

The Church of

# St. Margaret Mary

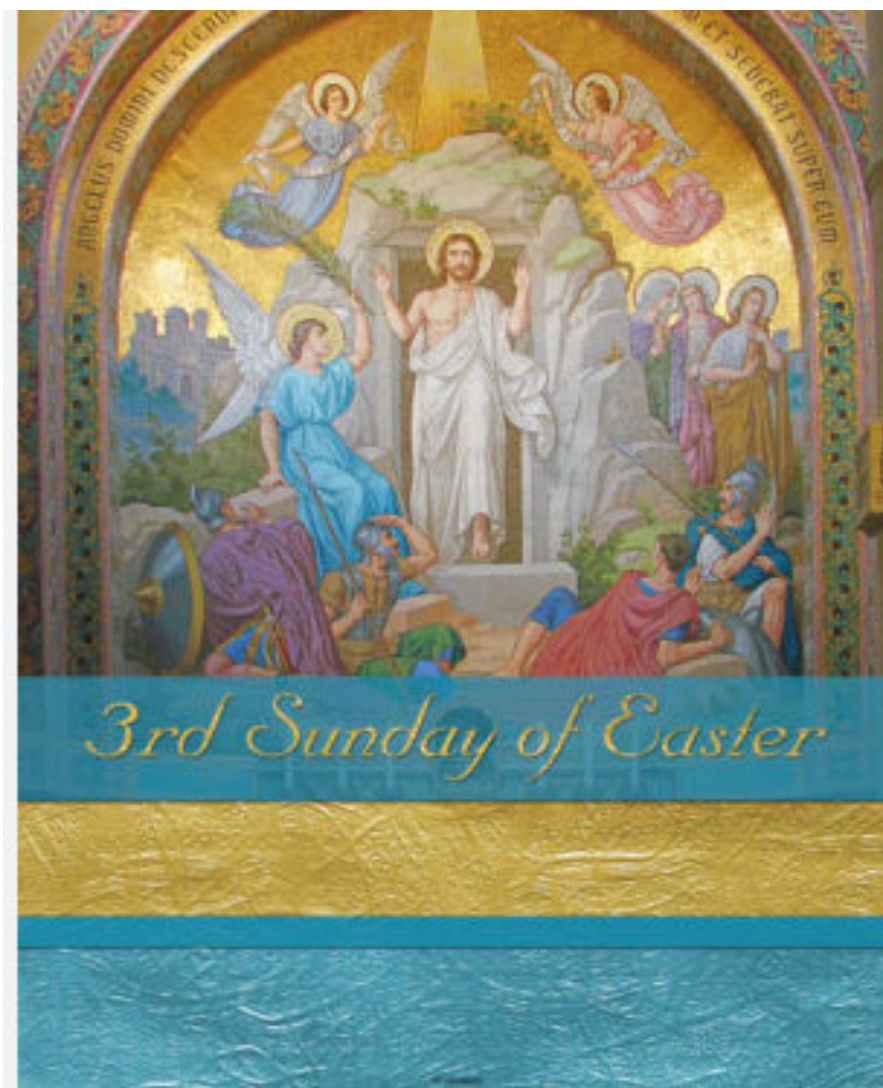
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April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



**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

### Jesus is known in the Breaking the Bread

As I have mentioned before, Easter is not merely a commemoration of the historical event of the past but the celebration of our own life. As Jesus passed to the glorious resurrection by the way of the cross and death, we celebrate the liberation of ourselves from sin to holiness, from fear to joy, from death to life, and from pain to gain. Thus, the history of Jesus has become the mystery of our salvation. By this we bring death to our sinful nature and resurrection to life in Jesus with total freedom by our willful awareness of being God's children.

But the road to freedom of being God's children was not cheap, as we see in the life of Jesus. It cost his life. He died so that he could resurrect. He went through the pain of his cross that we could gain paradise. It is like the heart patient in the hospital waiting for open-heart surgery. If the person is afraid of the pain of surgery, he/she may lose their whole life. If we are not ready to lose our sinful nature we cannot gain eternal healing. This feast is a call to us to pass from our anxieties and fears of death to the life of joy in the grace of God. It gives hope in our journey of faith.

In the Second reading of today, St. John in his letter explains the way through which we should continue our journey, "The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him (1 Jn 2:3-5a). By our love to others, we journey on the path of salvation. Whenever we share with others, we recognize Jesus. After Jesus' resurrection he appeared to the disciples and they recognized him by the 'breaking of the bread', which we do every day in the celebration of Eucharist. We come to celebrate our life of sharing and giving by breaking the bread together. In the early Christian community, the people were known as Christians by their love. This reminds us of the question, 'what is our contribution to our society or to our Faith community?'

