

OCTOBER 5, 2025 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

Please be considerate with other parishioners - Refrain from using strong scents when attending Mass

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

Holy Trinity - Nisku: Gerry Chamulka 780.955.8048

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: Matthew Yarmuch 780-987-5470

Liturgy: Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487

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
4	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, living & deceased
5	Sun	Joyce Forchuk - Personal Intentions
8	Wed	Lynne & Richard Persson - Health & Personal Intentions
10	Fri	Repose of the Soul of Marshall Forchuk R.I.P.
11	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Laurier Blanchette
12	Sun	Bill Bates - Health and Personal Intentions

St. Maria Goretti Parish - First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

Registration for these Sacraments will be held Tuesday October 14th at 7:00 pm

Classes proposed to begin on or about October 16th.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are completed together. Classes are open to all children who are in grade 2 or higher who have received the sacrament of Baptism.

- bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate
- \$30 cash or cheque to St. Maria Goretti Parish for the workbooks

If you require more information, please contact the parish office at 780-987-2858
or Margaret Cargill at 780-987-0353 / cargills@shaw.ca

The Carmelite Sisters celebrate a feast day on October 15, 2025

They would like fish and chips, which will be purchased at a local restaurant.

Monetary donations would be welcome! If someone would like to make a dessert, great!

Donations will be accepted after Saturday masses by Connie; and Sunday masses by Gloria.

Thank you and God bless!

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

TRI-PARISH NEWS

Public Square Rosary Crusade - Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 12 noon

On October 11, 2014, Canada Needs our Lady launched 39 Public Square Rallies held in public squares, busy intersections, city parks across Canada in honor of the 97th anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal. It is celebrated every year on the Saturday closest to October 13, starting at noon local time, which is important as it is near the time that the Miracle of the Sun took place in 1917 at Fatima.

This year again we will be having it on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 12 noon in the park on main street by Florida Pizza. This public square rosary sponsored by Canada Needs Our Lady, will one of more than a thousand rallies across Canada on that Day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada. Will you be able to join me and other Catholics on that very important day? For more info please call Bernie @780-203-2708 (please dress for the weather)

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 must include post-secondary field of study and their involvement in their parish in the past 4 years. Applications will be received by Fr. Vu or at the parish office in Devon. **Applications close Oct 12, 2025.**

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

PPC Chair: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 Finance Chair: Bonnie Thomas 780-910-6312

The Catholic Parish of St. Margaret Mary 75th Anniversary **Sunday October 19, 2025 Mass at 5:00 pm**

A Pot Luck Dinner will follow Mass.

Please bring a food item to share.

We hope you can attend. This invitation is extended to everyone including past parishioners and descendant of those families; as well as to your family members
For more information, please call 780-985-3655 or text 780-902-7951

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 5, 2025

1st Reading: *Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4*

2nd Reading: *2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14 11-16*

Gospel: *Luke 17, 5-10*

Nourished by Faith

Is it possible to completely uproot a tree and plant it in the sea? It's certainly hard to imagine how. It is especially hard to imagine doing so with a simple command of faith. Uprooting a tree is hard enough to imagine, but it is even more difficult to imagine a tree being planted in the sea. Though water is necessary, one cannot plant a tree in the sea and expect it to grow. But that's partly the point. We often underestimate the power of true faith. Saint Matthew's Gospel says that faith can move mountains. Saint Luke's says it can uproot a tree and replant it in the sea. All it takes to do so is faith the size of a mustard seed.

How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed is small, very small. It measures only about one millimeter in length. People who worked the soil at that time would have known that it was among the smallest of seeds they planted. For that reason, Jesus uses this familiar image to teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful.

Jesus' teaching comes in response to a prayer on the part of the apostles. "Increase our faith," they said. Jesus' response, inviting them to have only a little faith, implies that their faith was quite weak. To increase their faith to the size of a mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little faith yet. Most likely they were aware of that fact, and that was the reason they asked Jesus to increase their faith. They perceived their lacking and turned to Him Who could help.

One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that were the case, God would be doing incredible things through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise humanly impossible.

Obviously, faith does not give us magical powers by which we can literally command a tree to uproot itself and plant itself in the sea. This imagery is meant to tell us that faith will work miracles of faith, not necessarily physical miracles. In fact, if God ever did use us and our faith to work a physical miracle, it would only happen because it was a motivation for the far more important gift of the increase of faith.

What, then, can a little faith do? It can uproot sin from your heart and from the hearts of those around you. It can nourish you and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of faith, even a little faith, will enable the soul to be nourished and strengthened in ways that otherwise seem impossible. A martyr perfectly illustrates this fact. Normally, persecution and death are not considered to be nourishing to a person. But when a person has faith and suffers martyrdom on account of Christ, then their soul will be fed by the persecution itself. And that is among the greatest of miracles possible. Suffering, persecution, illness, poverty, and every other difficulty imaginable are transformed by God into a source of nourishment when we endure them with true faith. (mycatholiclife.com)

St. Maria Goretti (Devon) is 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.

St. Maria Goretti Parish - Needs...a gardening angel

to help cut back some of the perennials. Contact Gloria@780.987.2791

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

Please phone Bernie at 780-203-2708 to volunteer. Thank You and may God Bless You!