

DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Advent Penitential - Confessions

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby

Wednesday December 21

4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - Saturday December 24

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

St. Maria Goretti - Devon

11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS - Saturday December 31

St. Maria Goretti - Devon

5:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - Sunday January 1

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby

9:00 AM

St. Margaret Mary - Calmar

10:15 AM

St. Maria Goretti - Devon

11:30 AM

4th Sunday of Advent – December 18, 2022

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

2nd Reading: James 5, 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11, 2-11

Embracing the Mysteries of Life

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:20–21

As we begin the Fourth Week of Advent, we focus ever more directly upon the miracle that took place over 2,000 years ago. The passage quoted above presents us with the words of the angel of the Lord who spoke to Joseph in a dream. This was one of four dreams that Joseph had in which an angel spoke to him concerning the Christ Child.

Saint Joseph is described in Matthew’s Gospel as “a righteous man” who was unwilling to expose his betrothed wife, Mary, to shame. We know the story well. Mary became pregnant after being betrothed to Joseph but before they lived together, and Joseph didn’t understand how this happened. Mary’s virtue and goodness would have appeared to contradict the possibility of her becoming pregnant when she did. Joseph was planning on doing what he thought was the honorable thing. He decided to divorce her quietly so that she would not endure public shame.

But God’s plan was so much greater than what Joseph could initially comprehend. The Incarnation of the Son of God within the womb of his betrothed required supernatural understanding. And that’s what Joseph was given. Though he had a dream in which an angel spoke to him, a dream was not enough. The dream also needed to be accompanied by the gift of supernatural knowledge. Joseph listened in the dream and believed by the interior revelation of faith that this incredible reality was true. This Child was indeed conceived by the Holy Spirit within the virginal womb of his betrothed, and Joseph accepted his God-given responsibility.

Joseph’s witness is one to ponder and be inspired by. First, it’s essential that we ponder the story as it happened and be inspired by God’s singularly unique plan by which He took on our human nature. But Joseph also provides us with inspiration for our own callings in life. Joseph inspires us to face any and every mystery in life that we encounter with the utmost trust in God. God’s wisdom and ways are always far beyond ours. Very often in life, God will call us to walk an unknown and mysterious path. Life does not always make perfect sense from a purely rational perspective. Very often, we must allow our human reason to be informed and led by God’s supernatural plan. For each of us, this mysterious path will be different. But if we are to walk by the same faith that Saint Joseph had, then we must always be willing to accept the most sublime mysteries in life and allow God’s revealing Word to clarify them.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you feel challenged by life’s circumstances. What tempts you to doubt, to be confused, or to feel uncertain? What is it that requires supernatural knowledge on your part to embrace? If God the Father chose to bring forth His divine Son in such a mysterious way, then we should not be surprised when God calls us to embrace similar mysteries in life. Walk by faith. Be inspired by Saint Joseph. Say “Yes” to that which God is asking of you. As you do, you will find that you will begin to walk down the most glorious road you can walk.

Most glorious Saint Joseph, you were a man of true righteousness and integrity. You were open to the inspired gift of faith and chose to walk by that faith as you faced the greatest of mysteries. Please pray for me that I may learn from you and be inspired to imitate the life that you lived. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

St. Maria Goretti - Cleaning Crew - Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with the cleaning of our church. It is done on the 1st Monday and 3rd Saturday of the Month at 10:00 am. Please contact Kelsey Papastratis at 780-812-5160 or by email Kelsey.bekolay@gmail.com, for more information.

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.

HELP US DECORATE OUR CHURCH

Please bring your poinsettias by Tuesday December 20



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.

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
STEW
CHUNKY SOUPS
SALMON
ASSORTED CANNED MEATS, CHICKEN, HAM ETC.
CAKE MIXES
RICE OR PASTA SIDE KICKS
INSTANT POTATOES
SMALL JARS OF JAM
ASSORTED VEGGIE

CWL Christmas Craft and Bake Sales

DECEMBER
17 and 18

TOONIE
BASKET
RAFFLE

2023 Donation Envelopes

Should be available next week. Please call the office @ 780-987-2858 if you would like to be added.

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
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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 the month of December 2022

Date		Intention	
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