

APRIL 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

Please be considerate with other parishioners - Refrain from using strong scents when attending Mass

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

PPC Chair: Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417

Finance Chair: Matt Yarmuch 780-987-5470

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Catholic answers to Catholic questions

Q. I don't understand why Judas' betrayal of Jesus is so important. Surely the Chief Priests and others who wanted him dead knew who he was and could have found him without Judas. And didn't Peter also betray Jesus by denying him three times? Was his betrayal less harmful than Judas'?

A. Practically, the Temple leaders could have found and arrested Jesus when he was out in public but, as Scripture says, they feared the crowds who might riot upon such an act (Mt 21:46). To find Jesus at a more private moment would surely have required more "inside knowledge," which Judas could provide.


Theologically, no one could lay a hand on Jesus until his "hour" had come. He was always able, until he freely chose to lay down his life, to evade their attempts at arrest (Jn 8:20). This may also have caused the Temple leaders to conclude they needed inside information.

And while God could have allowed another way for Jesus to be turned over, Judas fulfills Scripture, which says: Even my close friend, who ate my bread, has turned against me (Ps. 41:9).

Betrayal and denial are fundamentally different. Through betrayal Judas handed Jesus over. Denial, while surely sinful, is to deny association with Jesus, and does not amount to handing him over. Thus, it is less harmful to Jesus than what Judas did.

WE WANT YOU IN IT!

TO CELEBRATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARIA GORETTI & ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY



APRIL 24, 25 & 26 | **SMG**

contact Travis @ 780-566-7417

APRIL 29 & 30 | **SMM**

contact Barb @ 780-985-3655

please sign up to have your photo taken

<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 - Blessing of the Baskets</u>		
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	1:00 pm
<u>Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil</u>		
St. Maria Goretti	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

DIVINE MERCY - DID YOU KNOW?

What did Pope Benedict XVI said about it?

Pope Benedict XVI stated: "Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of the Christian faith and prayer" and "Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message."

DIVINE MERCY - DID YOU KNOW?

- On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church" this Octave Day of Easter will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."
- Divine Mercy is a pardoning of any and every sin, which reveals the depths of God's Heart to us.
 - Divine Mercy is the forgiveness of a loving Father offered tenderly to His wayward child.
 - The Divine Mercy movement has been a truly international and grassroots phenomenon.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 22, 2025

Following the 11:30 Mass there will be a Divine Mercy Celebration. The CWL will prepare a light luncheon.

Donations welcomed. **ALL PARISHIONERS FROM ALL PARISHES ARE INVITED.**

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 at the front foyer of the church or download from

<https://saintmichael.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/divine-mercy-novena.pdf>

RECEIVING the GRACES of DIVING 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 thedinemercy.org

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
12	Sat	Kirsten Rhodes & Connor as they prepare for their wedding
13	Sun	Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions
14	Mon	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Laura Blanchette
16	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Doreen Johnson R.I.P.
		Repose of the Soul of RoseAnna Blanchette R.I.P.
19	Sat	Kirsten Rhodes & Connor as they prepare for their wedding
20	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Doreen Johnson R.I.P.

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Stations of the Cross - Every Tuesday after Mass at St. Margaret Mary

Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Following Him to the Cross

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:38–40

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matthew 27:51–52).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.

As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the "whole multitude" of Jesus' disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling? (mycatholiclife.com)

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.

Way of the Cross Performance - Thur. April 17th, 2025

Please join us at Holy Spirit Catholic School Gymnasium 1:00 pm on Thursday, April 17th, 2025 as Grade 6 students perform the Way of the Cross.

This is a FREE event.

Food Bank and Carmelite Sisters' Drive

We are collecting food items at the lobby. Please help us fill the
baskets.

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.