

The Church of
St. Margaret Mary



December 9, 2018

Second 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 Sched-
ule**

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 Adora-
tion 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, welcom-
ing
Catholic community.

Serve Jesus
in outreach and justice.



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Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

Reflection from Father Tom

A VOICE IN THE DESERT

The gospel of this weekend says, "The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert." As I was reflecting over this passage, this question came to my mind: Why did the word of God come to John in the desert? Why not in the cities?

A Desert is a place where nothing exists except the sand. There is no house, road, water, toys, or comforts. There is nothing in the desert to distract one's mind from listening to God's word. The desert is a place of suffering and challenge. It is a symbolic way of God telling us that His word would come to us only through suffering and hard life. Comfort or convenience is not the place where one can encounter God.

If we wish to celebrate Christmas we need to empty ourselves like the desert and remove all the worldly distraction from our mind, only then can we listen to the word God.

As we hear the word of God, let us prepare the way of the Lord, not our ways. "A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."(Luke 3:5-6) When our ways are made smooth we can see the salvation of God.

God, give us the wisdom to prepare the way of your Son so that we will be able to see you face to face. Amen.



St. Margaret Mary Parishioner Updates

Rest in Peace

Glenn McIntosh..... Nov 30, 2018

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.

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 4:30 pm 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!

Adult Faith Formation

We wish to extend our deep sympathy to Fr. Michael Joncas in the loss of his dear friend which prevented him from leading the Advent Reflection last Saturday, 12-1-2018. We are very grateful to Jean Stolpestad from the Archdiocese staff who said yes to leading the Advent Reflection with the message that "with God nothing is impossible" as we wait in joyful hope with Mary for the arrival of her son, Jesus, as our Savior.

Thanks to the volunteers who provided bars and cookies for the event.

Christmas Memorials

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.

Memorials will be listed in the January bulletin.



December 8 ~ December 16

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

Tuesday, Dec 11

5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm Mass.... † Barbara Reger

Wednesday, Dec 12

8:00 am Mass.... † Margaret & Russell Stimart
5:30 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Faith Formation Class
7:00 pm Communal Reconciliation Service

Thursday, Dec 13

8:00 am Mass † Glenn McIntosh
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 15

4:00 pm Confessions
4:30 pm Mass † Ila Herbert

Sunday, Dec 16 Third Sunday of Advent

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

† deceased ★ living

Cultivate Bottineau

Culture, Community, and Commerce is a collaborative effort to activate spaces, build connections, celebrate diversity and promote opportunity through local art projects in the Bottineau Corridor where the proposed light rail transit line will run. The art displayed outside today is a part of this program. It was made by local artist, Sue Trosvig, owner of Handcrafted Stained Glass. handcraftedstainedglass.com

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 supports the PRISM Holiday Toy Shoppe. 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

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, Dec 12 Classes: Grades 3-10 will attend Reconciliation with Fr. Tom in Visitation Hall at the start of class

Wed, Dec 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

Children's Choir

December Schedule

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

Upcoming Parish Events

Dec 12 Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm
Dec 13 Giving Tree gifts are due
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

Benefit concert for PRISM Holiday (Toy Shop) on Fri, Dec 14 at 7 pm. Above Average Tuba Quartet will perform at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Golden Valley (3100 Lilac Dr)

LoveWorks 2018 Winter Showcase will be held Dec 14 at North Community High School. Admission is free, show begins at 6 pm.

Recently LoveWorks partnered with True North School Network to reimagine the learning environment to ensure a rigorous program that provides opportunity for world-class arts and 21st-century learning. – using arts as the context for student engagement and achievement. Love-works serves 200 children who are primarily from North Minneapolis, all of whom are eligible for free/reduced lunch and at any given time up to 15% of our children are homeless.

LoveWorks leases the school building at St. Margaret Mary. If able, support them at this 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 Fax: 763-588-0040
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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 frtom@smm-gv.org
Coordinator of Faith Formation / Youth Ministry	Joshua Diaz jdiaz@smm-gv.org
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Parish Business Administrator	Diane Mareck dmareck@smm-gv.org

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

Parish Leadership

COUNCIL FOR MISSION & MINISTRY
At Large Members

Tina Gorgos
Brittney Hynes
Mark Hastie
Susan Hoke
Richard Kramer
Kayleen Taffe

COUNCIL FOR MISSION & MINISTRY
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jeb Myers, *Trustee*
Rick Riley
Gene Blanski
Jim Sherburne

PRAYER CHAIN

Jennie Schlumpberger..... 763-546-5088