

MARCH 15, 2026 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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

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. 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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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

Mass Intentions for this week

Date	Intention
14 Sat	Brannick Family - Living and deceased
15 Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Jeanine Chartrand
16 Mon	Sheila (Rhodes) Annett - Terminal Cancer Diagnosis
17 Tue	Repose of the Soul of Jim Davidson R.I.P.
18 Wed	Repose of the Soul of Joseph Breau R.I.P.
19 Thu	Repose of the Soul of Brian Rhodes R.I.P.
20 Fri	Ulrich Drachenberg - Recovery from Life-threatening injuries
21 Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Connor Rind
22 Sun	Sheila (Rhodes) Annett - Terminal Cancer Diagnosis

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Catechism for this week:

Why do Catholics pray the Stations of the Cross?

Walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary is one of the most moving devotions in the Catholic faith. The Stations of the Cross invite us to enter into the Passion of Christ - not just as observers, but as companions.

Whether you're praying them during Lent or as part of your regular spiritual life, the Stations draw your heart into the mystery of God's love in a unique and personal way.

What spiritual benefits come from praying the Stations of the Cross?

- Praying the Stations helps you grow in holiness and compassion. It:
- Brings you face-to-face with **Christ's sacrificial love**.
- Deepens your **love for the Cross**, helping you see meaning in your own suffering.
- Unites you with the **universal Church**, joining your prayer to Christians worldwide.
- Shapes your heart for **mission**, teaching you to love and serve as Jesus did.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

St. Margaret Mary	Calmar	Every Tuesday after mass
St. Maria Goretti	Devon	Every Friday after mass



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4th Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2026

1st Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a

2nd Reading: Eph 5:8–14

Gospel: John 9:1–41

Spiritual Sight Restored

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." John 9:1–3

The healed blind man was given a gift that those who can see from birth are not. Perceiving and understanding the physical world only through four of his senses, and then adding the powerful fifth sense of sight later in life, provided immediate wonder and awe, filling him with profound gratitude for something most of us take for granted.

Think of a person who lives a sinful life for many years and understands life only through the distortions of sin and selfishness. Once set free from sin, the person's spiritual eyes are opened. Those who experience such a conversion are given a blessing that those who have been faithful throughout their lives do not receive in the same way. They understand the contrast between spiritual blindness and sight, and the newfound freedom they receive after conversion provides a greater understanding of the gift of God's grace and its transforming effects. They will never forget the weight of bondage once caused by their sin.

One reason God permitted this man to be born blind and live that way into adulthood was to illustrate the contrast between spiritual darkness and light. This is part of what Jesus means when He says this man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The miracle not only illustrated Jesus' divine power but also symbolized the much deeper spiritual healing He offers to all. Just as the blind man received physical sight, we are offered the gift of spiritual sight through grace.

We are born with poor spiritual sight. Our fallen human nature, which suffers from concupiscence, tends toward selfishness and sin. Although capable of love and affection, a child is prone to selfishness, anger, emotional outbursts, and other "childish" behavior. Over time, with the guidance of good mentors, children begin to understand the value of greater patience and selfless acts of love, kindness, and generosity. Those who are not well-formed as adolescents or who choose to rebel selfishly in their later years never gain a clearer spiritual sight. The world around them remains blurry, and divine wisdom never penetrates their eyes of faith.

The story of the man born blind is an opportunity for each of us to examine how clearly we perceive our lives and the world around us. Just as the man was healed, we need healing from the blindness caused by our fallen nature. God's grace restores our spiritual sight, allowing His light to illuminate all we encounter in life. (mycatholiclife.com)

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

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