

MAY 4, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM MAY 12 to MAY 15

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

MARIA GORETTI PARISH

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Masses

Wed. & Fri. Rosary: 8:40 am

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

Adoration: Friday 9:30 to 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday half an hour before Mass
or any day by appointment.

MARGARET MARY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Rosary at 9:45 am

Sunday Mass: 10:15 am

Weekday Mass

Tuesday: 10:30 am

Adoration: 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

Cemetery Contacts:

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby: Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779

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St. Maria Goretti Parish 8 St. Clair Street, Devon, AB

MISSION STATEMENT

Radiating Christ's message of love and hope in the daily celebration of the Eucharist and incorporating it in our family life.

PPC Chair: Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417

Finance Chair: Matt Yarmuch 780-987-5470

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There will be NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS on May 3, 2025

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 this week

Date		Intention
4	Sun	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
		Br. Leon Jansen - Good Health
5	Mon	In Honor of Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Rafael
6	Tue	Archbishop Smith - CWL Intentions
7	Wed	Lynne & Richard Persson - Personal Intentions
8	Thu	Fajardo Family - Living and Deceased
9	Fri	Roxanne & Dean Persson - Personal Intentions
10	Sat	Thanksgiving for Mapy Rosales and all God's blessings
11	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Justin Delano R.I.P.

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Thank You to our "Gardening Angels"

Who cleaned up the flower beds and swept the parking lot!

Grass - The 2 small patches need some attention. If someone has an aerator or dethatching equipment, Please come and give our lawn some TLC! Thank You!



Knights of Columbus - Devon

Pancake Brunch this Sunday May 4

Please join us after Mass!!

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.

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MASS CHANGES

Wednesday Mass in Thorsby May 7, will be changed to Thursday May 8

TRI-PARISH NEWS

Our Carmelite Family of Priests, Nuns and Secular Order
invite you to celebrate the
Centenary of the Canonization of



St. Thérèse of Lisieux

"I never ceased hoping against all hope!"

Jubilee Mass Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:30 am

at the Carmelite Monastery

Main Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Jerome Moras, O.C.D.

Refreshments, snacks – and bring along a friend!

Place: Carmelite Monastery, #12, 51222 Range Rd. 270, Spruce Grove

For more information, please visit our website www.carmelitenuns.ca



3rd Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025

1st Reading: Acts 5, 28-32, 40b-41

2nd Reading: Revelation 5, 11-14

Gospel: John 21, 1-19

One Hundred and Fifty-three Large Fish

When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So, they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. John 21:4-6

Recall the first time there was a miraculous catch of fish in the Gospels. In Luke 5:1-7, Jesus was preaching to the people on the shore from where He sat in Peter's boat just a short distance away. After preaching, Jesus told Peter, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Peter did so and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help to haul it in.

In today's Gospel, some three years later after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples from the shore and instructed them to cast their nets "over the right side of the boat." They did so and caught 153 large fish. In commenting on these two passages, Saint Augustine teaches that the first miraculous catch was a sign that the Gospel would be preached to all people, which is indicated by Jesus simply saying "lower your nets." But after the Resurrection, Jesus specifically tells the disciples to cast their nets "over the right side" to indicate that grace is now given to those who stand on His right side and are separated from the condemned who are on His left. Thus, this second miraculous catch symbolizes the end of the age when the good and the bad are judged.

Saint Augustine also notes that the 153 large fish, caught off the right side of the boat, are a symbolic representation of those who conform not only to the Ten Commandments but also receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by grace. He explains that $10 + 7 = 17$ and if you add all the numbers together between 1 and 17 you arrive at 153. Thus, these 153 fish represent everyone who receives His gift of grace and obtains salvation. The boat represents the Church, and the gift of salvation is offered by Christ through His Church.

One clear message we must take from Saint Augustine's interpretation is that grace and mercy are offered to all, but not received by all. At the end of our lives and at the end of the world, judgment will take place. Those who responded to the offer of grace and mercy, repented of their sins and gave their lives to Christ will eternally share in the Resurrection. But those who refused to follow His Commandments and closed themselves to the transforming power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be separated from eternal joys.

It is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. Are you among those 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat? Do you allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to draw you to Christ through preaching and the Sacraments? Though all of us might quickly answer "Yes" to that question, we should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as it is dispensed by the Church. (mycatholiclife.com)

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