

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

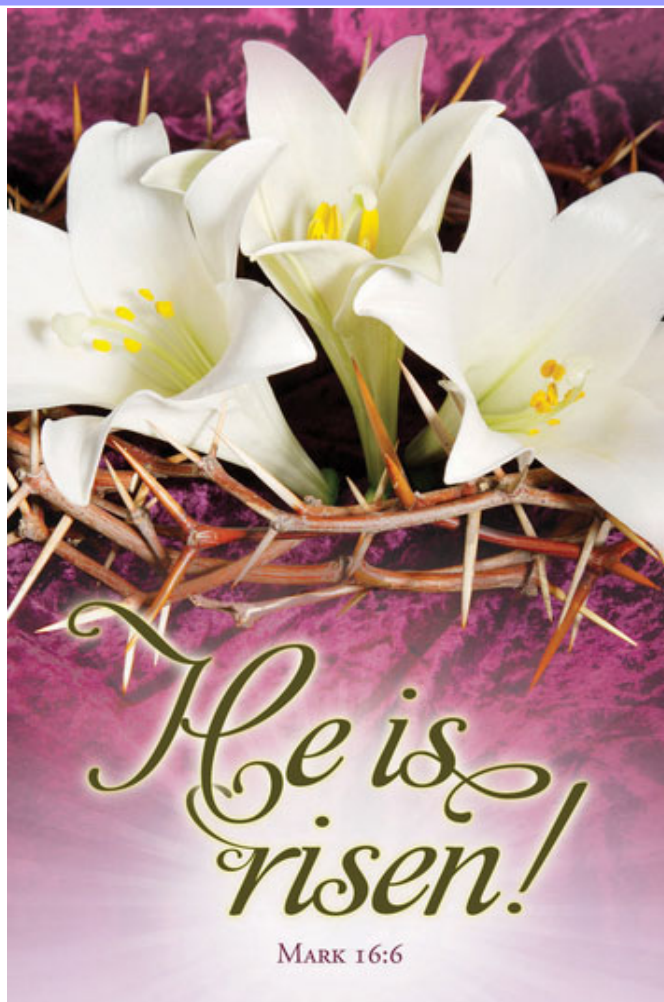
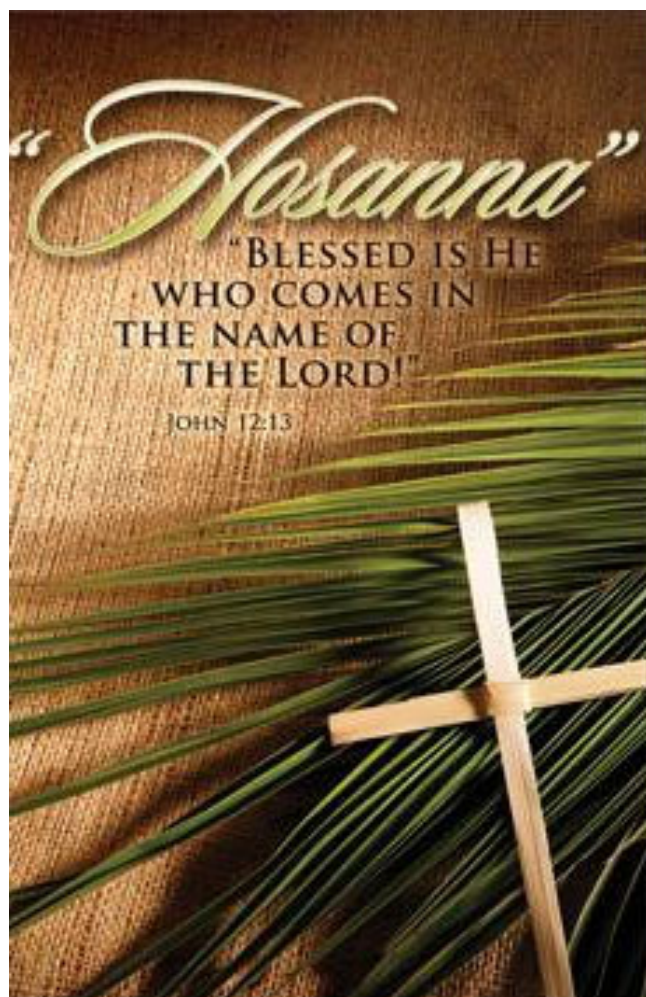
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March 29, 2026
April 05, 2026

Palm Sunday
Easter Sunday



**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

The cross of our life is the process of our salvation. "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. (Mt 16:24)

Holy week 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 our faith in death and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is not mere remembrance of the history but it is a reflection of our life story merging with these mysteries of Jesus. In brief, we make this week holy by making ourselves holy in a special way.

