

AUGUST 17, 2025

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary - Calmar - Highway 39 Garage Sale - FUNDRAISER

St. Margaret Mary will once again be participating in the Garage Sales taking place in Calmar on Saturday August 16, 2025. This is a great fundraiser for our parish. We will also hold a Bake Sale that day! We will also have a hot lunch counter; selling hotdogs, chili, hot & cold drinks. Please help us by letting everyone know about this activity. Thank You! See you there!

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
16	Sat	Richard Persson - Improved health
17	Sun	Ron Steciw - Personal Intentions
20	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Barb Bienvenue R.I.P.
22	Fri	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Lynne Persson
23	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Greg Forchuk
24	Sun	Connie Schumacher - Personal Intentions

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 17, 2025

1st Reading: Jeremiah 38, 4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: Hebrew 12, 1-4

Gospel: Luke 12, 49-53

We are destined, in this life, to be divided from at least some people, and today's readings urge us to be divided for the right reasons. Prejudice continues to raise walls between people. That is the division that happens all too naturally, and the conflict between the culture of life and the culture of death is largely a problem of prejudice against the unborn, the elderly, and the disabled. None of the reasons offered for abortion would be tolerated as reasons to kill the born; it is only because the victims are unborn that they become victims. Similarly, none of the reasons for killing the less functional people would be tolerated as reasons to kill the functioning; hence again, prejudice is revealed as the real problem.

When we stand against that prejudice, however, we get treated like Jeremiah. He was accused of "demoralizing the soldiers" because he was saying that the Babylonians, who were about to attack Jerusalem, could not be stopped because they were being used by God to punish his people. The problem was not military or political, Jeremiah said, but rather moral. In our day, when we point out the moral problems that stand at the foundation of so many other societal ills, we too will be rejected and mocked.

Moreover, issues like abortion will divide family members, as the Gospel promises, and will require us to resist sin even "to the point of shedding blood," as the second reading says. The blood to be shed, in other words, is our own, as we stand against the opposition that others will launch against us. The fact that so many people will say, "The opposition against me isn't that bad and I don't foresee that it will be" becomes in fact a good reason to stop worrying about what will happen to us when we fight for what is right.

St. Albert Parish 87th Pilgrimage

Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Saturday, August 16

3pm – Living Rosary in the Grotto, led by SAPY

4pm – Confession

5pm – Mass followed by Anointing of the Sick
(confession & Mass will take place inside)

9pm – Outdoor Movie in the Grotto

Sunday, August 17

10:15am – Rosary (in the Church)

11am – Mass in Grotto

Followed by Family Picnic

Old Fashioned Family Picnic

Lunch is \$10 & includes:
hotdog or hamburger, juice & chips
(tickets available at St. Albert Parish Office)

Join us for potato sack races,
tug of war, fun snacks & more!

7 St. Vital Ave, St. Albert 780-459-6691



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.