

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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The Knights of Columbus are providing a scholarship of \$250 for one person, male or female, who meets the following criteria:



- ◆ **graduated Grade 12 in June of 2025**
 - ◆ **is going to post secondary education (2025 - 2026 school year)**
 - ◆ **Is a member of St. Maria Goretti in Devon, St. Margaret Mary in Calmar, or Our Lady of Victory in Thorsby.**
- Applicants are to include their post-secondary field of study and their involvement in their parish over the past 4 years.
Give your applications to Fr. Vu or drop them off at the parish office in Devon. **Applications close Oct 12, 2025.**

St. Maria Goretti - Devon - Urgently needed : **Greeters especially for Sundays**

Please phone the church office or Bernie 780-203-2708 to volunteer. Thank you and may God Bless you



Knights of Columbus - Devon

Pancake Brunch
Sunday September 28 after mass.
All are Welcome!!



CWL FURTHER EDUCATION AWARD

Since 1991, Devon CWL has enhanced the further education award for one Grade 12 Diploma student each year.

The deadline for submitting applications is September 30th.

The further education award of \$250.00 will be announced and presented to a successful applicant during Mass on October 5th. Interested? **Applications are located in the entrance of the church.**



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
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1st Reading: Numbers 21:4b–9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6–11

Gospel: John 3, 13-17

The Transforming Power of the Cross

If Jesus would never have given His life on a cross for the salvation of the world, then a cross would never have been seen in “exultation.” A cross, in and of itself, is an instrument of death, a horrific and violent death. It’s also an instrument of humiliation and torture. Yet, today, the Cross is seen as a holy and blessed object. We hang crosses in our homes, wear them around our neck, keep them in our pocket on the end of the rosary, and spend time in prayer before them. The Cross is now an exalted image by which we turn to God in prayer and surrender. But that is only the case because it was on a cross that we were saved and brought to eternal life.

If you step back and consider the amazing truth that one of the worst instruments of torture and death is now seen as one of the holiest of images on earth, it should be awe inspiring. Comprehending this fact should lead us to the realization that God can do anything and everything. God can use the worst and transform it into the best. He can use death to bring forth life.

Though our celebration today, the “Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross,” is first and foremost a feast by which we give glory to the Father for what He did in the Person of His divine Son, it is also a feast by which we must humbly understand that God can “exalt” every cross we endure in life and bring forth much grace through them.

What is your heaviest cross? What is the source of your greatest suffering? Most likely, as you call this to mind, it is painful to you. Most often, our crosses and sufferings are things we seek to rid ourselves of. We easily point to crosses in life and blame them for a lack of happiness. We can easily think that if only this or that were to change or be removed, then our life would be better. So what is that cross in your life?

The truth is that whatever your heaviest cross is, there is extraordinary potential for that cross to become an actual source of grace in your life and in the world. But this is only possible if you embrace that cross in faith and hope so that our Lord can unite it to His and so that your crosses can also share in the exaltation of Christ’s Cross. Though this is a profoundly deep mystery of faith, it is also a profoundly deep truth of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon your own crosses. As you do, try not to see them as a burden. Instead, realize the potential within those crosses. Prayerfully look at your crosses as invitations to share in Christ’s Cross. Say “Yes” to your crosses. Choose them freely. Unite them to Christ’s Cross. As you do, have hope that God’s glory will come forth in your life and in the world through your free embrace of them. Know that these “burdens” will be transformed and become a source of exaltation in your life by the transforming power of God. (mycatholiclife.com)

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
13	Sat	Sean & Jackie Forchuk - Personal Intentions
		50th Wedding Anniversary of Glen and Bernadette Serafinchan
14	Sun	Thanksgiving to God for his abundant Blessings - Felie P.
		Repose of the Soul of Lenore Fester R.I.P.
15	Mon	Laurier Blanchette - Succesful Surgery
16	Tue	Repose of the Soul of Rene Riopel
17	Wed	Emma Wasalynchuk - Personal Intentions
18	Thu	Repose of the Souls of Edmond and Sheila Riopel
19	Fri	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Nathan Forchuk
20	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Mary Ann Lema R.I.P.
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Mavis Hills
21	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Mavis Hills



Calling any and all MUSICIANS!!!!

Please note we are always looking for music helpers during the liturgy. Saturdays or Sundays!
Whether you play an instrument or sing. Please contact nhowrish@hotmail.com to be added to the schedule.

