

OCTOBER 23, 2022
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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53rd Annual
Our Lady of Victory Smorg

Sunday, November 6, 2022 | Thorsby Community Centre

Doors: 4:30PM | Dinner: 5:00PM

Food donation sign up sheets can be found
at the back of the church

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!

Adults (13+) - \$20

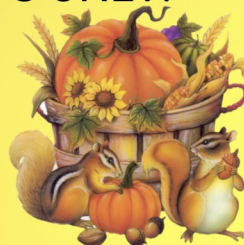
Kids (6-12) - \$10

Under 5 - Free

Call to purchase your tickets:

Margita: 780.910.0514

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Cemetery Contacts:

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby: Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 23, 2022

1st Reading: Sirach 35, 15-17 20-22

2nd Reading: 2Timothy 4, 6-8 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18, 9 – 14

True Righteousness

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. Luke 18:9

This Scripture passage is the introduction to the Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. This parable offers quite a contrast between two general attitudes. First, the Pharisee's attitude reveals that he is very impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, and is unaware of his own sin. Second, the tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows he is in need of God's mercy. The result of these two very different attitudes is that the tax collector went home justified whereas the Pharisee did not.

What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector had a clear conscience and was grounded in the truth. He knew his need for mercy, begged for it and received it. He did not lie to himself, to others or to God. He knew who he was and it is this truth that allowed God to exalt him. The tax collector's justification came through the forgiveness of his sins and the bestowal of the mercy of God in his life.

The Pharisee may have felt good about himself to a certain extent in that he elevated himself for all to see. He was convinced of his own self-righteousness but, in truth, was not righteous. He was only self-righteous. He was living a lie and most likely believed that lie and even may have convinced others of that lie. But the fact remained, the Pharisee was not righteous and he was not truly justified.

What we must take from this passage is a profound realization of the importance of living in the truth. Those who paint a false image of themselves may fool themselves and may even fool others. But they will never fool God and they will never be able to achieve true peace in their soul. We each must realize the humble truth of our sin and weakness and, in that realization, beg for the only remedy – the mercy of God.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13). Make it your prayer. Admit your sin. Acknowledge your need for the mercy of God and allow that mercy to exalt you within the righteousness of God.

Lord of all righteousness, Jesus Christ, please be merciful to me, for I am a sinner. I acknowledge my sin and my weakness and I beg for Your abundant mercy. Please pour forth Your mercy and help me to open my heart to all that You wish to bestow. Help me to live in the humble truth, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

CATHECHISM Classes at St. Margaret Mary - Calmar

For the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Registration will be on October 27 at 3:30pm at the church. Please bring \$25 per child to cover materials. Parent attendance is required. Rev. Luan will be in attendance to meet everyone.

If you require more information; please contact Barb Abel @ 780-983-3395

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.

Operation Christmas Child 2022

We have been invited once again to participate in Operation Christmas Child and bring a bit of joy at Christmas time to a child in war torn countries by way of a shoebox. Last year 413,875 shoe boxes were distributed from Canada to Guinea, Gambia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

2,345 of those boxes came from Devon, Leduc, Beaumont, New Sarepta, Warburg, Calmar and Thorsby. Starting this weekend, empty shoeboxes will be available in the church foyer. Please take one (or more), fill it with love and special items and return it to the church no later than November 13th.

For the list of suggested items for various age groups as well as items that must not be included,

click here: <https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/suggested-gifts/>

and here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfHXdkMd2fA&t=9s>

May you be richly blessed for your kindness and generosity

Pictures from our Rosary Rally. Thank you everyone for the great day!



St. Maria Goretti 16th Annual Bedroll Project

Many thanks for your generous support of this project! Details will follow.

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.