

OCTOBER 19, 2025 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

<https://olvthorsby.wordpress.com/>



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St. Margaret Mary Parish

The office will be closed on Friday October 17

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

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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: Matthew 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
18	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Jack Boser R.I.P.
19	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Juliette Belanger
20	Mon	53rd Wedding Anniversary Greg & Joyce Forchuk
21	Tue	Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
22	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Jack Boser R.I.P.
23	Thu	Anniversary of Greg Forchuk's Baptism
24	Fri	Thank You to St. Jude
		Repose of the Soul of Mary Anne Bruin R.I.P.
25	Sat	Repose of the Souls of the Blanchette Family members
		Thanksgiving for Connie Schumacher - Personal intentions
26	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Sarah Blanchette

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.

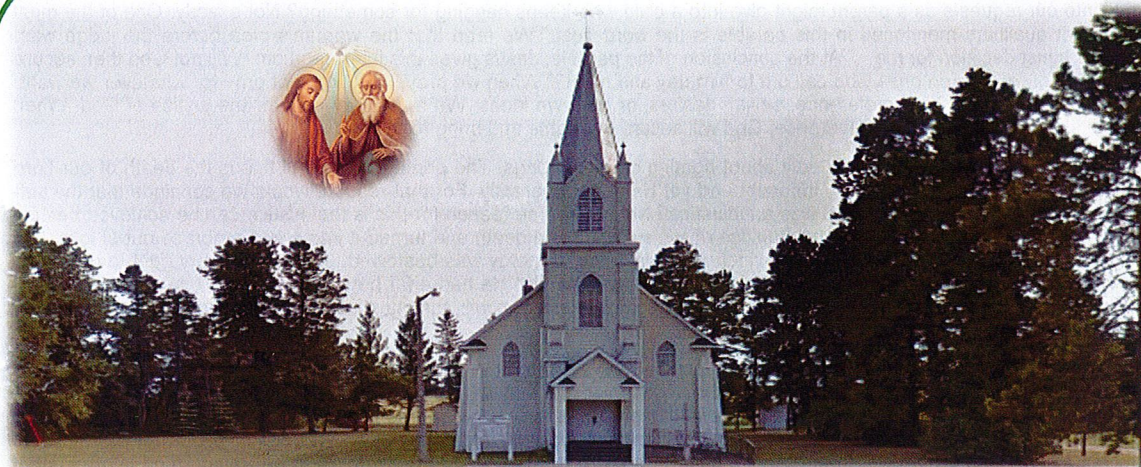
Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

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

TRI-PARISH NEWS



Holy Trinity Parish - 25521 Hwy 19, Nisku

All Saints Day Mass - Saturday November 1 at 11:00 am

Followed by the Blessing of the Graves

Everyone Welcome!

St. Margaret Mary Parish 5120 50 Ave, Calmar, AB

PPC Chair: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 Finance Chair: Bonnie Thomas 780-910-6312

The Catholic Parish of St. Margaret Mary 75th Anniversary

Sunday October 19, 2025 Mass at 5:00 pm

A Pot Luck Dinner will follow Mass.

Please bring a food item to share.

We hope you can attend. This invitation is extended to everyone including past parishioners and descendant of those families; as well as to your family members

For more information, please call 780-985-3655 or text 780-902-7951

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 19, 2025

1st Reading: Exodus 17, 8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4-2

Gospel: Luke 18, 1-8

Justice Through Mercy

In our parable for today, we have the witness of a widow who came to a dishonest judge and continuously begged him for a just judgment. Though the judge did not care about the woman, he eventually rendered a just decision for her because she was so persistent. It's interesting that Jesus used the image of a "dishonest judge" to teach us about persistent prayers being answered. He does so because He wants us to understand that if even those who are dishonest respond to persistence, then so much more will the Just Judge of Heaven respond to persistence.

Will God answer any prayer you pray if you offer that prayer day and night, day after day without fail? Does God eventually give into our requests as a parent might give into a child who keeps begging for something? Not exactly. One of the most important qualifiers mentioned in this parable is the word "just." We read that the woman's plea before the judge was, "render a just decision for me..." At the conclusion of the parable, Jesus gives this interpretation: "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" When we pray, we ought not pray for whatever we want. We ought not pray for our preference, selfish desires, or our own ideas. We must pray only for the justice of God. When we do so with unwavering perseverance, God will secure our rights and bring forth His justice.

Justice, in the mind of God, is not only about righting certain wrongs. The prime example of this is the death of our Lord Himself. Clearly, Jesus was purely innocent and yet He suffered greatly. For that reason, would we conclude that the suffering and death of the Son of God was an injustice? Not really. The reason for this is that justice can be achieved best by mercy. Because Jesus embraced the injustice of His suffering and death and turned it into a free embrace out of love, this "injustice" became a sacrifice of love by which an abundance of mercy was bestowed. Jesus had every right to call down fire from Heaven and to destroy those who sinned against Him. But He had a far better plan. Instead, by choosing to accept the injustice of the Cross, and by freely embracing it with His own will, the injustice was transformed and a far greater good came forth.

In our own lives, whenever we are wronged by another, we are often tempted to anger and to desire revenge in the name of justice. We want them to pay for what they did. If you ever feel that way, know that the greatest form of justice is mercy. Know that your free embrace of injustice brings forth the transforming power of God in a way that punishment or retribution could never accomplish. This is the form of justice we must pray for night and day. We must beg God for the ability to accept all sufferings with love, to offer those sufferings as a sacrifice, and to allow them to be transformed into mercy. If this is our persistent prayer, we can be certain that our prayer will be answered.

Reflect, today, upon anything for which you desire justice. Is there anything that has been unfair in your life? Do you dwell upon any hurt inflicted upon you by another? As you call those things to mind, know that the power of your persistent prayer has the potential to transform those sufferings into God's mercy. Beg for this gift and know that God will always answer those prayers. (mycatholiclife.com)

Mass and Hike



Event Details

The day will start with Mass at the Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre, followed by a Hike at Chickakoo Lake at 1 pm. Following the hike, there will be hotdogs provided!



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