

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

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: 10:30 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. 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

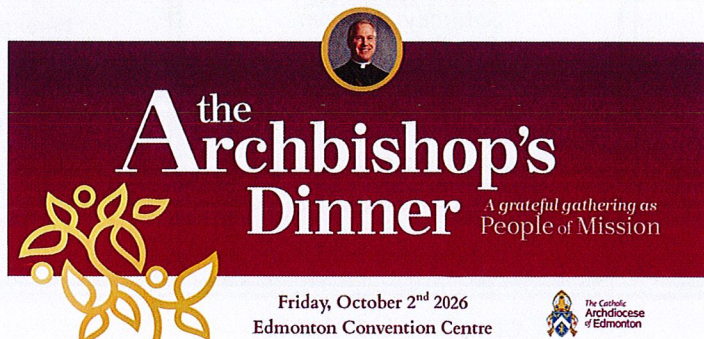
When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention.

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
5	Sat	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
		Rhodes & Hills Family Members, Living & deceased
6	Sun	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Manuelito Rosete
7	Mon	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Dilan Rhodes
8	Tue	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
9	Wed	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Mavis Hills
10	Thu	Roger and Amanda Barba Wedding Anniversary
11	Fri	Darwin Zimrose and his surgery team - for successful surgery
		Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
12	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Joseph Haz R.I.P.
13	Sun	All souls in Purgatory



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PPC Chair: Barb Abel 780-985-3655

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Catechism for this week:

What is the credence table? Liturgical meaning & spiritual meaning & Spiritual importance.

4. Why is the credence table important liturgically?

The Catholic Church places great importance on sacred order within the liturgy because the Mass is not ordinary worship, it is the sacred memorial of Christ's sacrifice and the celebration of the Eucharist. The Credence Table helps preserve: preparation, reverence, organization and dignity within the sanctuary. Even small details within the Mass point toward the Church's belief that worship should be offered carefully and prayerfully. Catholic liturgy teaches that external reverence should reflect internal faith. The Credence Table quietly contributes to that sacred order.

5. Does the credence table have spiritual symbolism?

Yes. Like many objects within Catholic worship, the Credence Table can also carry spiritual meaning beyond its practical use. Before the sacred vessels are brought to the altar, they are first prepared and arranged properly. This reminds Catholics that preparation matters before approaching sacred realities. Just as the vessels are prepared for the Eucharistic sacrifice, Christians should prepare their hearts before approaching the altar and receiving Holy Communion. The Credence Table therefore becomes a quiet reminder of: readiness, reverence, spiritual preparation and respect for the Eucharist. The Mass teaches not only through words, but also through sacred actions and symbols.

6. Why should Catholics learn about these things?

Many Catholics attend Mass faithfully but never fully understand the meaning behind the sacred objects, gestures, and structures within the liturgy. Yet the Church carefully developed these traditions over centuries to help deepen reverence and understanding. Learning about liturgical objects such as the Credence Table helps Catholics: appreciate the Mass more deeply; understand the order of worship; and recognize that Catholic liturgy is rich with meaning and symbolism. Sometimes the smallest objects in the sanctuary quietly teach the biggest spiritual lessons.

In summary: A table of preparation and reverence

The Credence Table is the small table near the altar where sacred vessels and liturgical items are prepared before use during Mass. Though simple in appearance, it reflects the Church's emphasis on: sacred order, preparation, reverence and Eucharistic dignity. It reminds Catholics that worship should never become careless or casual. Just as the sacred vessels are prepared before being brought to the altar, our hearts too should be prepared before approaching Christ in the Eucharist.

Today, reflect: Do I prepare my heart carefully before coming to Mass and receiving Holy Communion? "

In Catholic worship, even the quietest objects can teach profound spiritual truths." If this helped you understand the Mass better, share it and tell us: which liturgical object or Church symbol would you like us to explain next?

SOURCE: General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM); Catechism of the Catholic Church; Church Teaching on Sacred Liturgy; Liturgical Norms on the Celebration of Mass

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 33, 7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13, 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18, 15-20

Key Theme: Love and responsibility.

Focus: Community

Summary: God calls His people to care for one another. Love guides correction, forgiveness and prayers. Jesus is present when we gather in His name.

Challenge: Speak truth with kindness when someone is going the wrong way. Seek peace when there is conflict. Let love guide your words and actions.

Action step: Pray for someone you find difficult. Ask God to help you speak and act with love.

Verse to remember: *"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother"* (Matthew 18, 15)

ST. MARIA GORETTI, DEVON

\$750 PARISH POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting our parishioners as they pursue their education and vocation.

Our Parish Council is pleased to offer a **\$750 scholarship** to assist a parishioner pursuing post-secondary education.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be an active member of our parish community.
- Be attending or entering a recognized post-secondary institution, including a university, college, technical school, or trade program.
- Demonstrate participation in the life of the parish and/or service to the wider community.
- Be able to provide proof of acceptance or enrollment if requested.

What We Are Looking For

In addition to educational plans, applicants are encouraged to share how they live out their faith and contribute to their community. This may include:

- Regular participation in Sunday Mass and the Sacraments.
- Involvement in parish ministries, activities, or events.
- Volunteer work or service in the community.
- Leadership, employment, school activities, or other ways they serve and contribute to others.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Winner will be announced at the 11:30 a.m. Mass on October 4, 2026

Completed applications may be returned to the parish office or emailed to dcc2006@telus.net.

Questions? Please contact Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417.

Sick? Shut-in?

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