

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary



December 25, 2017
January 1, 2018

Merry Christmas
Mary, Mother of God



The Season of Christmas

Vigil of Christmas

December 24 - 4:30 pm

Carols at 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

December 25 - 10:00 am

Mary, Mother of God

January 1 - 10:00 am

“Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.”

Psalm 96

**You Are
Welcome Here!**

**We're glad you're here.
Wherever you are
on your journey of faith,
you have a home
with us.**

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass 10:00 am

with Children's Liturgy of the Word

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 5:30 pm Adoration

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday: 8:00 am

Thursday: 8:00 am

Friday: no Mass

**Experiencing the Heart of
Christ, we**

Know Jesus

in Word and Worship.

Live Jesus

in a vibrant, welcoming
Catholic community.

Serve Jesus

in outreach and justice.

Reflections from Father Tom

The Real Christmas Gift

You might have read the short story, "The Gift of the Magi" written by O. Henry. I was reminded of this story when I wrote this column for Christmas. I really liked the story and wanted to share with you from my memory, which may lack details.

The story goes like this: "Jim and Della are a lovely couple living in poverty. But they have the richness of their love. As Christmas is approaching they want to give each other a Christmas gift. They could not afford to buy big gifts, as they were very poor. But in their own way they wanted to buy memorable gifts without the other knowing about each other's gift. Della noticed that Jim could not use the golden watch that was given to him by his father, as the chain was broken. So she wanted to buy a golden chain (bracelet) for the old golden watch. She checks her savings but the money is not enough to buy the chain. Della decides to sell her long beautiful hair to buy a golden chain.

On the other hand, Jim has always admired Della's beautiful long hair. For Christmas he wants to buy an assortment of combs made out of tortoise shells with jeweled rims for her hair. Since he does not have enough money to buy the golden hair clips, he decides to sell his antique golden watch get the hair clips for Della.

Here on the day of Christmas, they are to exchange their gifts; Della presents to Jim the golden chain for his watch, which was sold. Jim stands there to present the assortment of combs for Della's long hair, which she no longer has. They stare at each other and the gifts, which they could not use. The story ends that the love they had for each other was the greatest of all the material gifts they could share. The gift of sacrificial Love is the greatest of all. Christmas is the gift of Love from God."

I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas with the gifts of love. I thank you for your lovely Christmas Greeting Cards and for your lovely gifts during this holy season. May the Infant Jesus bless you and your children who are the image of the baby Jesus! Merry Christmas! And may God bless you and your families in the year 2018!

Fr. Tom Rayar



Perhaps this is your first time here...
Perhaps you are home from college...
Perhaps your job keeps you away most weekends...

Whatever brought you here today, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you!

You are always welcome here.



Greetings for a Blessed Christmas

May your life be filled with the same Joy and Wonder felt by the Shepherds and the Magi at the Holy Manger in Bethlehem.

We are Thankful for the joy you bring to each Liturgy.

We are Blessed by the work of your hands to support our ministries and our faith community.

We feel privileged to be allowed to serve this community of believers as we journey together to bring about Christ's Kingdom.

May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with His gift of love.

Merry Christmas!
Peace to all!
Happy New Year!

St. Margaret Mary Staff

Grateful Appreciation

In appreciation for Christina Maas' service to the faith community of St. Margaret Mary for 11 years, please join us after the 10 am Mass on December 31 to wish her well in her next ministerial opportunity.

Faith Formation

We wish all Faith Formation families a very Merry Christmas and Blessings on the New Year. Our next class will be January 10. Enjoy your break.

Many thanks to all volunteers and catechists. We appreciate your service to the children and the parish.