When I listened to people expressing their views on why we go to Church, they expressed different understandings. One would say I go to Church to pray; another would say to find peace or to celebrate the Sacraments or to visit with people and so on. All of us have different personal reasons for why we go to Church. However, our primary reason for going to Church is to learn to recognize the broken Jesus in our brothers and sisters by the breaking of the bread, as we heard in the gospel today. Going to Church should be an opportunity for everyone to give of our

time, talents and treasure. It should not be a place to obtain something for ourselves, but to find the joy of giving. What do we get by sharing? There is a great amount of joy in giving. If we fail to see that 'Joy', our purpose for going to Church may become meaningless. This message was clearly actualized in the life of the Apostles and early Christians, as we read in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. "All who believed were together and had all things in common, they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart (Acts: 2:44-46). Jesus came into this world to serve and not to be served. He came to give his life for our redemption. He never gained anything by his incarnation, but found the fulfillment of his life in fulfilling his Father's Will.

*Prayer: Help us O Lord, to recognize You in my broken brothers and sisters by breaking the Eucharistic bread in our life. Amen*

## Congratulations Fr Tom!

*Congratulations to Fr Tom on the 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination! We thank him for his dedication to our Faith Family. Fr Tom has provided us with leadership, spirituality and unending love and service to our faith. Congratulations Fr Tom! We sincerely thank you for all you have given us!*

## Youth Faith Formation

The Mass of Sending for our Confirmation Students will be Sunday, April 14th at the 10:00 am Mass. Cake and coffee reception in Visitation Hall will follow. The Confirmation Mass will be at the Cathedral of St Paul at 2:00 pm that day. All are welcome to join! Students!

## Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon

The Healing Mass is for those in need of healing of mind, body and spirit. It will be Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am, with a soup luncheon to follow. Please use the sign up sheets in the back of the

Church if you would like to donate soup or desserts. Thank you!



## April 13—April 21

### Saturday, April 13

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Richard Sullivan

### Sunday, April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass ..... Villa Konen

### Tuesday, April 16

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass .....★ People of SMM

### Saturday, April 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass .....† Mary Traxor-Orstad  
.....★ People of Ukraine

### Sunday, April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass .....★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living



## Social Ministry

### PRISM needs for April: Cleaning Supplies

Alternative items: Sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soups, canned tuna and chicken, syrup, peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you for your generous donations!

## Spring Flower Sale

### SPRING FLOWER SALE

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our spring flower sale and donations to the Church Gardens.

The plants will be available for pickup at the parish office garage on Monday May 13th from 3-7 pm and Tuesday May 14th from 4-7pm.

Questions call Nancy Huntley at 763-522-9437

## Hospitality Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to take care of coffee and donuts on the second Sunday of each month on a rotating schedule.

If interested please contact Mary Muntifering at the office. Thank you!

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## Pastoral Team

### Pastor:

Fr. Thomas Rayar  
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For Pastoral Emergencies and Anointing of the Sick  
Call 763-515-2005

### Business Administration

Mary Muntifering  
marym@smm-gv.org

### Music Ministry

Mary Bur  
mbur@smm-gv.org

## 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.....  
Collin Abram .....  
Brenda Brincks,.....  
Hannah Ficks, *Second Chair*.....  
Steve Gleason, Secretary .....  
Molly Anderson .....

### PPC COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Peter Aubart .....  
Michael Ficks .....  
Jeb Myers, *Trustee*.....  
Rick Riley .....  
Jim Sherburne .....

### PRAYER CHAIN

Laurie Geving ..... 763-772-7762



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



### 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.

### 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.

**Daily Bible Readings** are available online at the United States Council of Catholic Bishop's website [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings).



### Neighboring Events

Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House invites you to a men's three-day silent retreat on the beautiful grounds of Lake DeMontreville guided by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. The retreat begins Thursday evening July 11, 2024, and ends Sunday evening, July 14, 2024. Free-will donations are accepted. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website [www.demontrevilleretreat.com](http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com).

### Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

We thank the Eucharistic Ministers for visiting our Homebound parishioners! Thank you to Georgeann Wobschall, Norine Stimart, Laurie Geving, Nancy Huntley and Susan Hoke for visiting our parishioners after Mass . They share friendship, love, and prayer followed by the parishioner receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. Thank you for volunteering for a most needed ministry!

### Memorial Garden Donations

Donor:	In Memory of:
Veva Arnold	
St Margaret Mary Church	Loved ones of SMM