

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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**December 11, 2022**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a



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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.**

## **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](http://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

### Evangelization- The Way to Prepare for Christmas

As Christmas draws near, we are busy shopping and getting the gifts wrapped, but in the Gospel Jesus invites us to imitate John the Baptist. Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Sharing with others what we have is the way to prepare for Christmas because Christmas is the celebration of God's sharing His only Son with this world. It is by giving that we receive.

Speaking about Sharing, there cannot be a great sharing more than sharing the good news of Jesus to others in this time of Christmas. I hope you will be aware of our Archdiocesan synod. "The faithful of this Archdiocese have gathered together over the past three years in prayer, learning and respectful listening to one another and the Holy Spirit. Now it is time for us to join you in considering the question asked so many years ago by the disciples of John the Baptist: "What then should we do?" (Lk 3:10) The Pastoral Letter issued today, You Will Be My Witnesses, reflecting on our Synod journey as well as the mysteries that took place nearly 2,000 years ago in the Upper Room, is a first response to that question, outlining a plan for the next three years aimed at helping us to be more vibrant witnesses to all that Jesus has lovingly done for us. Our shared experience throughout these last three years has led us to the truth of Jesus' conclusion that "The harvest is abundant..." (Mt 9:37) (Extract from Archbishop Hebda's letter).

Our Archbishop has invited us to become a radical Church-of-the-Upper-Room through his newly released Pastoral Letter. Please read his Pastoral letter found at this link: <https://www.archspm.org/synodletter/> or [https://archspmmain site.s3.amazonaws.com/Synod/Synod\\_pastoral+letter\\_112222.pdf](https://archspmmain site.s3.amazonaws.com/Synod/Synod_pastoral+letter_112222.pdf)

In the second reading the apostle James reminds us to be patient and firm while waiting for the Lord. Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. He further instructs us, do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Complaining about one another is not a Christian attitude. If we really want to prepare for Christmas with Joy, then we need to change our hearts. The change of our hearts makes the birth of Jesus a reality in our homes and our community.

*Prayer: A burden shared becomes light. A long journey traveled with love becomes short. A Christmas shared with gifts of gratitude becomes meaningful. Wishing a joyful Advent!*

### Archdiocesan Evangelization Prayer:

Come O Holy Spirit,  
renew your wonders in our time, as though in a new Pentecost,  
and grant that our Archdiocese,  
united in prayer around Mary, the Mother of Jesus,  
and guided by St. Peter,  
may spread the Kingdom of our Divine Savior,  
a Kingdom of truth, of justice, of love, and of peace. Amen.  
Saint Paul, our great missionary patron,  
pray for us!



### Schedule for Christmas Liturgy!

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Healing Mass followed by Soup Lunch**  
(Please help giving a ride to those who are not able to drive)

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Communal Penance service with individual Absolution**  
(30 Minutes before Mass)

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday Christmas Eve:**  
3:00-3:30 PM Individual Confession  
3:30 PM Christmas Singing  
4:00 PM Mass

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Christmas Day**  
10:00 AM Mass

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday - Feast – Mary Mother of God**  
3:30 – 3:50 PM Confession  
4:00 PM Mass

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: New Year Day Feast of Mary Mother of God**  
10:00 AM Mass

## December 10-December 18

### Saturday, December 10

3:30pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Sunday, Dec 11 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass.....† Barbara Reger

### Tuesday, December 13

5:00pm Adoration  
6:00pm Mass .....† Velma C Hageman

### Saturday, December 17th

3:30pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mass ....† Margaret & Russell Stimart

### Sunday, Dec 18th 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass .....† Paul Piazza, Sr  
† deceased ★ living

## Social Ministry



**PRISM:** If you still want to donate to PRISM's toy drive, please put the item in the wooden box in the Church entry. Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket.

**PRISM**

Food donations: All items are needed, especially baking supplies (Flour, sugar, spices)

Please be generous.

## Youth Faith Formation

Our Confirmation students will be serving coffee, juice and donuts after Mass on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join them for hospitality and joyful service to our faith family.

## 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 it in the collection basket at mass.

## Religious Retirement Fund

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

Elderly religious need your help. Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give generously.

A second collection for the fund will be taken this weekend, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## Pastoral Team

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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.

## Parish Pastoral Council

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