

# AUGUST 10, 2025

## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Our Lady of Victory Parish**

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### St. Maria Goretti - Devon - Skaro Pilgrimage Bus - **CANCELLED**

**Unfortunately the Bus for Thursday August 14th from Devon has been cancelled**

**You are encouraged to proceed with this pilgrimage on your own initiative**

- There is another Bus leaving from Good Shepherd Church Parking Lot (18407 60 Ave Edmonton) At 4:30pm - Cost is \$40 per person - Contact Janice 780-487-0440 to reserve your seat
- You could car-pool . Fr. Vu has volunteered to take 3 people if needed (he would leave earlier from SMG)
- If someone else is willing to carpool and has room on their vehicle, please call the office 780-987-2858

### St. Margaret Mary - Calmar - Highway 39 Garage Sale - FUNDRAISER

St. Margaret Mary will once again be participating in the Garage Sales taking place in Calmar on Saturday August 16, 2025. This is a great fundraiser for our parish. We will also hold a Bake Sale that day! We will also have a hot lunch counter; selling hotdogs, chili, hot & cold drinks. Please help us by bringing New or Gently Used items to the church on Sundays or by contacting Barb @ 780-985-3655. Thank You!

### Cemetery Contacts:

**Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby:** Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779  
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## 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 10, 2025

**1st Reading:** Wisdom 18, 6-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Hebrew 11,1-2, 8-19

**Gospel:** Luke 12, 32-48

### Vigilance, Attentiveness, Action

Vigilance, hard work, determination, attentiveness, fidelity—these are some of the qualities that Jesus is speaking about. To “gird your loins” means that you are immediately prepared for some challenging task. You are ready for the hard work ahead and are committed to it. To “light your lamps” implies that you are not in the dark but that your mind is enlightened in such a way that you are able to see that which is the will of God.

As we go through life, it is easy to become complacent in the things of faith. It is easy to become lazy, disinterested, distracted, and unfocused. This parable goes on to speak of a thief who tries to break into a house in the middle of the night. This is Jesus’ way of saying that the evil one, with his lies and attacks, is constant, vicious, forceful, and unpredictable. For that reason, we must never grow tired of being vigilant in the spiritual life and must always be attentive to the light of God’s voice.

How attentive are you to the mission of Christ on a daily basis? This is an essential question to answer honestly. Most people will find that they become distracted from the mission God has given to them. We experience countless things every day that compete for our attention. Many of those competing voices might not appear to be sinful. For example, perhaps a certain hobby has become the dominant focus of your free time. Or perhaps responsibilities at work have spilled over into your family time. Or perhaps some painful or even enjoyable experience has had your full attention for some time. Though it is obvious that sinful distractions in life are evil, it might not always be as obvious that there are many other neutral distractions that are a real problem. The problems they can produce are a lack of attentiveness to the will of God and a lack of readiness to engage the will of God the moment He calls.

Imagine, for example, that a very important person calls you to ask for a favor. Most likely you would drop all you were doing and respond immediately. But, sadly, when the King of the Universe attempts to speak to us and inspire us to some mission, we can be too distracted to even listen, let alone respond with immediacy and zeal. This is a problem. If, however, a person is continually attentive to the voice of God and responds to His interior promptings as soon as they are received, then Jesus says that this person is truly blessed and that He will “have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.” In other words, the result of being vigilant in our attentiveness to the inspirations of God is that God Himself will reward us with His service. He will invite us to the table of spiritual rest, peace, joy, and fulfillment. He will serve us His mercy, which will be more than we could ever imagine. (mycatholiclife.com)

### 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
9	Sat	<b>Margaret Harmer - Healing and Personal Intentions</b>
10	Sun	<b>Repose of the Soul of Nelson Tacal R.I.P.</b>
		<b>Repose of the Soul of Barb Bienvenue R.I.P.</b>
12	Tue	<b>Helen Parmiter - For a peaceful death</b>
13	Wed	<b>Barry Breau - Improved health</b>
14	Thu	<b>Repose of the Soul of Maximo Lazaro Sr. RIP</b>
15	Fri	<b>Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Joachim Blanchette</b>
16	Sat	<b>Richard Persson - Improved health</b>
17	Sun	<b>Ron Steciw - Personal Intentions</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.