

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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December 04, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY

of
Advent

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

**You Are
Welcome Here!**

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm
Sunday Mass: 10:00am
Tuesday: 5:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

**View the weekend Masses online at:
www.smm-gv.org**

**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.

Reflection from Father Tom

Advent – the Season of Preparation

The historical Jesus was born about 2000 years ago, but the spiritual Jesus should be born in our hearts on ‘every day’ of our life. Christmas is the celebration of Jesus’ birth in our lives so that we are to live like him. So, such celebration should not stop with external decorations, but begin with internal purification. It is a spiritual celebration of our own life. That is the reason why we should make this year’s celebration of Christmas a special one in a special way of making ourselves worthy to celebrate the great festival of our Christian tradition.

During the last weekend, we focused on how well we ourselves can prepare for Christmas by avoiding deeds of the darkness and putting on the armor of light, as St Paul urged us through the second reading, “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light”(Rom:13:12). We are reminded to avoid all kinds of intoxications caused by our selfishness, anger, money, power or comforts. We are called to light our minds and hearts with forgiveness, acceptance of others as they are, peace with our community members or co-workers and reverence to God and others as they are the temples of God.

During this second week, we will focus on how well we could help our family members to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way. How we could avoid hurting our children, parents or spouse and how to appreciate them and enrich them with gifts of love which is all about Christmas. God loved us and sent us his only begotten Son. If God allowed his only Son to go through the suffering he endured for us, this means he has loved us more than he loved his only begotten Son. We are his beloved sons and daughters. How could we prepare for Jesus’ birthday?

In the third week, we will concentrate on ourselves reflecting how we could accept our limitations and weaknesses so that we could avoid sin. This would be a cleaning process of our souls: dirt is dusted; hurts are healed; our garbage of selfishness is tossed out.

On the fourth week of Advent, we will meditate on the ways we could decorate our soul to welcome Jesus with decorations of love, new clothing of kindness, new gifts of our time for others, new toys of appreciation for others.
May the joy of Christ be with you all during this time of our active preparation for Christmas!

Schedule for Christmas Liturgy!

Dec. 16 Friday 10:30 AM Healing Mass
Soup Luncheon to Follow

December 17th and 18th
Communal Penance Service with individual Absolution (30 Minutes Before our regular weekend Masses 3:30 PM and 9:30 AM)

Dec 24th Saturday Christmas Eve:
3:00 -3:30 PM Individual Confession
3:30 PM Christmas Singing
4:00 PM. Mass

Dec. 25th Sunday – Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Mass

Dec. 31st Saturday - Feast – Mary Mother of God
3:30 – 3:50 PM Confession
4:00 PM Mass

Jan. 1st Sunday: New Year Day Feast of Mary Mother of God
10:00 AM. Mass

December 08, 2022
Immaculate Conception
Rosary and Mass at
6:30 PM



Adult Faith Formation

Holy Adult Mind
Follow Soul Faith Spirit Believe
Heart Prayer Christ
Catholic Formation Understand
Love of God Relationship



All are invited to attend this year’s Advent Reflection from 2 pm to 3:40 pm on Saturday, December 10, 2022, in Visitation Hall with the 4 pm Mass to follow. We are again having Fr. Ron Kreul, O.P., a Dominican priest, lead the Advent Reflection. Be prepared to receive some unique insights as Fr. Ron explains how prayer is a present from God that helps us deepen our relationship with God and others. Please sign up for this event by contacting Jean Plucinski by email at adultfaith@smm-gv.org by Monday, December 5th, or use the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

December 3-December 11

Saturday, December 3

3:30pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass† Leone C Knickerbocker

Sunday, Dec 4 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass..... * People of SMM

Tuesday, December 6

5:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass† Maria Donley

Thursday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception

6:30pm Mass† Reet Burke

Saturday, December 10th

3:30pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mass* People of SMM

Sunday, Dec 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass.....† Barbara Reger

† deceased * living

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PRISM

PRISM The Giving Tree is back!

The Giving Tree will be in the back of Church. It will have ornaments with suggested gifts for parishioners to purchase for families. Parishioners can take an ornament, purchase a gift, and **return the gift to Church by December 4**. Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket. Most needed items are teen gifts, Legos and gift cards.

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.

The names of loved ones will be printed in the January bulletin.



Classes resume after 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 4th for our Confirmation Students.

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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