

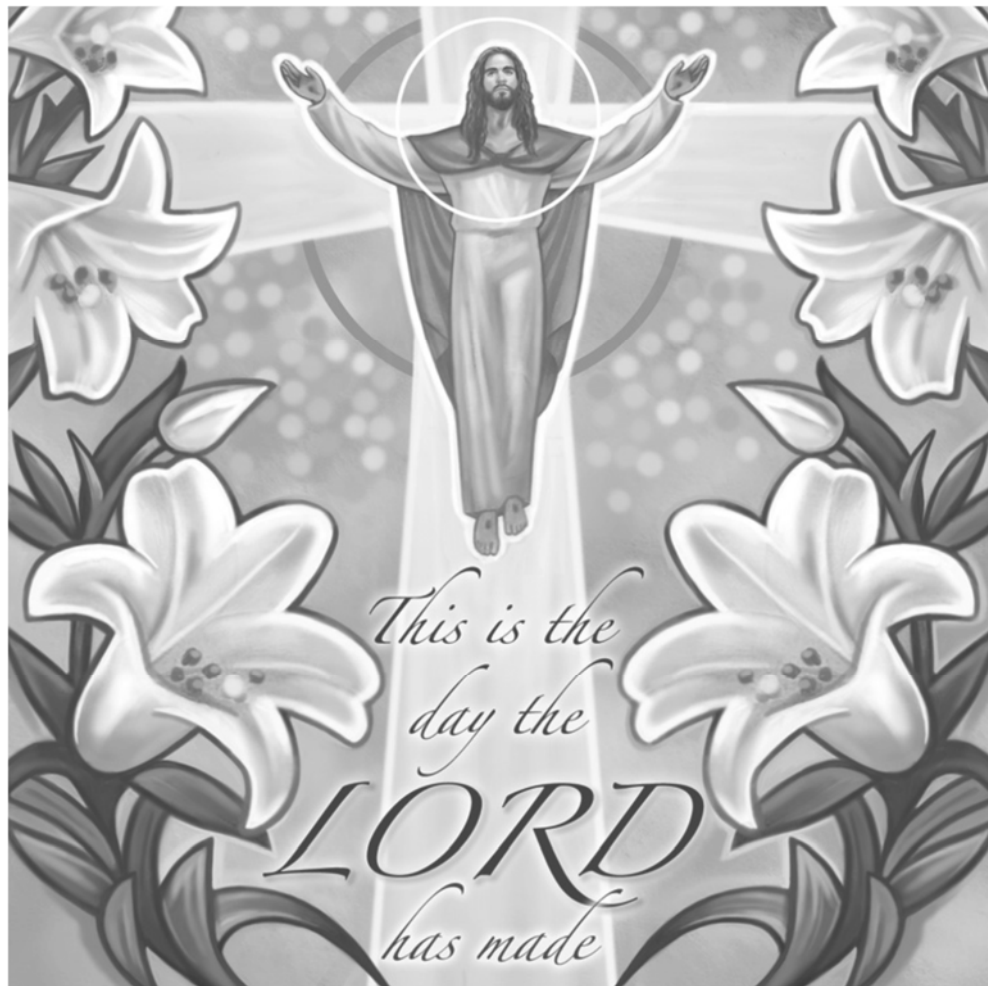
The Church of

St. Margaret Mary



April 1, 2018

Resurrection of the Lord



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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.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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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

Easter – the Foundation of our Faith



A few years ago, I read this particular article in the online version of 'The Guardian' newspaper written by Madeleine Bunting, a British Journalist. I think it is worth revisiting that article in the light of our Easter Celebration.

"A recent 'Readers digest' survey found that 31% of British people thought Easter was sponsored by Cadbury's, while 48% had no idea what the religious festival was about. The 16-24 age group had the lowest level of knowledge. The Reader's Digest survey is more evidence of how Britain has been comprehensively de-Christianized in the past 50 years.

What is interesting is how peculiar this phenomenon is in a global context and how blind secular Europeans are to their peculiarity. As they have become increasingly wedded to their faithlessness, the world beyond Western Europe has experienced an astonishing increase in religiosity. Secular Europe is losing an ability to speak a language — that of faith. It pretends that faith is simply a personal hobby. When the pretense does not work, it peers, fearfully, at a world all around it that has become profoundly foreign."

It is alarming to note how we are slowly buried in the darkness of secularism and speedily moving away from God by forgetting the language of faith. As God intended, religion has done lots of good to the people. But in history some religious people failed in the name of religion. Faith is the bridge that helps us to pass through our life to the next.

