

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

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September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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FOOD  
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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

### Building 'Bridges'

One basic truth of any community is building healthy relationships with people. But, as human beings with weaknesses, we struggle with misunderstandings and differences of opinions and finally end up with conflicts with others. Jesus came to build the bridge between God and man by building the relationships between our brothers and sisters. It has never been an easy task to have a smooth road in community building. The conflict of relationship is everywhere: it can be in our families at the micro level or between nations at the macro level. It can exist even in parish communities built on faith. How can we solve these conflicts?

Jesus, through the gospel of this weekend, has provided a very practical solution to solve our misunderstandings or conflicts with our brothers/sisters. The method Jesus has given is filled with both justice and mercy, as W. Shakespeare explains in his play, 'Merchant of Venice' through the discourse of Portia begging Shylock for mercy, "**And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice.**" It is not the justice of human origin that gives us the joy of salvation but the Mercy of God shown through our charity that builds relationships through healing. In any disagreement we have not only to look for the truth but also to care for healing of the hurts. It is through disagreements we find the agreements. It is by misunderstanding we understand.

Human relationships are not like mathematical solutions but they are built in hearts of flesh filled with love and forgiveness. We see these qualities in the method of Jesus. If there is conflict: Step 1: Go and tell your brother/sister about the fault alone. This will clear out any wrong assumption you may have with respect to the privacy of the other. This also lets the 'other' explain his/her side of the story. Most problems will be solved in this first step if approached with mutual respect. Step 2: If the first step fails, then you take the matter to one or two others who can really help both negotiate with inspiration. This would help both parties to have more understanding of the problem from the perspective of others who are not directly involved. This step would solve almost all the problems. Step 3. If the second step fails, take the conflict to the community or it could be the court in the modern world. The community has a moral and physical force to establish the truth to solve the conflict. Step 4: If he/she does not listen to the

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community, then treat him/her as you would a gentle or a tax collector: which means that you just walk away from the person. Let him/her be alien to you and your community. This alienation from the community also means a separation from God as the community represents the presence of Jesus; '*...where two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*'.

So let us solve our conflicts with concern for one another and let us mend our differences with deepest understanding. And thus, let us build 'bridges' with the bricks of forgiveness and love. Let the springs of healing flow in our hearts to build families of Love.

***Lord, take away the thorns of pride and sow the seeds of mercy in our hearts for the healing from the hurts. Amen***

## Invitation to Tamil Mass

*Please join the Twin Cities Tamil Catholics for Our Lady of Good Health Festival.*

*Sunday, September 10th at St Margaret Mary's Church*

*Rosary procession at 4:30 PM*

*Mass in Tamil at 5:00 PM*

*Social time following Mass*



## Festival Sunday September 17

Please help support our Festival!  
Signup sheets are available in the back of Church for volunteers.  
We are in need of bottles (all varieties) for Ring Toss and gift cards for Plinko.  
Please drop off your basket for the silent auction by Thursday, September 14.  
Thank you for your dedication and support to our Parish Community!



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Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesdays through Thursdays :  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm

## History of St. Margaret Mary



Mass was celebrated in the basement of the school

### AED Instruction

If you are interested in learning how to use the AED device (recently installed in the hallway of Visitation Hall), please watch for an upcoming mini-class with Michael Plucinski, on Saturday, September 30th, after 4:00 PM Mass.

Sign up sheets will be available in the back of the Church.

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



As we decided last year, our Faith Formation program will continue to combine with St. Joseph's of New Hope for grades K through 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember, though our children attend the classes at St. Joseph's, the Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Communion) will be celebrated in our Church.

Please note, our parish will pay St. Joseph the registration fee of \$85.00 (each) for our children. This means you do not need to pay the registration fee. In order to assist you, please contact Mary Muntifering at [marym@smm-gv.org](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org) with the following information: Child's name, grade and parent's name.

Jim Franzen will continue the Confirmation class in our parish, as he has done for many years. He will be contacting the parents of the Confirmation students directly. May God bless you all and our children!



### Mass Intentions



Mass Intentions are offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as birthday or anniversary), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Please contact Mary ([marym@smm-gv.org](mailto:marym@smm-gv.org)) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.

### Devotional Candles

*"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).* In today's culture, lighting devotional candles signifies our prayer offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The vigil candle that is lit remains so for a period of time and symbolizes how the person desires "to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business."

### 2023 Parish Festival—Donations

Donations may be left in the designated areas in the back of the Church or left at the Parish Office.

Any questions, please contact Dave or MaryJo Rosenow or Mary Muntifering.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Parish Festival!