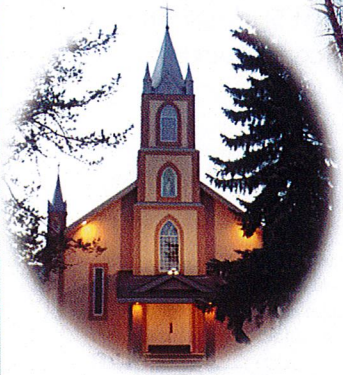
FEBRUARY 15, 2026
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

https://olvthorsby.wordpress.com/

St. Margaret Mary Parish

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Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton—https://www.caedm.ca

The office will be closed on Monday February 16 - Family Day

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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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.

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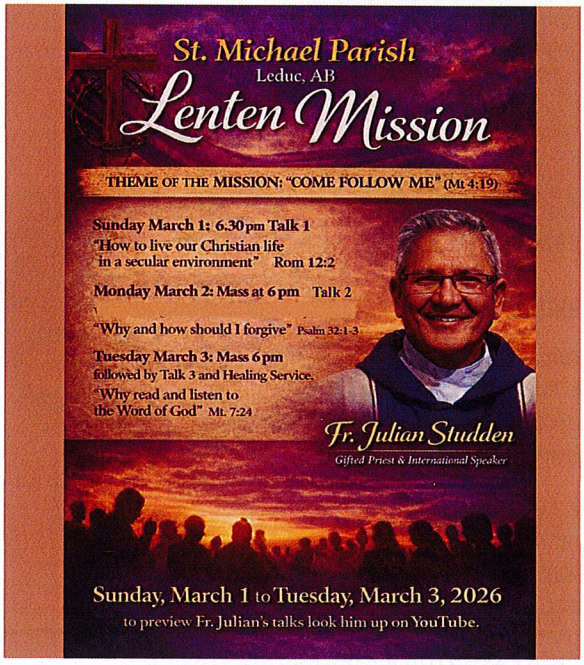

Spring is just around the corner, and so is....

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
14	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Kenneth James Munro
		Maureen Savoie - Personal Intentions
15	Sun	Sirski and Bates Family Members - Living and Deceased
		Judy Briscoe - Personal Intentions
16	Mon	Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions
17	Tue	Marlene Savoie - Personal Intentions
18	Wed	Thanksgiving for the birthday of Fr. Arun Rodrigues
		Doan and Margaret Logan - Personal Intentions
19	Thu	Deceased members of the Roberge Family
20	Fri	Thanksgiving for Baptism Anniversay of Joyce Forchuk
		Repose of the Soul of Fr. Ted Wesolowski
21	Sat	Laura & Brett Blanchette - Personal Intentions
22	Sun	Michael & Elizabeth Schumacher - Personal Intentions

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Catechism for this week:

How Do Catholics Observe Ash Wednesday?

1. Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Catholics aged 18 to 59 are required to fast, meaning they may eat only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal. Additionally, Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat. These practices foster discipline and help us focus on spiritual growth.

2. Receiving Ashes

Catholics attend Mass or a Liturgy of the Word service to receive ashes. The cross of ashes serves as both a public declaration of faith and a personal call to repentance.

3. Prayer and Reflection

Many use Ash Wednesday to reflect on their relationship with God and set spiritual goals for Lent. Common Lenten practices include daily prayer, reading Scripture, and participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

4. Acts of Charity

Lent is also a time to practice almsgiving. Many Catholics donate to charities, help those in need, or perform acts of kindness as part of their Lenten commitment.

Why is Ash Wednesday Important?

Ash Wednesday is more than just a ritual—it is an invitation to deepen our faith. By wearing ashes, Catholics publicly acknowledge their dependence on God and their commitment to spiritual renewal. It serves as a powerful reminder to embrace Lent as a period of growth, sacrifice, and preparation for Easter.

How to Make the Most of Lent

Lent is a journey of transformation. To fully embrace the season, consider:

Setting spiritual goals – Commit to daily prayer, Scripture reading, or attending Mass more frequently.

Making sacrifices – Give up something meaningful as an act of self-discipline.

Serving others – Find ways to give back through charitable works.

Going to confession – Seek God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18, 2026		
Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby	10:30 AM
Holy Spirit Catholic School	Devon	1:15 PM
St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	5:00 PM
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	7:00 PM

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15, 2026

***1st Reading**: ISirach 15:15–20* ***2nd Reading**: 1 Corinthians 2:6–10* ***Gospel**: Matthew 5:17–37*

The Law and the Prophets

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place." Matthew 5:17–18

For many, the Old Testament can be confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that seem difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet, Jesus' words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past but an essential part of God's divine plan. Furthermore, every law, prophecy, and detail, down to "the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter," finds its deepest meaning and completion in Christ.

In a simplified way, the "Law and the Prophets" in the Old Testament can be summarized as moral laws, ceremonial laws, and prophetic teaching. The moral laws reflect God's eternal truths of right and wrong, the ceremonial laws govern Israel's worship and rituals, and the prophetic teaching calls the people to repentance, pointing to the coming Messiah. Together, these form the foundation of the Old Covenant, which is fulfilled in Christ, Who established the New and Eternal Covenant. Additionally, the Psalms and Wisdom literature enrich the Law and the Prophets, offering inspired prayers, meditations on God's faithfulness, and practical guidance for virtuous living.

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfillment. The commandment "You shall not kill" is deepened to include the interior sin of anger; "You shall not commit adultery" is expanded to include lust in the heart; and "Do not take a false oath" is elevated to a call for sincerity, honesty, and integrity in all one says and does. The Messiah then pours forth His grace, enabling the faithful to live in accord with this high calling.

Reflect today on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfillment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the center of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfillment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood. (mycatholiclife.com)

K of C Shrove Tuesday - Feb 17 - Pancake Supper at Holy Spirit School

Please join us from 5:00 to 6:30pm at Holy Spirit Catholic School - 100 Michigan St., Devon

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.

Thursday February 19 - CWL Social (with Rev. Luan Vu) at 6:30 pm

All women are invited - whether you are a CWL member or not.