There have been crusades and religious wars in the past and in the present, but that never made the faith a bad language in civilized society. In modern society it looks like a fancy fashion to walk away from faith and religion in the name of secularism and neutralism. We should not forget religion was the greatest ladder by which the nations were able to climb in knowledge and civilization. It may not be fair to kick away the ladder by which we climbed to the height of our life today. It was religious institutions that taught us and in God's name we were cared for in the hospitals. Failures of religious people in history are not a reason to shun away from it; but it should be the reason we should shoulder it for its success. As the early Christian community celebrated Easter with great joy, we are called to continue such evangelization to the people who have never heard about Jesus.



I take this opportunity to thank everyone who did a marvelous job for the success of the Holy Week celebrations especially our choir and music ministry people, altar servers, lectors, sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, church

cleaning people, and those who did altar decoration during this Holy Week. May God bless us all for the sacrifices we make as humble servants for his glory. Wishing you a Happy Easter!

Father Tom's 25th Jubilee Celebration



Father Thomas Rayar
25th Ordination Anniversary
Sunday, April 15
4:00 pm Mass



You are cordially invited to celebrate this very special occasion. Reception and Dinner follows Mass in Visitation Hall.

Please RSVP: myparish@smm-gv.org
763-588-9466
or online <http://evite.me/dJTP2XWbQY>

Liturgy

Please note that there will **not** be Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 15. All are invited to attend Father Tom's Celebration of Ordination at 4 pm.

You will note that the lectern for proclaiming and preaching the Word of God has been relocated to a position near the altar.

Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!

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THE RETURN OF EASTER

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of a great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.

—Frederick Temple

Parish Events

Game Day Coming
Sat, April 28 in Visitation Hall



Shake the winter blues and step into Spring with the first of many St. Margaret Mary Game nights. Join us for some pizza and some game time in Visitation Hall on Saturday, April 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Some games are familiar and some may be new to you. Games that will be provided are:

Playing Cards, Chess, Monopoly, Cranium, Yahtzee, Rummikub, Scattergories, Code Name, Splendor, Settlers of Catan, Munchkins, Ticket to Ride, Carcassone, Scrabble, Jenga and 7 Wonders.

Don't see anything you care for? Feel free to bring your own game if you have a favorite to share. All ages are welcome to come and join the fun. Play time will run from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

March 31 ~ April 8

Saturday, Mar 31 Easter Vigil

8:00 pm Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 1 Resurrection of the Lord

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

Monday, April 2 Parish Office is Closed

Tuesday, April 3

5:30 pm Adoration

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, April 4

8:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Faith Formation

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 5

8:00 am Mass

Friday, April 6

10:15 am Dinner at Your Door

Saturday, April 7

4:00 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass..... ★People of St Margaret Mary
Madeline Freund First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 8 Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass

11:00 am Baptism - Quinn May Kaster

† deceased ★ living

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes April 4



Please hold Madeline Freund and her family in your prayers as she prepares to make her First Holy Communion on April 7.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Daily Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings

CCW Flower Sale



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Spring Flower Sale

Last Day to place your Order will be April 7 & April 8

Don't miss out - You may pick up an order form from the back of Church to prepare your order.

The flowers are from Lynde Greenhouses and have always been lovely. There are some new varieties this year. 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. There has been some price increases from the grower, but we have kept the prices as stable as possible. The prices are usually below retail unless a store is having a promotion.

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. Use the yellow form found on the table in the back of church.

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: For the month of April:
Children's clothing and shoes.

White Foods: flour, sugar, pasta, instant potatoes, etc

Rice Bowls: Please place money in an envelope marked RICE BOWL and place in collection.



Easter Memorials

We are grateful for your donations to Easter church environment. A complete list of memorials will be in next week's bulletin.

Upcoming Parish Events

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.

There will not be a 10am Mass on April 15.

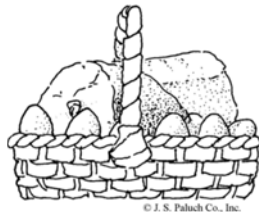
Saturday, April 28 Game Day in Visitation Hall

Sunday, April 29 Sending Mass for Confirmandi
Hospitality follows in Visitation Hall

Saturday, May 5 10 am Confirmation
Basilica

Sunday, Sept 16 St Margaret Mary Parish Festival

May God Bless You
and Your Family
this Easter Season



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
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Pastoral Team

Pastor	Father Thomas Rayar frtom@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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