

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

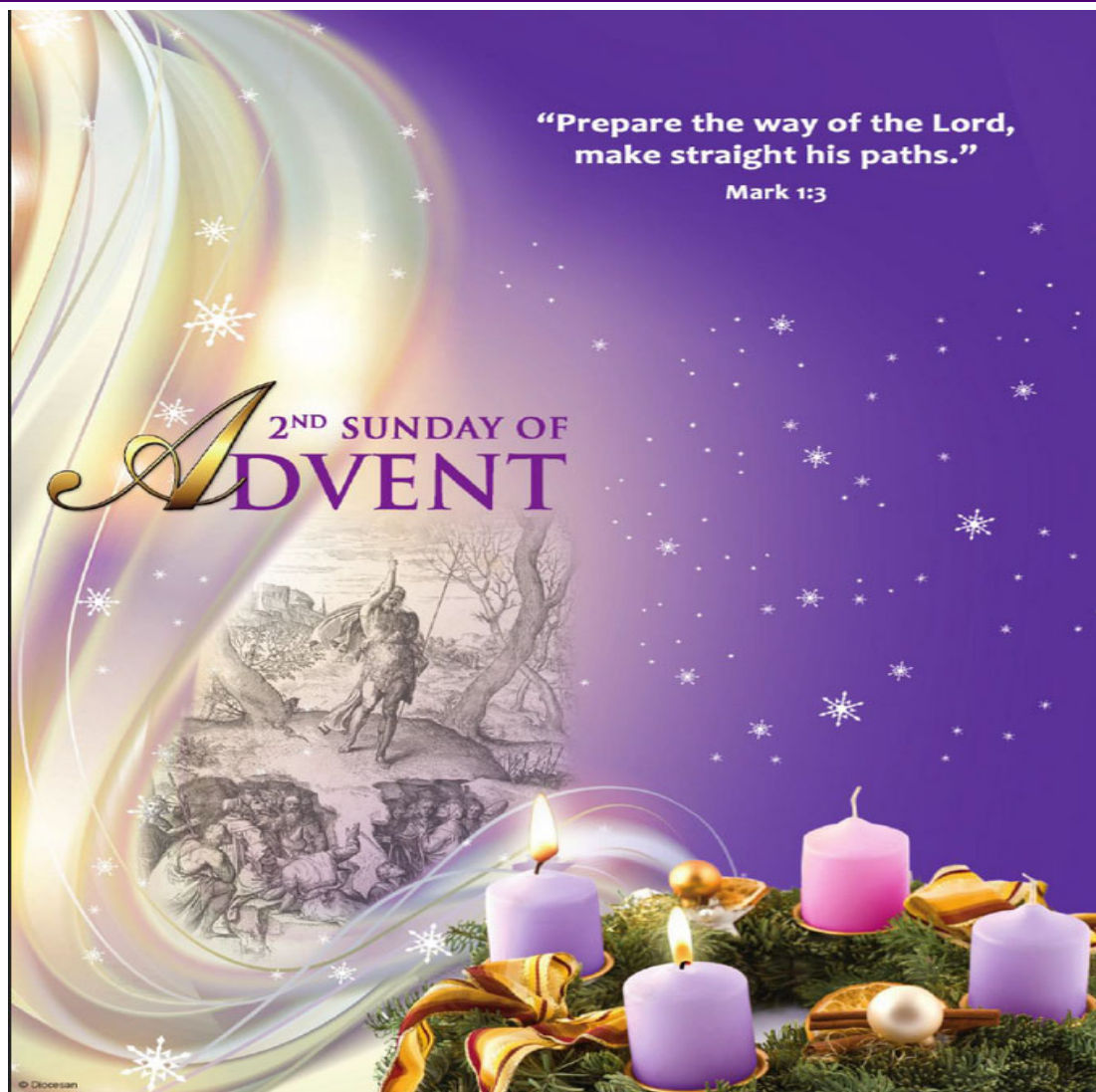
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December 10, 2023

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.**

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

A Voice in the Desert

Reflecting on the words in the Gospel today, “The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert”, a question came to my mind: Why did the word of God come to John in the desert? Why not in the towns or cities?

