

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

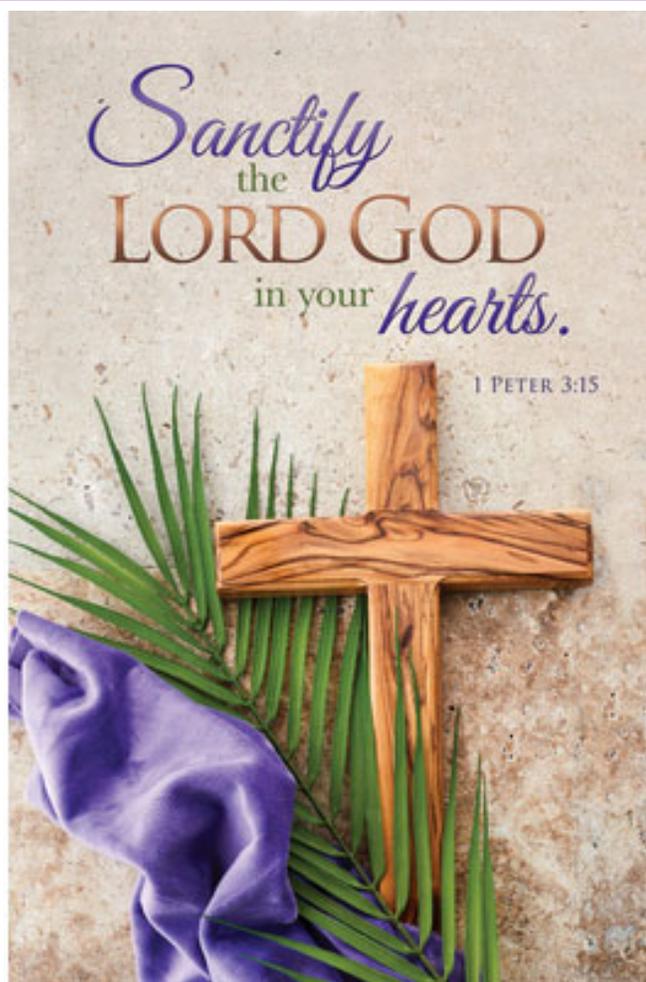
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March 01, 2026
March 08, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent
Third Sunday of Lent



**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

Faith to Transform

Like the gold in the furnace to shire, we are to go through the temptation to shine in our spiritual life. That is what we reflected through scripture readings of last week that we are put to test before we could shine in our spiritual life. This week readings give us the prototype of such tests and trials and the glorification after testing. Abraham, the father of faith, was tested his loyalty to God. We may ask ourselves the question how can God ask for Isaac, the only son of Abraham as a sacrifice. But this is to prove to the world that Abraham, the father of a great generation, had great faith in God and even he was ready to sacrifice his only son. God tests us not to destroy but help us to thrive. Because Abraham believed in God, who gave him Isaac, would not take him away through the sacrifice but would enrich him with faith. Thus, he became the father of faith.

The second reading portrays the similar story that happened in the New Testament as written by St. Paul to Romans, "He (God) did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all." (Rom 8:32) That Christ who died, because his obedience to the Heavenly Father, was raised to life. "Christ Jesus it is who died, or, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." (Rom 8:34) Jesus who underwent temptations, walked through the journey of the cross, died on the mount Calvary and finally was resurrected from death. All these episodes in the history of salvation are to remind us how we could shine like the gold purified in the furnace, as we are tested in faith through our trials and temptation.

The narration of transfiguration is the indication of what we will be with Jesus when we turn to be successful in the trials and tests of our life. So, faith is the source of our transfiguration. Before we could be transfigured with Jesus in the heavenly glorification, we should transform our lives in faith by following God's command, to be called God's beloved son/daughter. "Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mt. 9:8)

Let us transform our lives through faith that we will be transfigured with Jesus saying, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" Yes, it is always good to be with Jesus so let us make those tents of love that we could stay with him.

Reflection Continued



Parish Special Spiritual Activities during Lent:

- On Tuesdays we will have adoration from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour of adoration.
- On Fridays we have Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon.
- Online Scripture Reading for your daily reflections could be found: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Lenten Small Group reflection.

It will be good to see more faces for an hour of adoration on Tuesdays and for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

May God bless you!

Spring Flower Sale Time

It's time to order your flowers from the spring flower sale! We will be using Gerten's nursery as our supplier again this year. The offerings this year are lovely!

You can order two different ways. We will have a paper ordering form, which we will collect before and after Mass on the weekends of March 14th and 15th and March 21st and 22nd. You can also order online by going to www.gertensfundraising.com. Then once at the site enter store ID 802 to be brought to the St. Margaret Mary page to make your order. (Hint: Using our paper order form will help you organize your order before going online). Sometimes Gerten's runs out of certain flowers. So order early to ensure you get the flowers you want.

Flowers will be available for pick up on Saturday May 16th between 12-4pm.

You will also be able to donate to the parish gardens. Please write separate checks for the flower sale and the parish gardens.

Healing Mass and Soup Luncheon

Please join us for a Healing Mass for the mind, body and spirit on Thursday, March 4 at 11:00 am, followed by a soup luncheon.

Please use the sign-up sheets in the back of the Church if you would like to bring a soup or dessert to share.

February 28— March 15

Saturday, February 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Mary Murphy

Sunday, March 1 **Second Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, March 3

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass† Chet Huntley

Saturday, March 7

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Arokia Mary Rayar

Sunday, March 8 **Third Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, March 10

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass★ Expectant Parents

Saturday, March 14

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Yvonne Leonard

Sunday, March 15 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Mass† Mary Ann Sullivan

† deceased ★ living

Social Ministry

March Needs: Food Share Month

Pantry staples, food, and cash



Alternative items always needed:
Cereal, Canned soup, Canned tuna
and chicken, Pasta, Peanut Butter,
Pancake mix, Syrup, and Jelly.

Thank you!

Thank you for the Lunds & Byerlys gift card that I received at the office. The signature said, “All of Us”, so I am thanking All of You! I appreciate your generosity and friendship!

In peace, Mary M.

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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

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



Adult Faith Formation

Lenten Small Group Meetings Continue the Weeks of Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 8, 2026!

Lenten Small Group members, please check your group listed below for the correct date and time of your second and third meetings. All meetings will be held in Visitation Hall.

Group 1: Sundays, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm with facilitators Steve Gleason and Margaret Webinger on March 1 and March 8

Group 2: Sundays, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm with facilitators Jean Plucinski and Georgeann Wobschall on March 1 and March 8

Group 3: Tuesdays, 10:00 am to 11:30 am with facilitators Pat Lord and Mike Bloberger on March 3 and March 10

Before the second meeting, please read the material for Week 2 on pages 12 through 22 of the 2026 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores how Jesus is the one who transforms, the meaning of the Transfiguration, the commands of Jesus from scripture, and the inspirational persons, St. Augustine and his mother, St. Monica.

Before the third meeting, please read the material for Week 3 on pages 23 through 36 of the 2026 Lenten Small Group Study Guide which explores how Jesus is the one who teaches and leads, what we can learn from the conversion of the Samaritan woman at the well, how we can live out Jesus' teachings by following him, the significance of Jesus' seven "I AM" statements, and the inspirational persons, Pope Leo XIV and St. Oscar Romero.

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at adultfaith@smm-gv.org or at 763-593-0664.

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.

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.

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.

Rest in Peace

*May the perpetual
light shine upon
them .*

**Yvonne Leonard
Mary Murphy**

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