

DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Advent Penitential - Confessions

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| St. Maria Goretti - Devon | Wednesday December 14 | 6:30 PM |
| Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby | Wednesday December 21 | 4:00 PM |

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - Saturday December 24

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| St. Maria Goretti - Devon | 5:00 PM |
| Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby | 7:00 PM |
| St. Margaret Mary - Calmar | 9:00 PM |

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - Sunday December 25

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| St. Maria Goretti - Devon | 11:00 AM |
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NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS - Saturday December 31

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| St. Maria Goretti - Devon | 5:00 PM |
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NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - Sunday January 1

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| Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby | 9:00 AM |
| St. Margaret Mary - Calmar | 10:15 AM |
| St. Maria Goretti - Devon | 11:30 AM |

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 35, 1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5, 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11, 2-11

Change and Newness in Christ

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Matthew 11:2–3

Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). So if John knew that Jesus was the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,” then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn’t know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith.

Jesus understood the reason John sent his disciples to Him. As a result, Jesus gave these disciples what they needed so as to come to believe themselves. He points them to the works that He has done as the Christ so that they would be able to interpret these works on their own and, thus, come to the newness of faith. Jesus points out that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Who could argue with such miraculous signs from Heaven? But Jesus goes even further and states something very subtle. He says, “And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.” This line appears to be one way that Jesus gently reproached these disciples for what appears to be their own personal struggle with this change of spiritual leaders. Jesus identified a certain “offense” that they were dealing with. They were “offended” by the fact that Jesus was indeed increasing while John was decreasing.

In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the Christian life is all about change, transformation and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.

Dear Lord, I know You call me to embrace the newness of life and the changes that I must endure so as to follow You more faithfully. Help me to be open to all that You call me to so that I will continually become a new creation in Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

NO MORNING MASS AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY December 21

Father Luan will hear confession from 4 to 5 pm on Wednesday December 21 and Mass will follow at 5:00 pm.

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.

CWL Christmas Craft and Bake Sales

DECEMBER
10 and 11
17 and 18

CRAFT SALE
AFTER MASS ON
DECEMBER 10 AND 11
DECEMBER 17 AND 18

BAKE SALE
ONE WEEKEND ONLY
AFTER MASS ON
DECEMBER 17 AND 18

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BASKET
RAFFLE

ST. MARGARET MARY'S LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY December 11 @ 5:00pm

Let's get together at O'Brian's (Leduc) and enjoy a meal and have time to visit with each other.

ALL LADIES
WELCOME!!!

\$20 Gift exchange for those who want to participate. Rev. Luan will be in attendance

CWL FOOD BANK DRIVE November 26, 2022 - December 18, 2022



We Are Always In Need of These Items:

HAMBURGER HELPER
MAYO SMALL JARS
COOKING OIL
CHILI
STEWES
CHUNKY SOUPS
SALMON
ASSORTED CANNED MEATS, CHICKEN, HAM ETC.
CAKE MIXES
RICE OR PASTA SIDE KICKS
INSTANT POTATOES
SMALL JARS OF JAM
ASSORTED VEGGIE

ST. MARGARET MARY'S POT LUCK SUNDAY DECEMBER 18 after 1:00pm Mass

All parishioners are asked to bring a food item and to **PLEASE** attend.. Mass will start at 1:00 pm, with pot luck fellowship to follow.
Let's get together.

2023 Missal

The new missals can be found at the church entrance. Cost is \$7 each

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
St Charles - Warburg: Jack Penner - 780.848.2293
Holy Trinity - Nisku: Ron Chamulka 780.955.8031
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 and/or Cheryl Hancar 780-980-3046

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 the month of December 2022

| Date | | Intention | |
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| 1 | Thu | Lynn & Richard Persson - Special Intention | SMG |
| 2 | Fri | Repose of the soul of Adam Melnychuk -2nd Anniversary | SMG |
| 3 | Sat | Repose of the soul of Peter Hills | SMG |
| 4 | Sun | Repose of the Soul of Benita Lynn Harper | SMG |
| 4 | Sun | Bauer Family living and deceased | SMM |
| 6 | Tue | Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Deleani Forchuk | SMG |
| 6 | Tue | Bauer Family living and deceased | SMM |
| 7 | Wed | Lynn & Richard Persson - Special Intention | SMG |
| 8 | Thu | Repose of the Soul of Alan Anderson | SMG |
| 9 | Fri | Martyniuk - Melnychuk Deceased Family Members | SMG |
| 10 | Sat | Repose of the Soul of Shauna Persson | SMG |
| 11 | Sun | Repose of the Soul of Joseph Breau | SMG |
| 11 | Sun | Bauer Family living and deceased | SMM |
| 12 | Mon | Schumacher Family - Intentions | SMG |
| 13 | Tue | Bauer Family living and deceased | SMM |
| 14 | Wed | Repose of the souls of Yvette, Gerald & Heather Christenson | SMG |
| 15 | Thu | Thor and Chelsea Quaranta - Personal Intentions | SMG |
| 16 | Fri | Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Roger Barba | SMG |
| 17 | Sat | Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Barry Breau | SMG |
| 18 | Sun | Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Barry Breau | SMG |
| 20 | Tue | Aguiar Family - Intentions | SMG |
| 21 | Wed | Repose of the Soul of Maximo Lazaro Sr. | SMG |
| 22 | Thu | Repose of the Soul of Derek Persson | SMG |
| 23 | Fri | Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Maureen Savoie | SMG |
| 27 | Tue | Juliette Belanger Family Intentions | SMG |
| 28 | Wed | Repose of the Soul of Ed Savoie | SMG |
| 29 | Thu | Jean & Jack Boser - Family Intentions | SMG |
| 30 | Fri | Savoie Family - Living & Deceased | SMG |
| 31 | Sat | Barba Family Living & Deceased | SMG |