

The Church of
St. Margaret Mary



December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

**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
Reconciliation 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)

Sunday Mass ... 10:00 am
with *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

**Weekday
Mass Schedule**

Tuesday: 5:30 pm Adoration
and 6:30 pm Mass
Wednesday 8:00 am Mass
Thursday 8:00 am 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.



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**Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.**

Luke 21:36

Reflection from Father Tom

Come, Lord Jesus!

Every celebration is meaningful and successful when we are duly prepared. Christmas is the most important festival next to Easter in our Christian tradition. This important festival requires serious preparation not by mere shopping. Therefore, we have the season of Advent. The word 'Advent' is derived from two Latin words: 'ad' and 'venire', which means 'to come'. So Advent is the time we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into this world as a child.

Advent is also time that Jesus is knocking and waiting at the door of our hearts to come in, at our invitation. Whenever we call, 'Come, Lord Jesus,' he readily comes into our hearts to make His home. When Jesus comes, he is not going to turn our hearts into restful retreats. He will transform them into a sort of "house" of action, filling them with our adventurous spiritual life. So, we are called to an "Adventurous Advent," turning to God from our derailed lives.

Advent invites deeper introspection of ourselves. Are our lives worthy enough to have Jesus born into our hearts? This is the time of active waiting and adventurous fighting against evil with our spiritual gifts from God. As St. Paul writes, "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

This is the time to put on Jesus Christ with reverence not with rivalry; with love not with lust; with joy not with jealousy; with promises not promiscuity. Let us hear Jesus' message for this season: "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

So let us genuinely prepare ourselves for the joy of Christmas! Wishing you all a Happy Advent Season!

Come, Lord Jesus! Lord Jesus, come!



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Mass
Friday, December 7
At 7:00pm

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, traditionally falls on December 8. Since that is on a Saturday, we will hold a vigil mass the evening before. Come and let us honor our Blessed Mother.

Parish Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 12
at 7:00 pm.



All are welcome to 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.

Christmas Memorials



We invite you to remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a donation to the Christmas 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 the envelope in the collection at mass. Memorial names will be listed in the January bulletin.

Liturgy

"Deck the Halls"

We will be preparing the environment for Christmas in church this year on Sunday, December 23rd after the 10:00am Mass. We can use as many wonderful worker elves as possible! Please contact Josh in the parish office as soon as possible so that he can plan out the decorating teams to ensure everything gets done efficiently.



Christmas Choir

This year, the Adult Choir will be singing at both the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass as well as the 10:00am Mass on Christmas Day. The Children's Choir will join the Adult Choir for Mass on Christmas Eve. If you would like to sing with either choir, please contact Josh in the parish office. We would love to have a nice full choir for the birth of our Lord!

December 1 ~ December 9

Saturday, Dec 1

- 2:00 pm Advent Day of Reflection
 4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Mass*People of St Margaret Mary

Sunday, Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 am Mass† June Blanski

Tuesday, Dec 4

- 2:00 pm Adult Faith Formation Meeting
 5:30 pm Adoration
 6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday, Dec 5

- 8:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Faith Formation Class

Thursday, Dec 6

- 8:00 am Mass† Maria Donley
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Dec 7

- 10:15 am Dinner At Your Door
 7:00 pm Mass-Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, Dec 8

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

Sunday, Dec 9 Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 am Mass.... † Mark Starbird
 Hospitality

† deceased * living

Children's Choir

December Schedule

- Wed, Dec 5 5:30pm Rehearsal
 Wed, Dec 12 *No Children's Choir Rehearsal*
 Wed, Dec 19 5:30pm Rehearsal
 Sat, Dec 22 1:00pm Rehearsal w/ Adult Choir
 Sun, Dec 23 10:00am Sing at 10:00am Mass
 Mon, Dec 24 4:00pm Sing at Christmas Eve Mass

Stewardship

Please prayerfully consider your financial contributions to the parish. It is with your support, both physically and financially that the parish can maintain and grow parish programs.

If you wish to begin contributing electronically, please find a form in the vestibule of the church. (Look for a lavender form.) This a convenient and safe way to contribute to the parish. If you have questions, please contact Diane Mareck at dmareck@smm-gv.org or call the parish office 763-588-9466.

Social Ministry



St. Margaret Mary Giving Tree will be displayed in the back of church beginning Sat, December 1.

This tree supports the PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe and has gift ideas for children and teens. Please take a paper ornament with gift suggestion and purchase a gift. Return the unwrapped gift to the Giving Tree before December 13.

Gift cards should be put in collection basket with the amount written on the card.

(Gifts for teens and preteens are usually most needed.) Thank you for your generosity.



December Needs: Children's gifts; Pantry items—spices, canned goods, oil, basic soups, etc.

Religious Retirement

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today those sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports necessities such as medications and nursing care and helps ensure the next generation can continue in ministry. Envelopes are available in the back of church. Or simply use a plain envelope and indicate Religious Retirement in the memo line of your check.

Faith Formation

- Wed, December 5 Classes
 Wed, December 12 Classes; Grades 3-10 will attend Reconciliation with Fr. Tom in Visitation Hall at the start of class
 Wed, December 19 All Faith Formation students will make fleece tie blankets in Visitation Hall as a service project. The blankets will be donated to the Children's Minnesota Hospital in Edina
 Dec 26 and Jan 2 No classes—Christmas Break

Upcoming Parish Events

Dec 7 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 7:00pm
Dec 13 Giving Tree gifts are due
Dec 19 Parish Reconciliation Service, 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Christmas Day 10:00 am
Solemnity of Mary, New Years Day Mass at 9:00 am

Neighboring Events

Support Good Shepherd School by visiting the Christmas Tree Lot on Dec 1-2 (open from 10am - 6 pm). Pick out your tree from a limited supply of Minnesota grown Fraser Firs for \$99 (plus tax) or have one delivered to your house for an additional \$20. The Christmas Tree lot is located at Good Shepherd School/Church. All proceeds will go to Good Shepherd School where a number of children from our parish attend. Email questions to mensclubofgoldenvalley@gmail.com

Music with a Message "Hope for All Seasons" Tour with Citizen Way & Chris August on Saturday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.)
Calvary Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Road
Tickets: \$20 for preferred seating, \$12 for general admission. Available at calvary.org/concert

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

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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
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mation / Youth Ministry** Joshua Diaz
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call Father Tom at 763-515-2005

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COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

Nancy Huntley, *Trustee*
Jean Plucinski, *Adult Faith Formation*
Georgeann Wobschall, *Social Ministry*

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Gene Blanski
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