

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary



March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

# Lent

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes  
in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16



Copyright © 2018 Peluch Co. Inc. - Photos: © Leo Lintang/Fotolia

## 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

### *God' Love and Salvation*

Sometimes we may hear people say, "Whatever I may do and whoever I may become, God will still love me and give me salvation." However, we need to understand God's love is not the same as our salvation by him. They are two different realities. God's love is unconditional. He loves us regardless of whatever we may do and whoever we may become. But God who created us without our help cannot save us without our cooperation.

In other words, God's unconditional love does not guarantee us an unconditional salvation, because God's love is the road by which we have to travel towards our salvation. Salvation is the ultimate gift from God for our faithfulness to His love. Let us read once again what today's gospel tells us about God's Love and his salvation for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:16-18)

God gave his son, Jesus to provide us the road to heaven. Through our faith we are to travel on the road so that He can save us. "Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." So, if any one of us is to experience condemnation, it was not that God condemnation but because of our self-condemnation. We ourselves bring such disastrous end by our disbelief in His Son. Unconditional Love of God and his gift of freedom to us are not the excuses to our sinful or dreadful lives, but they should be experiences through which our salvation is delivered to us.

*Prayer: Deliver us Lord from our disbelief to faith that we may keep moving on the road of love to attain salvation. Amen.*

---

## Easter Memorials



bulletin after Easter.

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

## Lenten Season

### Stations of the Cross



Noon on Fridays (Mar 16 & Mar 23)

Following Jesus on the road to Calvary reminds us of the sincerity and love with which He lived, and the patience and resolve with which He died.

---

### Weekday Mass

Tuesday - Mass at 6:30 pm (Adoration at 5:30 pm)

Wednesday and Thursday - Mass 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 two priests available for confession using Form 2 with individual absolution.



March 24 / 25 Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, 2:00 pm  
Passion of the Lord, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday: Mass of Resurrection, 10:00 am

---

### Join the Music Ministry for Holy Week

The Music Ministry could use your help for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Season. If you sing or play an instrument, consider joining the choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church. If you have questions and/or play an instrument, please contact Josh Diaz at 763-588-9466 or by email [jdiaz@smm-gv.org](mailto:jdiaz@smm-gv.org)

## March 3 ~ March 11

### Saturday, Mar 10

- 4:00 pm Confessions  
 4:30 pm Mass..... \*People of St Margaret Mary  
 5:30 pm Italian Dinner

### Sunday, Mar 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 10:00 am Mass  
 Hospitality by CCW  
 Lenten Study Group

### Monday, Mar 12

### Tuesday, Mar 13

- 5:30 pm Adoration  
 6:30 pm Mass  
 7:00 pm CMM Meeting

### Wednesday, Mar 14

- 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 15

- 8:00 am Mass..... † Ila Herbert  
 Loaves & Fishes

### Friday, Mar 16

- Noon Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, Mar 17

- 4:00 pm Confessions  
 4:30 pm Mass ..... † Anne Potvin

### Sunday, Mar 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 10:00 am Mass..... \*People of St Margaret Mary  
 Lenten Study Groups

† deceased      \* living

## CCW Flower Sale

### It's time for the Spring Flower Sale



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

The Council for Catholic Women will again sponsor the Spring Flower Sale. The flowers are from Lynde Greenhouses and have always been lovely. This year we have some new varieties to offer. The prices are usually below retail unless a store is having a promotion. There has been some price increases from the grower, but we have kept the prices as stable as possible. You can find the order form in the bulletin this week and then available on a table in the back of Church.

Because of Palm Sunday and Easter, orders will be taken the weekends of March 17th and 18th and April 7th and 8th before and after all Masses. Please note that flowers which are listed as "assorted", means a specific color cannot be guaranteed. Flowers listed as "mixed" means that there is more than one color in the pot. Flowers will be ready for pickup from the school cafeteria on Saturday May 19th between 2 and 5:30pm and on May 20th before and after Mass.

You may also donate funds to help with purchasing flowers and landscaping for the parish grounds. This may be done in memory of someone. The form is in this bulletin. If you donate to the parish memorial gardens and purchase flowers from the flower sale, please make out two separate checks. It helps to make the bookkeeping a little easier.

Questions, please call Nancy Huntley 763-522-9437

## Global Solidarity Collection

Reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world, letting our light shine for those who still hunger and thirst for God's mercy, love and healing. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas. Envelopes are available in the back of church. Thank you.

## Social Ministry



PRISM

March is Food Share Month  
 PRISM is eligible for food/money matches based on donations received during the month of March. Please be generous. Checks can be mailed directly to PRISM, 73 Florida Ave S, Golden Valley, MN 55426-1704

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes . . . . . Wednesday, March 14



SMM will be cooking and serving at St. Stephen's on Thursday, March 15.  
 Please consider joining us.  
 Meet at St. Stephen at 4:30 pm to set up, serve at 5:30pm and clean up around 6:30pm.

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
 Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;  
 Jn 12:20-33

## Lenten Almsgiving Action Plan for Lent

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

- Mar 10/11 Juice Boxes and Granola Bars for  
 Visitation Sisters  
 Mar 17/18 Food for PRISM

## Upcoming Parish Events

- March 10 Italian Dinner ~ All are Welcome  
Come and Enjoy a Taste of Italy  
Serving begins at 5:30 pm
- March 21 7 pm Communal Reconciliation Service
- March 25 Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday: 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm Passion of the Lord
- Holy Saturday: 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday: 10:00 am Mass of Resurrection
- Sunday, April 15: This is the actual date of Father Tom's Ordination; 25 years ago. The Parish will celebrate with Father Tom that day. More details will follow.
- Saturday, May 5 10 am Confirmation at the Basilica

## Neighboring Events

Healing Mass with celebrant, Fr. Jim Livingston will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 13 at Immaculate Conception Church in Columbia Heights. All are welcome.

## Catholic Schools

### Catholic Schools Affiliated with St. Margaret Mary

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

## 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.

**The Church of St. Margaret Mary**  
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](http://www.smm-gv.org)

Email: [myparish@smm-gv.org](mailto:myparish@smm-gv.org)

**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**

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](mailto:frtom@smm-gv.org)

**Coordinator of Faith For-  
mation / Youth Ministry** Joshua Diaz  
[jdiaz@smm-gv.org](mailto:jdiaz@smm-gv.org)

**Director of Liturgy** Joshua Diaz  
[jdiaz@smm-gv.org](mailto:jdiaz@smm-gv.org)

**Parish Business  
Administrator** Diane Mareck  
[dmareck@smm-gv.org](mailto:dmareck@smm-gv.org)

Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick  
call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

**Parish Leadership**

**COUNCIL FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

Marian Beumer, *First Chair*..... 612-529-4945  
Mark Hastie, *Second Chair* ..... 763-710-4149  
Susan Hoke, *Secretary*..... 763-546-6744  
Richard Karels..... 763-588-3271  
Richard Kramer..... 763-521-0851  
Anne Marsnik..... 763-535-4125

**COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES for CMM**

Nancy Huntley, *Trustee* ..... 763-522-9437  
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*..... 763-593-0664  
Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*..... 763-545-7026

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Sybi Czeneszew, *Chair*..... 612-377-3992  
Rick Riley ..... 763-529-8741  
Gene Blanski..... 763-544-0343  
Jim Sherburne ..... 763-588-5364  
Jeb Myers, *Trustee*..... 952-693-8135

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)**

Laurie Geving ..... 763-546-6828

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Jennie Schlumberger..... 763-546-5088