

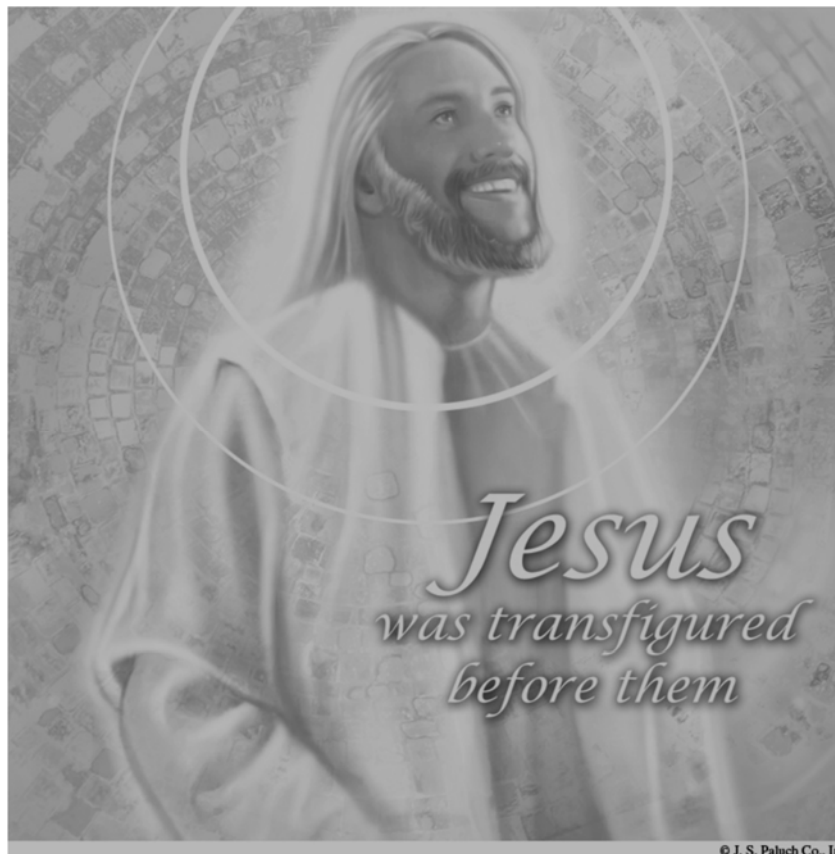
The Church of

St. Margaret Mary



February 25, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent



“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”
Mark 9:2-10

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

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Monday: no Mass
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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

Faith and Transfiguration

Last week scripture invited us to focus on the theme of 'Temptation,' that we are put to test before we can shine in our spiritual life—as gold in the furnace. This week's readings give us the proof of such tests and trials and the glorification after testing. Abraham, the father of faith, has his loyalty to God tested.

We may ask ourselves the question: How can God ask for Isaac, the only son of Abraham, as a sacrifice? But this is to prove to the world that Abraham, the father of a great generation, had great faith in God and even he was ready to sacrifice his only son. Because Abraham believed in God who gave him Isaac and knew that God would not take his son away through the sacrifice but would enrich him with faith. Thus, Abraham became the father of faith.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, enumerates the similar story that happened in the New Testament. "He (God) who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all..." (Rom 8:32). It is Christ who died, and because of his obedience to the Heavenly Father, was raised to life. "Christ Jesus it is who died, or, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." (Rom 8:34)

Jesus who underwent temptations, walked through the journey of the cross, died on Mount Calvary and finally was resurrected from death. All these episodes in the history of salvation are to remind us how we could shine like the gold purified in the furnace, as we are tested in faith through our trials and temptations.

The narration of transfiguration is the foretaste of what we will be with Jesus when we turn to him in order to be successful in the trials and tests of our life. So faith is the source of our transfiguration.

Before we can be transfigured with Jesus in the heavenly glorification we should transform our lives by following God's command. Then, the reenactment of the transfiguration can happen in our lives: "Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.'" (Mt. 9:8)

Let us transform our lives through faith that we will be transfigured with Jesus saying, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Yes, it is always good to be with Jesus so let us make those tents of love that we could stay with him.



If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*

Lenten Season

Stations of the Cross



Noon on Fridays (Feb 23 - Mar 23)

If you are able to help with one of the services, contact Josh at jdiaz@smm-gv.org

Daily Mass

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (Adoration at 5:30 pm)
Wednesday and Thursday at 8:00 am

reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 21

7:00 pm

Join in communal prayer asking God's forgiveness for all that separates us from His love and from one another. There will be priests available for confession using Form 2 with individual absolution.

