

**OCTOBER 30, 2022**

**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CSS SUNDAY**



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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:  
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## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 30, 2022

1st Reading: Wisdom 11.22-12.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2Thesalonians 1.11-2.2 Gospel: Luke 19, 1 – 10

### Overcoming Obstacles

“Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” Luke 19:5

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning.

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it.

Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart. Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord.

Regardless of whether or not you are “successful” from a worldly point of view, it’s essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That “unfulfilled desire” refers to any way that God is not fully the center of your life. Some people try to fulfill this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus. (mycatholiclife.com)

### 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 Times for November 1st and 2nd

Tuesday November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints		Wednesday November 2 - All Souls' Day	
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	10:30 AM	St. Maria Goretti - Devon	9:00 AM
St. Maria Goretti - Devon	7:00 PM	Holy Trinity - Nisku	11:00 AM
		Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	5:00 PM

### **St Maria Goretti Parish New and Returning Choir members, we need your voices!**

Rehearsals starting soon for our Christmas Eve Choir, please register with Roxanne as soon as possible. roxannepersson@gmail.com

### 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. Empty shoeboxes are available in St. Maria Goretti 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

## **St. Maria Goretti 16th Annual Bedroll Project**

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus,

We have been blessed once more with your generous spirit to support the homeless and those in need. This was the 16th year of our St. Maria Goretti's Bedroll Project.

With Covid restrictions eased, we were able to gather again at the church for our sewing bee on October 13th and 14th. It was great to come together with ladies from the United and Anglican churches and even a familiar face from Edmonton (thank you Madelon). We are grateful to the CWL ladies who donated the croissant sandwiches for our lunch.

Our sewing bee this year produced 29 bedrolls. In addition 45 good quality blankets, sheet sets, duvets, sleeping bags and children's bedding went to the city for transitional housing. Many thanks to the United Church Thrift Store for generously collecting the bedding used for our project. Others have gifted material that covers the older linens to make the bedrolls.

Thanks to Home Hardware who generously assist with the purchase and donation of the men's socks. The shelters were very happy to receive these quality socks.

### **Over two weekends our giving Parish donated \$1225.00**

and so we were able to buy:

150 pairs men's socks  
4 pairs women's socks  
10 pairs men's long underwear  
4 pairs women's long underwear  
5 pairs men's gloves  
4 pairs of women's gloves  
120 pairs of hand warmers  
30 \$10.00 gift cards for meals totaling \$300.00

This year's delivery to the homeless shelters in Edmonton and Leduc included many beautiful handmade toques and scarves, balaclavas and neck warmers crafted with great love as well as your donations of socks, hats, mitts and gloves.

**Many thanks to ALL our parishioners who have supported our project  
though your time, talent and treasure!**

*You bring a little comfort from the cold to those most in need.*