

DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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ST. MARIA GORETTI - Mass Tuesday December 6 @ 6:00 pm

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.

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

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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2nd Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 11, 1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15, 4 -9

Gospel: Matthew 3, 1-12

Public Repentance

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” Matthew 3:7–8

This was both a very intense and yet very holy encounter. It was intense in that Saint John the Baptist, who had become quite popular and respected and was considered a great prophet, spoke harshly toward the Pharisees and Sadducees. “You brood of vipers!” he says. This was not the way the Pharisees and Sadducees were normally spoken to.

John speaks this way because it was the truth. These religious leaders were not leading anyone closer to God. One only needs to ponder all that Jesus would eventually say to the Pharisees and Sadducees to understand what kind of people these religious leaders had become.

So this passage is certainly intense. But it is also very holy. It is holy because this “brood of vipers” needed to be chastised. They needed to be condemned and challenged. They needed to be humbled. And there is nothing more humbling than sincerely repenting of one’s sins in a public way.

Notice that John does not dismiss the leaders outright. Rather, he requires of them “evidence” of their repentance. Why? Because of the spiritual damage these men did to the people of Israel on account of their pride, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, love of public honors, condemnation of others, etc. They had so distorted the faith that the good of their souls required public repentance. It required that everyone see sincere good fruits flowing from their lives as a sign that they had changed. Though this is a tall order for the Pharisees and Sadducees, it’s the way to holiness for them.

The same is true for us. If you have allowed yourself to fall into some of the same traps as the Pharisees and Sadducees, then you, too, will greatly benefit from clear and humble public change. If you have struggled with self-righteousness, a critical tongue, a “holier than thou” attitude or a judgmental attitude toward others, then you might have great need for a humble and public repentance.

Reflect, today, upon the Pharisees and Sadducees. Try to understand their sin and the reason John called them a “brood of vipers.” If you see any of their pride and self-righteousness within your own soul, then listen to this exhortation from John the Baptist as if it were spoken to you directly. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” Do this, and God will free you through the gift of true humility.

My humble Lord, You call all people to repentance with great humility and sincerity. Please help me to see my sin and to never shy away from facing it, so that You can free me from that filth and set me more firmly on the path to holiness. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

Advent Penitential - Reconciliation

Wednesday December 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm

St. Maria Goretti Parish - Devon

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
16 AND 17

CRAFT SALE
AFTER MASS ON
DECEMBER 10 AND 11
DECEMBER 16 AND 17

BAKE SALE
ONE WEEKEND ONLY
AFTER MASS ON
DECEMBER 16 AND 17

TOONIE
BASKET
RAFFLE

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

53rd Annual
Our Lady of Victory Smorg

Raised \$ 2,845
Thank you for your support

2023 Missal

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

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	Mapy Rosales - Health & well-being	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