

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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The Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday September 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day

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: 6:30 pm

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: Matt 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
26	Sat	Laurier Blanchette - Health and personal Intentions
27	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Michele Morrison
		Repose of the Soul of Maximo Lazaro Sr. R.I.P.
28	Mon	Jennifer and Andrew Konda - Personal Intentions
29	Tue	Marcella Zimrose - Health and personal intentions
30	Wed	Laurier Blanchette - Health and personal Intentions
2	Fri	Repose of the Soul of Charles Rhodes R.I.P.
		Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
3	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family Members, Living & deceased
4	Sun	Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions

St. Maria Goretti Parish Council POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

\$750

To assist a parishioner pursuing post-secondary education
(university, college, technical school, or trade program).

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an active member of the St. Maria Goretti parish community.
- Must be attending or entering a recognized post-secondary institution.
- Must demonstrate participation in parish life and/or service to the wider community.
- Must be able to provide proof of acceptance or enrollment upon request.

Key Dates

- **Application Deadline:** September 30, 2026.
- **Winner Announcement:** October 4, 2026, during the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

CWL Further Education Award

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

\$250

Application Forms are located at the foyer.

Deadline: September 30, 2026

Award presented during October 4 Mass



NATIONAL DAY FOR

TRUTH
AND
RECONCILIATION

SEPTEMBER 30

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

Catechism for this week:

Q. In some churches, everyone holds hands during the Lord's Prayer; sometimes the congregation raises both hands at the doxology at the end of the prayer; and in some churches, no one does either. So, what's correct?

A. Let's start with the value of holding hands while praying and even raising hands during prayer. From there, we can look at doing this within the Liturgy itself.

It's worth noting that the priest raises his hands in prayer as part of the liturgical rite. The raising of one's hands in prayer is spoken of in the Psalms and is a very holy act. There is nothing wrong with it, and in fact, there is something very holy about this external posture when it is expressing an interior intention. The interior intention that raised hands represents is that of worship and openness to God. It's a sign of abandonment to God and surrender to His holy will.

As for holding hands during prayer, there are certainly very appropriate times to do so. This is an external sign indicating that you are united with those with whom you are praying. Oneness comes primarily through our joint union with God, but oneness is also expressed externally at times by the joining of hands or the raising of hands together. This is especially the case among family members and close friends.

But now to the point of the question. What about doing these practices within the Liturgy? Is this good? The problem we face with this question has to do with the importance of uniformity within the Liturgy. Liturgical prayer is intended to unite us on a spiritual level. But the external unity is also important. Therefore, it's important that we strive to pray in union with what we call the rubrics of the Mass.

As for the rubrics at the time of the Lord's Prayer, there is no instruction given to the congregation to hold hands or to lift them at that time. It's not that it is a bad idea, it's just that it's not in the rubrics. Therefore, it seems best to refrain from this act if it is a distraction or imposition on others. For example, to grab a stranger's hand next to you during the Lord's Prayer might be well-intentioned, but is not part of the Mass rubrics, so it should be avoided.

Ideally, the universal Church will eventually offer some direction on this so that all confusion is avoided.

St. Maria Goretti - Devon - Altar Server Training Session

Wednesday October 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2026

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18, 25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2, 1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21, 28-32

Key Theme: True Obedience.

Focus: Repentance and Action.

Summary: God is just and merciful. True faith is shown by actions, not words alone. Those who turn back to God and follow His way find life.

Challenge: Examine whether your actions match your words. Be willing to change course when you have made wrong choices.

Action step: Choose one area where you have delayed doing what is right. Take one concrete step today to follow through.

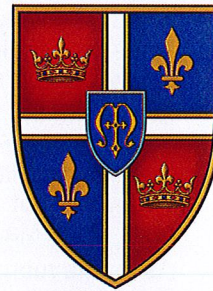
Verse to remember: *"Which of the two did his father's will?"* (Matthew 21, 31)

St. Maria Goretti - Friday October 2 - Adoration after Mass until 12:00 Noon



Praying the Rosary for Canada

As Canada faces serious challenges,
we turn to God through His
Blessed Mother, asking for His help.



Please join us!

Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization — info@cnol.org • www.cnol.org

Please join us in a **Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 10, at noon at 12:00 noon** at the Park on Main Street west of Florida Pizza. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by **Canada Needs Our Lady**, will be one of more than a thousand rallies that will take place all across Canada on that day. It is held at noon which is near the time that the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima in 1917.

Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada. Will you be able to join us and our Catholic CWL members on that very important day ?

God bless you, Bernie 780-203-2708

Sick? Shut-in?

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