St. Theresa! We can only Thank You with our prayers for you and your families.

Your Sisters in Christ., ***Mother Catherine and Sisters***

Mass at Discovery Place - Thursday November 6 at 2:00pm