

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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

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:

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

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

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Catechism for this week:

Who Receives and Who Administers The Sacrament of the sick?

1514 The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."

1515 If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. the same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

1516 Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick. It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. the faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. the sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
7	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Devake Hurry
		Rhodes & Hills Family Members, Living & deceased
8	Sun	Laura & Brett Blanchette - Personal Intentions
		Personal Intentions of Joyce Forchuk - Happy Birthday
9	Mon	Michael & Elizabeth Schumacher - Personal Intentions
10	Tue	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Dionne Ivonne Fajardo
11	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Doreen Fell & Ethel Dallow R.I.P.
		Judy Bouffard - Personal Intentions
12	Thu	Tammy Bell & Family - Personal Intentions
13	Fri	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Chelsea Quaranta
		Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
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

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Thank You to Alec Baumann

Members of Our Lady of Victory Parish extend a special thanks to Alec Baumann of Baumann's Hoe & Bobcat Service Ltd who donated his talent and equipment to remedy our water problem in early December. The gesture is greatly appreciated by council and parishioners.

TRI-PARISH NEWS

<u>Anointing of the Sick (after Mass)</u>			
Tue. February 10	6:00pm	St. Margaret Mary	Calmar
Wed. February 11	10:30am	Our Lady of Victory	Thorsby
Sat. February 14	5:00pm	St. Maria Goretti	Devon
Sun. February 15	11:30am	St. Maria Goretti	Devon
<u>ASH WEDNESDAY - February 18, 2026</u>			
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

An Invitation to CWL Bookclub 2026

How many times have you attended Mass and wished it had more fully touched your heart? All too often, Mass feels like a missed opportunity for grace. To pray fruitfully from the heart is a gift of grace. The biblical way of praying the Holy Mass is a means to dispose your soul to receive this grace by focusing on engaging the heart by adopting the sentiments of specific biblical figures during different parts of the Mass.

Our St. Maria Goretti Parish CWL is sponsoring a book study of "A Biblical Way of Praying the Mass: The Eucharistic Wisdom of Venerable Bruno Lanteri" by Father Timothy Gallagher.

It's available to purchase at Chapters/Indigo and Amazon @ \$20.95; Kindle Edition @\$9.99.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Wednesday February 11 at 4:00 PM at the church.

To signup please email (pmarch@shaw.ca) or call (780 987-6242) Pat March by February 9th.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 8, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7–10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2, 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5,13–16

Flavor, Preservation, and Purity

*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."
Matthew 5:13*

The first notable feature of salt is its ability to add flavor to food. By calling His disciples the "salt of the earth," Jesus was instructing them to enhance the "flavor" of the world by bringing the truth of the Gospel and the joy of His message to others. A Christian life lived in fidelity to Christ would make the world a better and more virtuous place, just as salt enhances the flavor of food.

Salt is also commonly used for preservation. Before the age of refrigerators and freezers, salt was mixed with food to prevent corruption, by drawing out moisture and hindering bacteria and other microorganisms. Though this practice is still used today, it was especially vital in ancient times. By being the "salt of the earth," Jesus was calling His disciples to preserve the world from moral decay. Through their witness and proclamation of the Gospel, they were to act as a preservative against sin and spiritual ruin. If they were to "lose their taste," they would become indistinguishable from the rest of the world and ineffective in their mission. Hence, Jesus was exhorting them—and us—to avoid becoming watered down and bland in our witness to the Gospel.

Lastly, salt held a significant role in Jewish religious practices, symbolizing purity and consecration. In sacrificial rituals, salt was used to consecrate offerings, as commanded in Leviticus: "You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not let the salt of the covenant with your God be lacking from your grain offering. On every offering you shall offer salt" (Leviticus 2:13). By seasoning their offerings with salt, the Israelites preserved the sacrifices from decay, making them pure. This practice reflects the disciples' role in purifying the world through their example of holiness, their lives of self-sacrifice, and their participation in Christ's redemptive work. They were to live lives of integrity, leading others to God through the purity of their hearts and their unwavering commitment to His will.

Reflect today on this powerful metaphor of being the salt of the earth. The world desperately needs the enriching "flavor" of God's grace. Without Him, the world is left to corruption and decay. With God, we, and those we serve, are preserved as pure and holy offerings, adding to His glory and growing in holiness. Be the salt of the earth. Do not become watered down in your faith. Remain steadfast in your fidelity to Christ and His Gospel, and you will transform the world around you. In doing so, you will not only glorify God but will also share in His eternal joy. (mycatholiclife.com)

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Tuesday February 10, 2026

No morning Mass. Rosary starts at 5:45pm with mass to follow at 6:00pm

Anointing of the Sick will be done after Mass with PPC meeting to follow.