

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

2323 Zenith Ave N., Golden Valley, MN 55422 # 763-588-9466



www.smm-gv.org

May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord



**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

Feast of Ascension

All the feasts we celebrate to commemorate the history of Jesus connects with the mystery of our Salvation through him. Ascension of Jesus into heaven is one of the feasts that celebrate the mystery of our humanity connecting to the divinity of God. The purpose of Jesus' incarnation is clearly portrayed by His ascension to heaven giving us hope that we will one day join Him in the heavenly glory. This feast is a celebration of our hope in God. When despair and doubt haunt us especially in this time of our life challenges, the ascension of Jesus is a reminder that we need to surpass all our disbeliefs to see the ray of hope.

The Ascension of Jesus is the climax of His resurrection. After rising from death, He spent forty days with His disciples encouraging and preparing them for the great ministry bringing the Good News to the poor and healing to the sick. We enjoy the fruit of their ministry today, being proud followers of Jesus Christ. We continue our spiritual journey in order that we may be with God, ascending from our earthly life through faith in Jesus.

This Feast of Ascension also reminds us of the commandment of Jesus to proclaim his message to all the nations by our repentance and forgiveness. "Thus it is written that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." (LK 24:46-48)

Finally, our glorification with the ascended Jesus will only be possible by following Jesus by carrying our daily crosses. And thus, we will be witnesses to Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension by our life of faith, with actions of love and by the joy of hope.

May the glory of Jesus be on us, as we struggle to carry our daily crosses!



Happy Mother's Day

In every culture or tradition in human history, mothers are placed in high places of respect for their great sacrifice of carrying their child for nine months in their womb and nurturing them all through the infancy. We admire them for their patience. We love them for their sacrificial love. We honor them for their support. Whatever happens in our life, whoever we may turn out to be, our mothers will be there for their children. Mothers are symbols of sacrifice. We need to appreciate, honor, and thank them not only on this yearly 'Mother's Day', but also all through the days of our life. We have life because of our parents.

I wish all the mothers a very **Happy Mother's Day!** You are so great in answering the call of God to be our mothers, following in the footsteps our blessed Mother Mary. May our Heavenly Mother protect you and make you proud of your motherhood!



Spring Flower Sale

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.**

If you are unable to pick up your flower order on either of these two days, please enlist a friend, neighbor or family member to pick them up for you.

Questions call Nancy Huntley at 763-522-9437

May 11th—May 19th

Saturday, May 11

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Russell Leighton

Sunday, May 12 The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am Mass * People of SMM

Tuesday, May 14

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass * People of SMM

Saturday, May 18

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Craig Muntifering

Sunday, May 12

10:00 am Mass * People of SMM

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Parishioner Volunteer Thank you !

We thank everyone who participated in our community building dinner, especially Michael and Cheryl Bloberger, who tirelessly worked to make sure it was a success! We thank the parishioners who volunteered to serve and clean up! There are countless volunteers that helped and we thank each one of them! Another successful dinner towards building our community.

Social Ministry

PRISM needs for May: Paper and plastic bags

School will be out of session in a month, hot lunch will not be available. Items like peanut butter, jelly, crackers and cheese, applesauce and prepackaged fruit will be needed.

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

Thank you for your generous donations!



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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.....
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Brenda Brincks,.....
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Monday: Office Closed
Tuesdays through Thursdays : 9:00am
to 3:00pm
Fridays: 9:00 am to 12:00pm



Mass Intentions



Pentecost Weekend



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. **We have several days available. Please consider a Mass Intention for a loved one.**

Do you speak a second language? We are looking for volunteers to say the “Our Father” prayer in their own language on Pentecost weekend. If you would like to share your language by saying the “Our Father” prayer during the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday or the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, please contact Mary Bur or Mary Muntifering.

Thank you!

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.

Thank you from Brother David

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated stamps and coins for our visiting Brother, David, from India. Br David is so grateful to the generosity of the SMM family. As we have previously mentioned, Br David is a principal at a school in India, where they use the coins and stamps as a learning tool for the children. Thank you for your generosity in donating to Br David’s ministry.

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

Hospitality Sunday

Please join us for coffee and cake after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday in celebration of Mother’s Day.