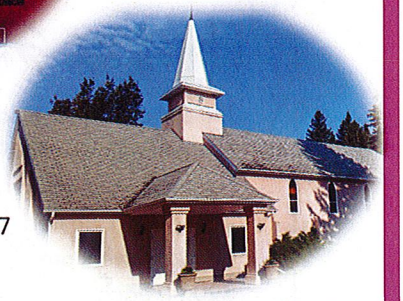
MARCH 8, 2026
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

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St. Maria Goretti - Wednesday March 25 at 6:30 pm - Penitential Service

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.

PPC Chair: Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417

Finance Chair: Matthew Yarmuch 780-987-5470 **Liturgy:** Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487

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. Please see the order forms for complete details. Deadline for orders is March 29th.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 29	
Our Lady of Victory	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti	11:30 AM
Holy Thursday - April 2	
Our Lady of Victory	5:00 PM
St. Maria Goretti	7:00 PM
Good Friday - April 3	
Our Lady of Victory	11:00 AM
St. Maria Goretti	3:00 PM
Holy Saturday - April 4	
St. Maria Goretti (Basket Blessing)	11:00 AM
St. Maria Goretti	8:00 PM
Easter Sunday - April 5	
Our Lady of Victory	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	10:15 AM
St. Maria Goretti	11:30 AM

ST. JOHN BOSCO
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COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Presented by Couples for Christ
All couples are welcome!

Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Saturday, March 14, 2025

St. John Bosco Parish Hall

8:00am to 4:00pm

Mass at 5:00 pm with renewal of vows

The 5pm mass is intended to be part of the program and couples are expected/encouraged to attend the mass.

Call 780-478-0198 to register

Lunch provided
No cost to attend,
free will offering accepted

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

Catechism for this week:

March: A Month for St. Joseph

What's the connection between March and St. Joseph?

The feast of St. Joseph is March 19. It typically falls during Lent, giving us the opportunity to direct our devotion to Joseph's sacrifices and hardships as he followed God's will and mourned the impending loss of his Son that he wouldn't live to see.

Also, in March, on the 25th, is the Annunciation, when Mary accepted the Incarnation. Joseph received a message from an angel in a dream that his betrothed was pregnant through a virgin conception. He trusted the Father and embraced his role in the life of God made Man.

Since St. Joseph is not just any other saint, it is fitting that he has his own month of special devotion in the liturgical year.

The Role of St. Joseph in Our Lives

Joseph is a model of virtue, especially for men and fathers, and a powerful protector, particularly for virgins and women. He is the:

- ***Defender of chastity***
- ***Guardian of the family***
- ***Terror of demons***

He exemplifies virtuous living, acceptance of duties, and masculinity.

For these reasons, we should all strive to imitate St. Joseph and learn from him. We can also invoke his intercession and ask his protection against demons, threats to purity, and familial disputes.

He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, fathers, workers, families, and a happy death.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
7	Sat	**Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Joel Quaranta**
		Rhodes & Hills Family Members, Living & deceased
8	Sun	**Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions**
9	Mon	**Thanksgiving to St. Antonio de Padua**
		Repose of the Soul of Ofelia de la Cruz
10	Tue	**Marcella Zimrose - Health and Personal intentions**
11	Wed	**Lynn Persson - Thanksgiving**
13	Fri	**Donna Hill - Health and Healing**
14	Sat	**Brannick Family - Living and deceased**
15	Sun	**Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Jeanine Chartrand**

3rd Sunday in Lent – March 8, 2026

***1st Reading**: Exodus 17:3–7* ***2nd Reading**: Romans 5:1–2, 5–8* ***Gospel**: John 4:5–42*

Facing the Horror of My Sins

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." John 4:16–18

Today, we are given the beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. The story begins with Jesus resting by the well, for He was "tired from his journey." A Samaritan woman approaches the well at noon, during the heat of the day, most likely to avoid the scorn of the other women who looked down on her. Jesus then does something that greatly surprises her: He asks her for a drink of water.

Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans, yet Jesus was willing to drink from her utensil. When she questioned Him about this, Jesus responded, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The "living water" Jesus desired to give her was the spiritual gift of grace to renew and refresh her soul. His divine eyes enabled Him to see her spiritual hunger, and His compassion filled Him with a desire to free her from her many burdens.

By speaking this way to the woman, Jesus lets her know that He knows all about her, loves her, and longs to fill her with the satiation she has been searching for throughout her life. He does not judge or condemn her; He invites her to experience the freedom He longed to bestow upon her. After the encounter, the woman left the well overjoyed and even left her water jar behind, symbolizing that she was no longer thirsty—spiritually speaking. She then confidently went to the people of the town and said, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Our sins fill us with shame. The guilt of our hidden sins weighs us down, leaving us thirsty. If we can identify with this sinful woman, then we can also expect the same depth of compassion from Jesus. Too often, we hide our sins, even from ourselves, justifying our actions, downplaying them, or ignoring them. That is not the path to freedom. Freedom only comes by allowing our Lord to reveal our sins to us, facing them, and encountering God's abundant mercy. (mycatholiclife.com)

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

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