FEBRUARY 22, 2026
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

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St. Maria Goretti - Friday March 6 - Adoration after Mass until 12;00 Noon

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Weekend Mass
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass
***Wednesday**: 10:30 am*

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

ST 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.

ST 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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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

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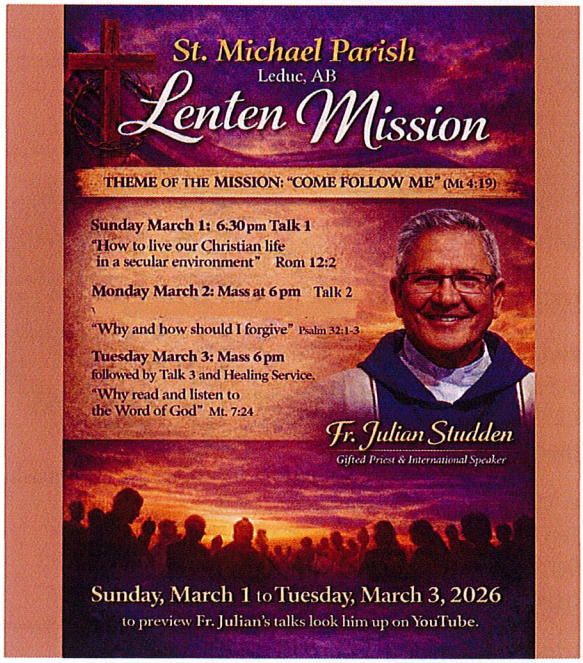

Spring is just around the corner, and so is....

St. Maria Goretti Spring Fling Dinner, Dance, & Auction

Saturday April 18, 2026

We are graciously asking our community, businesses, and parish family to consider donating to this event. We would be grateful for any new donated items, gift certificates, or services to be auctioned during the event.

We're happy to arrange for item pickup or provide a drop-off location for your convenience. If you're able to contribute, please contact,

Tina Schoenfelder - 780-218-3626

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
21	Sat	**Laura & Brett Blanchette - Personal Intentions**
22	Sun	**Caitlynn Sears - Health and Healing**
		Michael & Elizabeth Schumacher - Personal Intentions
23	Mon	**Repose of the Soul of Bill Bates R.I.P.**
24	Tue	**Father Luan Vu - Personal Intentions**
25	Wed	**Repose of the Soul of Ed Kienast R.I.P**
26	Thu	**Repose of the Soul of Ed Kienast R.I.P**
27	Fri	**Personal intentions of Joyce Forchuk and Birthday of Jason Forchuk**
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Maria Antonieta Palma
28	Sat	**Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions**
1	Sun	**Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions**

PPC Chair: Ernest Jablonski 780-789-2363 **Finance Chair:** Mary Jablonski 780-789-2363

Catechism for this week:
Why Is Purple the Color of Lent?

In our Catholic tradition, purple is the color of the seasons of penance and preparation: Advent and Lent. Priests wear a purple stole in the confessional to symbolize the penitential nature of the sacrament.

But why purple, of all colors?

To find the answer, we must go back to the story of the Passion found in the Gospels: "Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands". John 19:1-3

Purple is the color of royalty, which is why the soldiers used it to mock Christ's Kingship. Little did they know that they mocked no earthly criminal, indeed no earthly king, but the King of heaven and earth! And Jesus Himself bore it all with majestic grace and divine mercy towards His enemies.

In order to properly honor Christ's divine Kingship and remember the terrible humiliations He endured for our sake, our altars, vestments, candles, and other sacramental items are bedecked in purple during Lent and other penitential occasions.

So, this Lent, when you see the color purple, remember the sufferings of our divine King and honor Him with your love, adoration, sacrifices, and prayers.

Stations of the Cross during Lent		
St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	Every Tuesday after mass
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	Every Friday after mass

World Day of Prayer 2026

Prepared by the women of Nigeria

"I will give you rest: come" Matthew 11, 28-30

Location: St. George's Anglican Church

When: Friday, March 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm

We are inviting everyone to come together as a community to pray for the women of Nigeria and women everywhere who are living through difficult times. Hope to see you there.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Questions? Please contact Rosemarie Laslop (Host Coordinator) - Victory Lutheran 780-987-5408

1st Sunday of Lent – February 22, 2026

***1st Reading**: Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7* ***2nd Reading**: Romans 5:12–19* ***Gospel**: Matthew 4:1–11*

Battling the tempter this Lent

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."
Matthew 4:1–3

In His great humility and compassion for us, Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, allowed Himself to endure something that we sinful human beings encounter every day—temptation. God's glorious plan from the beginning included the creation of both humans and pure spirits—angels—to form one glorious Kingdom of God. Original Sin, the fall of the angels, and our struggle against temptation were not part of God's original intention, but they became realities due to the misuse of free will, both by angels and by humans. Free will was necessary for both angels and humans to love God freely, which led to a third of the angels and many humans turning away from Him.

Today's Gospel focuses on the activity of the most powerful fallen angel—Satan, originally named Lucifer, meaning "Light-Bearer." Tradition holds that he was among the highest of the angels, possibly a Seraphim. According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Lucifer's fall resulted from pride: He desired to be a god unto himself, to create and govern according to his own will, refusing to serve God. This cosmic reality, of which both Jesus and Satan were fully aware, sets the stage for and adds profound significance to their encounter in the desert.

In this dramatic confrontation, Jesus, by allowing Himself to be tempted, begins the ultimate defeat of Satan, a victory that will culminate in Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is the only recorded instance in which Jesus permits Satan to tempt Him directly. While Satan remained active throughout Jesus' ministry, seeking to disrupt His mission, this moment in the desert addresses temptation specifically. By rejecting each temptation, Jesus not only demonstrates how to overcome the devil but also empowers humanity with the grace needed to resist temptation through His triumph on the Cross.

As we enter into the first full week of Lent, reflect today on the temptations you face in your own life. Though Satan is powerful and highly intelligent, he is no match for the grace of God. By uniting ourselves to Christ, we are strengthened to resist all that Satan and his demons throw at us. Victory over temptation is not achieved by our own strength but through Christ's grace, which He freely offers to all who turn to Him. (mycatholiclife.com)

Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

CWL Easter Flower Sale

The Devon CWL is holding an Easter Flower Sale to help make our church beautiful for Easter.

Potted Flowers are $20.00 each. Deadline for orders is March 29th.

Please see the order forms for complete details.