A Desert is a place where nothing exists except the sand. It is a place one needs more faith in God to survive. In the desert, there is no house, road, water, toys, cell phones, televisions 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 place where one should feel the need for his/her basic things: like water, shelter and food. It is a symbolic way of God telling us that His word can soak into our hearts only when we feel the want of our daily basic needs through suffering and hardship in the ‘desert’ of our life. Comfort or convenience is not the means through which one can encounter God.

If we wish to celebrate this Christmas meaningfully, we need to empty ourselves like the desert and remove all the worldly distraction from our mind, and finally listen to the word of God and fill our hearts with firm faith. As we hear the word of God, let us prepare the way of the Lord, but 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 and our life-roads are made straight, then we can see the salvation of God through our Faith.

Prayer: God, give us the wisdom to prepare the way of your Son, that we will be able to reach our eternal destination through our Faith. Amen.

Adult Faith Formation

Fall Bible Study

The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Bible Study. It was a success!

Thank you to Fr. Tom for his enlightening presentations and to everyone for their enthusiastic participation!

Advent Reflection

Thank you to the people who participated in the Advent Reflection last weekend. A special thank you to Jean Plucinski and Pat Lord for organizing this event!

St Margaret Mary Parishioners

Rest in Peace

Jack Robert Loso
(Son of Rob & Patti Loso)

Ramona Jordan

Attention: All Altar Servers

Altar Server and Eucharistic Minister training will take place after both Masses next weekend, Dec. 16 and 17. Please meet Mike Bloberger at the altar area. This is re-scheduled from November.

Bulletin Update

Please submit messages for the bulletin no later than Tuesday afternoon. Messages received after Tuesday will be printed in the next week’s bulletin.

Christmas Flower Donations

Envelopes are available in the back of Church for Christmas Flower Memorials. Please include the name of persons to be remembered on the envelope and place them in the collection baskets.



December 9 — December 17

Saturday, December 9

3:30 pm Reconciliation Service
4:00 pm Mass† Marguerite "Reet" Burke

Sunday, Dec 10 Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 pm Reconciliation Service
10:00 am Mass† Marguerite "Reet" Burke

Tuesday, December 12

5:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass★ People of SMM

Saturday, December 16

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Leopold Rosas

Sunday, Dec 17 Third Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass★ People of SMM
† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

PRISM GIVING TREE:

Gifts will be taken to Prism Monday December 11. If you still want to donate after December 11, please put gifts in wooden box at church entrance. Gift cards can be placed in offertory basket.



Thank you for your generosity to the Giving Tree!

December items needed:

PRISM Peanut Butter, Cereals, Baking Supplies, etc..
Brown Paper Grocery Bags always needed.

Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

Thank you Debbie and Dan Kubes for cleaning the Church! It was greatly appreciated. The Church was in need of some much needed care!

Thank you to Troy Brantner for clearing the leaves from the roof tops of the buildings!

Thank you to Steve Gleason for faithfully putting up the Christmas lights. They look wonderful!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Envelopes are available in the back of Church for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please use the envelopes to support our retired religious family.

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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

AT LARGE MEMBERS

Michael Bloberger, First Chair.....
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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



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."

Your donation of \$3.00 is appreciated to defray the cost of the candles.

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) in the parish office to schedule your Mass Intentions. Suggested minimum donation is \$7.00 or more per Mass.

Daily Bible Readings are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, December 9th
Reconciliation Service
3:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 10th
Reconciliation Service
9:30 am**

**Sunday, December 24th
4th Sunday of Advent
Mass at 10:00 am**

**Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve Mass
3:30 pm Christmas Carols
4:00 pm Mass**

**Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day
10:00 am Mass**

**Monday, January 1st
Feast of Mary Mother of God
9:00 am Mass**