Lenten Almsgiving

Action Plan for Lent

The Social Ministry Commission asks your participation to help fund these resources. Please bring these items to church.

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| Feb 17/18 | Food for PRISM |
| Feb 24/25 | Socks, Underwear and Deodorant for Peace House |
| Mar 3/4 | Hygiene Items for PRISM |
| Mar 10/11 | Juice Boxes and Granola Bars for Visitation Sisters |
| Mar 17/18 | Food for PRISM |

Join the Music Ministry for Holy Week

If you sing or play an instrument, the Music Ministry could use your help for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Season. If you want to join the choir, we rehearse on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church. If you play an instrument, please contact Josh Diaz at 763-588-9466 or by email jdiaz@smm-gv.org

Easter Memorials

Remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a donation to the Easter church environment. Please enclose your contribution in a 'memorial gift' envelope, print the name of your loved one being remembered on the envelope and return it in the collection at Mass. Memorial names will be listed in the bulletin after Easter.



February 24 ~ March 4

Saturday, Feb 24

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

Sunday, Feb 25 Second Sunday of Lent

10:00 am Mass..... † Justin Procai
Hospitality
Lenten Study Group

Monday, Feb 26

Tuesday, Feb 27

5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, Feb 28

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Lenten Study Group
6:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Faith Formation
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar 1

8:00 am Mass

Friday, Mar 2

10:15 am Dinner At Your Door
Noon Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar 3

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Mar 4 Third Sunday of Lent

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

† deceased * living

Italian Dinner



Sixth Annual Italian Dinner Saturday, March 10 Visitation Hall

The Italian Dinner is open to all SMM Parishioners, young and old, Italian background or not! Serving begins at 5:30 pm.

Menu includes: Lettuce Salad, Bread Mastaccioli with Tomato Sauce and Meatballs, Ice Cream and Beverages. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Please RSVP - In order to prepare the correct amount of food, please sign up in the vestibule of church or call the parish office 763-588-9466 prior to March 5th.

Volunteers: Assist with set up, clean up, wait on tables, scoop ice cream, etc. Call Laurie Geving at 763-546-6828 or sign up in the back of church.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes Wednesday, Feb 28

Rice Bowls - All are encouraged to participate in the Rice Bowl program. 75% of our CRS Rice Bowl donation supports Catholic Relief Services programs around the world. 25% helps alleviate hunger and poverty in our local diocese.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as birthday or anniversary), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Mass Intentions can also be offered for someone facing an illness or surgery. The Mass Intention can be listed by name or by initials for privacy preferences.

Please call the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Social Ministry



March is food share month. PRISM is eligible for food/money matches based on donations received during the month of March. Please be generous.

Empty Bowls Event Tuesday, March 6 4 - 7:00 pm Robbinsdale Cooper High School

- Eat soup and bread from various restaurants
- Take home a bowl
- Free will donation accepted
- Benefits PRISM and NEAR

Pastoral Care

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

We are looking for another person 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.

Upcoming Parish Events

Lenten Small Groups continue meeting as scheduled.

March 10 Italian Dinner ~ All are Welcome
Come and Enjoy a Taste of Italy

March 21 Communal Reconciliation Service, 7 pm.

Neighboring Events

Josh Diaz - Final Doctoral Recital

Our new Director of Music, Liturgy, and Faith Formation is giving his final recital for his Doctoral program on Friday, March 2nd, 7 pm at Mindekirken Norwegian Lutheran Church, 924 E 21st St, Minneapolis. The program features music by Rachmaninoff, Duparc, and Liszt. It is free and all are invited.

Healing Mass

Thurs, March 1 at 7pm, Holy Name of Jesus, Wayzata.
Fr Michael Becker will be the celebrant. The rosary will be prayed at 6:30 pm. Seating for handicap is available.

Lenten Day of Reflection with Fr. Robert Altier

Reflection Topics: Surrender and Detachment and Growing in Virtue. Held on Sat, Mar 3, 7:30 am - 2:00 pm at St. Raphael Catholic Church, Crystal. Contact: Sue Kubovec 763-559-4228 Registration is Required.

Operation Andrew Dinner will be held Tues, March 6 from 6 – 8:00 pm at the Chancery. Archbishop Hebda, invites men ages 16 – 50 who are discerning the priesthood to attend. Dinner and conversation with vocations testimonials will follow. Register: stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.

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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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

Email: myparish@smm-gv.org

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Pastoral Team

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call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

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