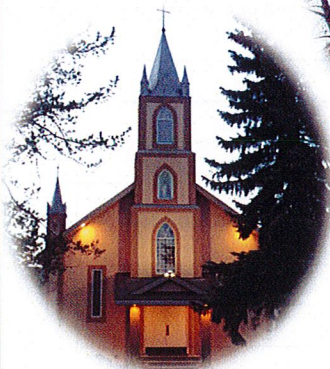


NOVEMBER 16, 2025

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Victory Parish

<https://olvthorsby.wordpress.com/>



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St. Margaret Mary Parish

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

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

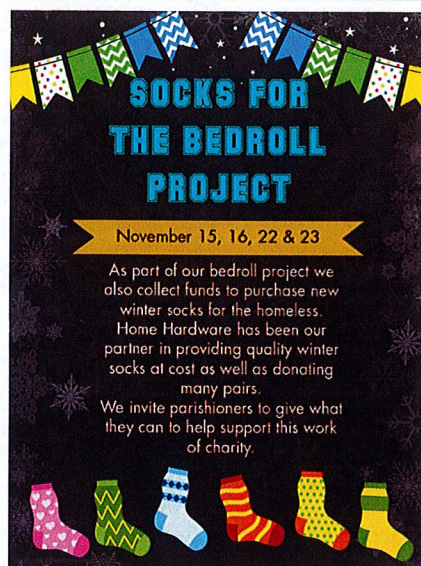
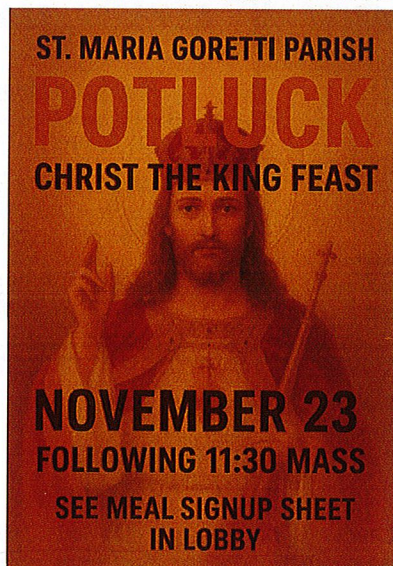
Liturgy: Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487

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
15	Sat	Repose of the Soul of David Borle R.I.P. Thanksgiving for Birthday of Donna Hill
16	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Amanda Herrera
17	Mon	Sally & Sandy Williams 60th Wedding Anniversary Repose of the Soul of Jane Steel R.I.P.
18	Tue	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Gerald Rhodes
19	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Bill Bates R.I.P. Repose of the Soul of Koaden Fedun R.I.P.
20	Thu	All Souls in Purgatory
21	Fri	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Parker Rhodes
22	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Sandy Williams Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Sean Forchuk
23	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Mapy Barba



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Our Lady of Victory is selling poinsettias again this year
for a cost of \$15.00 each.

These flowers will be used to decorate the church for Christmas.
You will be able to take your flower home after the Christmas eve mass if you so wish.
Please see Rosemarie Zurek or Mary Jablonski if you wish to purchase one. "



TRI-PARISH NEWS

St. Maria Goretti 20th Annual Bedroll Project Sewing Bee

ALL ARE INVITED!

THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2025

& Saturday 22 if needed

Starting at 9:30 am

If you sew, please bring your sewing machine or serger, your bobbins, needles and thread.

While sewers are essential, volunteers are also needed for many other tasks such as cutting, pinning, stuffing and tying up bedrolls. Bring your enthusiasm to help and we'll provide the training.

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Donations of baking or fruit are welcomed

As a part of our bedroll project we have also collected funds in order to buy new items that the shelters have indicated that they need for their clients such as good quality winter socks, underwear, t-shirts etc. Home Hardware has been our partner in providing quality socks at cost as well as donating many other pairs. Parishioners are invited to participate as they are able so we can continue this work of charity. After the weekend Masses November 15 & 16 and 22 & 23 we'll be doing these collections. The homeless face many battles in life living rough on the streets or in the shelters. Please remember to include them in your prayers. Thank you.

Please call Pat March 780 987-6242 if you have any questions.

***blankets + material + volunteers + fellowship + laughter = many
bed rolls for the homeless***

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

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1st Reading: Malachi 4, 1-2

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3, 7-12

Gospel: Luke 21, 5-19

Courage and Strength

It could be said that these are among the least consoling words that Jesus ever spoke. Imagine what His disciples would have thought upon hearing this. Some of them might have changed their minds about following Jesus and walked away. Why would anyone want to be seized and persecuted, or thrown into prison? Jesus even went on to say that “they will put some of you to death.”

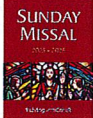
Though these words might not, at first, seem all that consoling, they were inspired words and, therefore, must be inspiring. By analogy, imagine an army general in charge of troops defending their families and homeland from hostile invaders. If that general were to say similar words to the troops, acknowledging that some of them would be captured and even killed, it would be a reality check for sure. But it would also inspire a certain courage and drive. In that moment, the soldiers would need courage to face the challenge that awaited them. Therefore, by being honest with them, the general would stir up their courage and strengthen their resolve to enter the battle.

We must hear Jesus' words today as His battle cry, spoken to encourage us. He is warning us that the secular and unchristian world will be hostile. The leader of the kingdom of darkness, the devil, is very active and, with his legion of demons and followers, is seeking to destroy us. For our part, we must decide whether we will retreat and hide, or enter the battle for the salvation of souls.

Though most of us will not endure physical martyrdom for our faith, it will happen to some. But for most of us, the persecution we will endure will be on a different level. We may be mocked or even hated for our refusal to accept immorality within the culture. We may be called hateful when we stand up for the dignity of the unborn child in danger of abortion. We may be deemed superstitious or old fashioned by remaining faithful to Sunday worship and daily prayer. And we may be thought of as out-of-touch or behind the times for refusing to embrace the latest popular fads and secular values. Sometimes this happens even within the family.

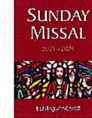
Instead of shying away from the various forms of persecution we may experience, we need to allow our Lord to stir up a courage within us that is fueled by love. We must deeply desire the salvation of every soul and remain certain that the only way to salvation is through fidelity to Christ.

When you are challenged by others or by the world, you must trust in Jesus' words. “I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.” When we withstand or contradict the errors of our age, some people will become hostile. But if we remain faithful to our Lord and speak by His inspiration, then those who are hostile will be affected for the good. Because Jesus said that people will not be able to “withstand or contradict” the words He inspires us to say, we must know that our words can make a difference in the battle for souls. We must engage the battle with courage and love and rely upon our Lord to lead. (mycatholiclife.com)



2026 Missals are now available

\$7 each - located at the Foyer of the Church



Operation Christmas Child 2025

Last Day

Sunday November 16th

please no soap items



May you be richly blessed for your kindness and generosity.