

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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



www.smm-gv.org

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion 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

Holy Week

Holy week is the special time to celebrate the mysteries of our Christian life. It is not merely the celebration of mysteries of our Christian Faith. Moreover, through these days, in face, the mystery of our life is celebrated along with the life of Christ.

The celebration of Death and Resurrection of Jesus reminds us that in our life we will not have victory without hard work. We cannot have resurrection without going through the process of death. In short 'there is no gain without pain.'

Why this week is Holy: This is the holiest season of our sacred liturgy. This time of the week is holy not because it has anything special. But it is called holy week as it makes us holy by inviting us to ponder over the great mystery of death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is not mere remembrance of the history but it reflects our life story merging with these mysteries of Jesus. In brief, we make this week holy by making ourselves holy in a special way imitating Jesus' way of the Cross.

What we do during this week: We began this exercise of holiness with Passion Sunday during which we are reminded of the suffering and death of Jesus for our redemption. On Holy Thursday we solemnly reenact the mystery of the Eucharist and institution of Holy Orders. On Good Friday, we reflect our life story in the light of Jesus' death on the cross. On Saturday night, we begin our Easter vigil to celebrate our own resurrection from the slavery of sin and fear of death. Thus, during this week, we celebrate our own holy life in the mystery of death and resurrection of Jesus.

How can we make it our own? Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Church invites us to focus on Holy Eucharist, as our Christian life is founded and strengthened by the Eucharist. We are the Eucharistic community. We solemnly believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. So, it is needless to say the importance of Eucharist in our life of faith.

I earnestly invite all of you to attend the liturgies during this holy week, which have lots of meaning

Reflection Continued

to our life. I would like to see the parents bringing the children for the Services. Sometimes our children may grow without knowing the meaning of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Easter. It is our duty to teach them by our example.

Wishing you all a prayer-filled Holy Week!

Anniversary for Fr. Tom's Ordination

Congratulations to Fr. Tom! Tuesday, April 15th will be the 32nd Anniversary of Fr. Tom's Ordination.

May God continue to reward him and bless him for his caring and dedicated service to our Church and our Family of Faith. May God's love and compassion be in his heart always.

In celebration of the Anniversary of his Ordination, please join us in celebrating at Tuesday's Mass at 6:00 pm.

Easter Flower Memorials

Donation made by:	In Memory/Honor of:
Michael & Cheryl Bloberger	Lee & Carrie Bernhagen and Nick & Edith Bloberger
Tony & Jean Plucinski	Marilyn & Vern Launspach
Patrick & JoAnn Doyle	Edward Piekut, Nettie Piekut, & Carol Doyle
Diana Fodstad	Robert & Evelyn Fodstad
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Louise Hyser	Chuck, Florence, & John Hyser
Esther Cruz	Koran Family
Pat Lord	Bill & Agnes Lord
Margaret Webinger	George Webinger
Norine Stimart	Margaret & Russell Stimart
Jennifer & Steve Erickson	Joseph & Mary Rolek and Melvin & Viola Erickson
Vonnie Reilly	Ray & Louise Sauer and Marge Johnson
Dot Roth	Bob Roth & Barb Blackey

April 12—April 22

Saturday, April 12

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Shirley Stanoch

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 15

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ Expectant Parents

Thursday, April 17 (Holy Thursday)

7:00 pm Mass† Families of SMM

Friday, April 18 (Good Friday)

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

8:00 pm Mass† Marge Johnson

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 22

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

April Needs: Cleaning Supplies

Most needed are canned proteins: tuna, chicken, peanut butter and beans.

Items always needed: peanut butter, jelly, crackers and cheese, applesauce and prepackaged fruit.

Alternate Items: sugar, oil, flour, cereal, pasta, soup, canned chicken and tuna, pancake mix and syrup.

Thank you for your generosity!



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

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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

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

Parishioner Volunteer Thank YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lenten Small Groups! Everyone enjoyed their time with their group. As always, they continue to be a very successful Lenten reflection.

Thank you to Jean Plucinski and Pat Lord for their amazing dedication to the success of these groups!

Lenten Schedule

Sat, April 12th, 4:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Sun, April 13th, 10:00 am Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Thur, April 17th, 7:00 pm Holy Thursday

Fri, April 18th, 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Fri, April 18th, 7:00 pm Good Friday

Sat, April 19th, 8:00 pm Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20th, 10:00 am Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Endowment Fund

"A Gift that Keeps on Giving, Year after Year."

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Parish Endowment Fund. Ongoing contributions of cash and stock helps grow the fund where the principal amount is always at work for the parish and cannot be removed. The parish can elect to spend the interest earned to fund special projects or programs of the parish.

Annual Spring Flower Sale

The flowers may be picked up on Saturday May 17th from 1-6 pm at the Parish Office Garage.

Questions, please call Nancy Huntley 763-522-9437.

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 \$5.00 is appreciated to defray the increased 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.

Neighboring Events



Quarterly Meeting of the **St. Joseph Business Guild**

The world won't support the Church. The Guild was started for that purpose! If the faithful want to see parishes grow (and not have to keep squeezing the same shrinking base!) they've got to do something intentional, and something big! Join them for dinner (**May 01**) as they share a vision for our true potential; everyone has a part in it!

Doors open 5:00 PM

St. John the Baptist

835 2nd Ave NW, New Brighton

RSVP at

sjbusinessguild.com

Open to the general public!

Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Healing Mass and the soup luncheon. It was wonderful to share healing and fellowship with our faith family.