

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary



March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

# Lent

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



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**You Are  
Welcome Here!**

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

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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

### Dying to Live

**It seems paradoxical and illogical to us when we hear Jesus' teachings, especially of today's gospel.** "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." (John 12: 24-26) A grain of wheat should fall to the ground and should die to produce much fruit. What a wonderful truth of our life! The grain should fall to the ground not only to produce much fruit but also for its continuous existence. If the wheat fails to fall to the ground it dies itself by deterioration. In order to survive the wheat should die.

We can see this concept of 'dying to live' or 'lose to win' runs all through teachings and life of Jesus. For example: "if you want to be a leader be a servant." He showed this to his disciples by example of washing their feet that they could be teachers or leaders by being servants. He tells us 'if you want to live we should be ready to die'. He demonstrated this fact on the cross that by dying he brought resurrection and the eternal life to all of us. This is actually a unique teaching of Jesus unlike any doctrines of other world religions. This makes us a chosen people and the members of royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:9), called to continue performing the similar sacrifices that our Chief Priest executed on mount Calvary.

**Prayer: Lord, give us the strength that we could fall to the ground like the grain of wheat, so that we could be resurrected to eternal life. Amen.**

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## 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.

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## Easter Memorials



You are invited to 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.

## Holy Week: A Continuous Liturgy

As we come toward the end of our Lenten journey, we near the highest days in the entire Liturgical Calendar: Palm Sunday, the Triduum, and Easter. Collectively, we call this time Holy Week. Each celebration has certain character and purpose; depicting the ministry, passion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.



### Palm or Passion Sunday

On this day, we commemorate Jesus' majesty. The palms are blessed as a sign of our recognition of his kingdom. This Sunday is also called Passion Sunday because we turn our focus from the joyful procession to Jesus' suffering and death. Christ's reign as a king was purchased for us by his suffering and death on the cross. For this reason the liturgy usually ends on a more solemn tone.



### Holy Thursday

This liturgy has 3 main focal points. The Washing of the Feet reminds us that we are to serve one another and continue in the corporal works of Jesus' mission. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist where we remember how Jesus gave his body, blood, soul, and divinity to his disciples, as he continues to do so every time we celebrate this most sacred sacrament. And finally, the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament is a reminder of Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Just as he commanded the disciples we are called to "watch and pray" with him as we await his suffering and death.



### Good Friday

We remember the ultimate sacrifice that was paid for our salvation. The liturgy begins and ends in silence as a reminder of the solemnity of this sacred act. We come forth for the Veneration of the Cross as a humbling reminder to be thankful for the precious gift of salvation, paid for by his blood.



### Easter Vigil

The liturgy begins in darkness with the ignition of a single flame. This flame represents the conquering of death and sin. As the flame spreads, the light grows and the darkness is dispelled until we are in the full light of the church. Just as Jesus was brought to life on this sacred night, we as a congregation renew our baptismal promises, we are all reborn into the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The fact is no one is required to attend these liturgies. They are not holy days of obligation; but they contain within them the full story. Missing them is like skipping ahead in a book and just reading the final chapter to see what happens. The mystery of our faith can be understood when we walk with Jesus on the procession into Jerusalem, to the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, along his way of suffering, up to Calvary, into the tomb, and then to rise again with him on the third day.

*By Joshua Diaz*

## March 17 ~ March 25

### 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

### Monday, Mar 19

10:15 am Dinner At Your Door

### Tuesday, Mar 20

5:30 pm Adoration  
6:30 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, Mar 21

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Lenten Study Group  
7:00 pm Reconciliation Service

### Thursday, Mar 22

8:00 am Mass

### Friday, Mar 23

Noon Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, Mar 24

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

### Sunday, Mar 25 Palm Sunday

10:00 am Mass  
Lenten Study Group

† deceased    \* living



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## Faith Formation

Faith Formation Students and Families are encouraged to attend the Parish Communal Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 pm. This is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)  
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

## CCW Flower Sale

It's time for the Spring Flower Sale

Order your Flowers TODAY



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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

## Social Ministry



PRISM Shop for Change (Thrift Store)  
Grand Opening  
Monday, March 19  
9:00 am -5:00 pm  
1220 Zane Ave N, Golden Valley

Enjoy great values and sales and Raffle Prizes

March is Food Share Month: Please be generous with food and/or money donations

## Grateful Caretaking

|                                     | February 2018 | February 2017 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue Received                    | \$17,163      | \$19,875      |
| Budgeted Revenue                    | \$22,622      | \$23,859      |
| Net difference                      | (\$5,460)     | (\$3,984)     |
| Current YTD Revenue.....\$183,009   |               |               |
| Budgeted YTD Revenue .....\$194,407 |               |               |
| Net Difference .....(\$11,399)      |               |               |

## Upcoming Parish Events

- March 21      Communal Reconciliation Service  
7:00 pm
- March 23      Stations of the Cross, Noon
- 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
- Sun, April 15:    Celebration of Fr. Tom's Ordination  
This is the actual date of Father Tom's Ordination;  
25 years ago. The Parish will celebrate with Father  
Tom that day. Mass will be at 4:00 pm; Dinner and  
reception will follow.
- Saturday, May 5    10 am Confirmation  
Basilica

## Catholic Schools

### Catholic Schools Affiliated with St. Margaret Mary

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| <b>Good Shepherd (K-6)</b><br><b>763-545-4285</b><br>145 Jersey Ave S.<br>Golden Valley<br>www.gsgvschool.org | <b>Sacred Heart (PreK-8)</b><br><b>763-537-1329</b><br>4050 Hubbard Ave N.<br>Robbinsdale<br>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](http://www.smm-gv.org)  
Email: [myparish@smm-gv.org](mailto:myparish@smm-gv.org)

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Wednesday and Thursday, Mass at 8:00 am

**Pastoral Team**

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| <b>Pastor</b>                                          | Father Thomas Rayar<br><a href="mailto:frtom@smm-gv.org">frtom@smm-gv.org</a> |
| <b>Coordinator of Faith Formation / Youth Ministry</b> | Joshua Diaz<br><a href="mailto:jdiaz@smm-gv.org">jdiaz@smm-gv.org</a>         |
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| <b>Parish Business Administrator</b>                   | Diane Mareck<br><a href="mailto:dmareck@smm-gv.org">dmareck@smm-gv.org</a>    |

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