

DECEMBER 14, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

The Office will be closed Friday December 19, 2025

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

St Francis: Ed Naprawa - 780.789.2195 and/or George Cygan 780 918 3412

St Charles: Clem Coffey - 780.696.2221 and/or Barry Gidosh 780 910 1003

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St. Margaret Mary - Calmar: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 and/or Cheryl Hancar 780-980-3046

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

Liturgy: Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487



St. Maria Goretti's Annual Christmas Food Drive

Please help us fill the baskets located in the foyer.

Everyman shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17



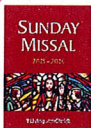
MASS INTENTIONS

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.

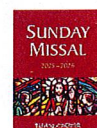
Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
13	Sat	Amanda and Travis Schoenfelder - Health and Personal Intentions
14	Sun	Repose of the Soul of Bill Bates R.I.P.
15	Mon	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Monica Williams
16	Tue	Repose of the Soul of Larry Haz R.I.P.
17	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Derek Persson R.I.P. Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Roger Barba
18	Thu	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Barry Breau and for his health
19	Fri	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Jesse Rhodes
20	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Marilyn Rhodes R.I.P.
21	Sun	Margaret Harmer - Health and well-being

2026 Missals are now available



\$7 each - located at the Foyer of the Church



Flowers to decorate our Church

Those wishing to donate flowers to decorate our church for the Christmas season, please bring them December 20-23 (the fourth Sunday of Advent) and leave them in the office or kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

A Thank You to Bernie Bredin and Clem Coffey for organizing the parish Advent Supper. It was a great evening. Also a Thank You to Mark Bendoritis and anyone else involved with solving the recent water issue at the church.

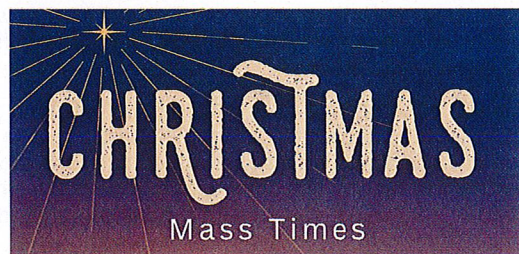
Everything is now working properly.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia so our church looks beautiful for the Christmas season. Parish Council wants to wish all parishioners a blessed Christmas and good health and happiness for the New Year.

TRI-PARISH NEWS

2026 Donation Envelopes can be found at the church entrance

Please call the office at 780-987-2858 If you did not get yours or if you would like a new set.



CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday December 24

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	5:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	7:00 PM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	9:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday December 25

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	11:00 AM
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NEW YEAR'S EVE - Wednesday December 31

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	4:00 PM
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NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday January 1

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	10:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 14, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 35, 1-6a, 10

2nd Reading: James 5, 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11, 2-11

Rejoicing in the Cross

Though Jesus' ministry was filled with miracles, they were far from the most important part of His mission. His miracles healed bodies that would eventually die, but His preaching healed souls that would live forever because His preaching ultimately pointed to His greatest work—to suffer and die for the salvation of souls.

If you were alive as Jesus walked the earth, performed miracles, preached the Good News, suffered death and rose again, which of His actions would have the greatest effect on you? When we consider our Lord's mission, we must consider it all as one unified whole, not missing the most important aspects. From a faith perspective, Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are clearly His greatest acts. By freely embracing suffering and death, He transformed the worst into the best: the consequence of sin—which is death—into the instrument of eternal life. When Jesus said, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me," He was identifying those as blessed who discovered the great value of His Cross.

If we were to ask Jesus' first followers whether they would prefer to see Jesus perform miracles or suffer and die, most likely they would prefer the miracles. Such a question might have even left them confused. Why would anyone want to see a great prophet suffer and die? Yet, today, from a theological perspective, it is clear that Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are the greatest acts in human history.

Imagine being our Blessed Mother who witnessed it all, stood by her Son as He endured His Cross, and rejoiced with Him when He rose. Unquestionably, if we asked our Blessed Mother whether she preferred to see a few miracles from her Son or to witness His perfect sacrifice that brought salvation to the world, her holy and sorrowful heart would choose the latter.

Reflect today on these questions within the context of your own life. When you pray, do you primarily ask for favors, blessings, or miracles? Or do you primarily pray for the Cross? Do you see greater value in having God remove some suffering from your life or in transforming your suffering by the power of His Cross? Ask for the grace to die with our Lord, to become a living sacrifice of love, and to have the strength to lay down your life for others. By choosing that which has eternal value, you choose the better part and will rejoice in that better part forever. (mycatholiclife.com)



Journey through Advent

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxilliary Bishop of Hamilton. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2025.

Each video in the series serves as an introduction to the liturgical season of Advent and presents reflections on the Gospel readings for each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

St. Margaret Mary Parish 5120 50 Ave, Calmar, AB

Carmelite Nuns - Christmas Hamper

Please bring **non-perishable Food items**. We will deliver them on December 15th. Thank You and God Bless.

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