December 23 ~ January 7

Saturday, Dec 23

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass..... *People of St Margaret Mary

Sunday, Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Mass..... † Ruth Rademacher

Vigil Of Christmas

Sunday, Dec 24

4:00 pm *Carols*
4:30 pm Mass..... *SMM Homebound

Monday, Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Mass *People of St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, Dec 26 No Mass Today

Wednesday, Dec 27

8:00 am Mass

Thursday, Dec 28

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Dec 29

Saturday, Dec 30

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass..... *People of St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, Dec 31 Holy Family

10:00 am Mass..... † Ruth Rademacher
Farewell Reception for Christina Maas

Monday, Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary

10:00 am Mass *People of St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, Jan 2 No Mass Today

Wednesday, Jan 3

8:00 am Mass
6:30 pm NO Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, Jan 4

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Jan 5

Saturday, Jan 6

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass..... *People of St Margaret Mary

Sunday, Jan 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am Mass

† deceased * living

Pastoral Care

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for additional people to take Communion to homebound parishioners once a month on a rotating basis. If you can help with this rewarding ministry, please call the parish office. Training is required.

Stewardship

St Margaret Mary Parish has been blessed with many gifts, one of them being the financial generosity of our parishioners, especially during the Christmas Season.

In order to claim donations to SMM on your 2017 tax return, please have your donations to the parish office by Dec 31 or postmarked in 2017. (There is a convenient mail drop slot in the front door of the parish office (facing Zenith Ave.)

Christmas Memorials



You may still remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a donation to the Christmas church environment. Memorial names will be listed in the January bulletin.

Liturgy



Thank you to all who prepared the environment of our church inside and out for the Incarnation Season!

It takes many hours and many volunteers with various gifts and talents so all may enjoy the awe of the season.

Opportunities

We are in the process of interviewing and discerning candidates for the Liturgical Ministry position. In a smaller parish, this position can become fulltime when combined with Faith Formation/Youth Ministry.

Custodial opportunities: These duties can be combined.

Handyman position - Perform repairs and light maintenance of systems and structures, perform routine preventative maintenance, change bulbs and ballast as needed.

Cleaning - Clean Visitation Hall, parish office, run the floor scrubber in church, etc.

Grounds: Maintain the grounds; mowing grass and keeping the sidewalks clear of snow. Equipment provided.

Please call the parish office for more information or see the archspm.org website for details.

Upcoming Parish Events

- January 28 New Parishioner Brunch: An opportunity to get to know one another. A mix of newer parishioners with some who have been at SMM for a longer time.
- February 10 Cana Dinner - Mark your calendar; more information to come.

Neighboring Events

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

SafeJourney, a program serving North Memorial Medical Center and Maple Grove Hospital, helps patients and individuals who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Volunteer advocates are needed to provide a listening ear, emotional support, safety planning, information and referrals. No previous knowledge or experience required; only sensitive, caring and non-judgmental advocates.

For more information, call Raelene at 763.581.3942 or email Raelene.caswell@northmemorial.com

Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Affiliated with St. Margaret Mary

Good Shepherd (K-6) 763-545-4285 145 Jersey Ave S. Golden Valley www.gsgvschool.org	Sacred Heart (PreK-8) 763-537-1329 4050 Hubbard Ave N. Robbinsdale www.sacredheartrobbinsdale.org
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Spiritual Life

Anointing of the Sick

If you, or someone you know of, is ill, elderly or facing surgery, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Center **early** in your pregnancy or adoption process to register for a Baptism Preparation Session.

Marriage

Please call the parish office six months in advance.

RCIA, First Eucharist, Confirmation

Please call the Parish Center.

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2323 Zenith Ave. N., Golden Valley, MN 55422

Parish Center Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8 - 3:30 pm, Friday 8 - noon

763-588-9466 Fax: 763-588-0040

Web: www.smm-gv.org
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mass at 6:30 pm (Adoration at 5:30 pm)
Wednesday and Thursday, Mass at 8:00 am

Pastoral Team

Pastor	Father Thomas Rayar frtom@smm-gv.org
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Liturgy, Music & Liturgical Environment	Christina Maas cmaas@smm-gv.org
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Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick
call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

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