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, we celebrate our own holy life during this week in the mystery of death and resurrection of Jesus.

Council of Vatican II stated the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Church invites us to focus on the Holy Eucharist, as we are a community founded and strengthened by the Eucharist. We are a Eucharistic community. We solemnly believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. So, it is needless to mention the importance of the Eucharist in our life of faith, as we are in the Eucharistic Savior. To make this Holy Week a special week, I invite all of you to participate in the meaning-filled celebration of this week. I invite everyone to spend at least an hour of adoration before the Eucharist during this holy week. This one-hour adoration in the tradition of our Church was inspired by the words of Jesus to Peter in the garden of Gethsemane. "When he (Jesus) returned to his disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" (Matthew: 26:40) Jesus invites us today to pray for an hour not for him but for ourselves that we could celebrate our own faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

Prayer: *Lord! Lead us through the valley of fear to the mountains of faith from the desert of despair to the oasis of hope. May our spiritual practice during this week permeate in our families that all will be united as family of love in the Eucharist! Amen.*

Reflection Continued

Easter with Hope

The Holy week ends with the solemn celebration of Easter, the greatest festival of our Christian Faith. Easter is the reminder of what we shall be after this earthly life of struggles and challenges. Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) This is what he meant when he said 'I am the Way' that the way to heaven is to carry our crosses to be like him. Jesus, the only Son of God could have shown His 'Way' to heaven in many different ways. But he has chosen the 'way of the cross' to cross the valley of death by setting an example for us. This means we are called to take our crosses and follow him to be qualified for the gift of salvation from God.

The time of Easter is to free us from the fear of death and focus on the resurrection in our life here and the life to come. This feast gives us hope through our faith in Jesus. When we find ourselves in the midst of despair, Easter fills our hearts with hope of victory and eternal salvation.

My Heartfelt Thanks

I thank everyone including our staff, Mary Muntifering and volunteers who did a marvelous work during this Lent and Holy week. I thank Michael McDonough and Pete Aubart and their friends for their dedicated work in decorating the Altar and the liturgical environment all through the year. My thanks to those of you who regularly participated in the Lenten reflection group reflecting the mysteries of this Holy Season. I take this opportunity to thank all the liturgical ministers, Dan and Debbie Kubes, Mary Ann Davila, and Bill Komarek for their dedicated service of cleaning our Church and Visitation Hall, A/V operators, our dedicated Sacristans, Lectors, Altar Servers, Money Counters, Greeters/Usher and everyone who one way or the other helped in promoting liturgical ministry in our parish. Finally, I thank Mary Bur and our musicians for their inspiring and uplifting music during this holy season and for her paschal proclamation.

Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd, Holy Thursday, 7:00 PM

April 3rd, Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM

April 3rd, Good Friday, 7:00 PM

April 4th, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:00 PM

April 5th, Easter Sunday, Mass 10:00 AM

March 28 — April 12

Saturday, March 28

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Fritz Muntifering

Sunday, March 29 **Palm Sunday**

10:00 am Mass † Enzo La Hoz Calassara

Tuesday, March 31

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

Thursday, April 2

7:00 pm Holy Thursday

Friday, April 3

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Good Friday

Saturday, April 4 **Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)**

8:00 pm Mass ☆ People of SMM

Sunday, April 5 **Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord)**

10:00 am Mass ☆ People of SMM

Tuesday, April 7

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

Saturday, April 11

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Chet Stager

Sunday, April 12 **Sunday of Divine Mercy**

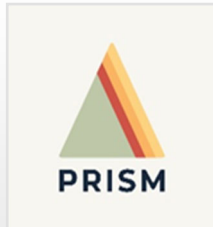
10:00 am Mass † Simeon Rayar

† 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.

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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Please call the office

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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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Molly Anderson
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Steve Gleason, *Chair*

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

Easter Flower Memorials

Donor:	In Memory of:
Teri Murphy	Kevin Murphy Al and Agnes Wencil Frank and Eleanor Murphy
Bill Komarek	Virginia and Joseph Komarek
Molly Anderson	Marge McLaughlin Kathleen Spartz
	Delores Clancey



Thank you

Thank you to Nancy Huntley and Louise Hyser for organizing the annual flower sale and for creating the forms, making it so much easier to order! Thank you for their time and dedication to the flower sale!

Parish Garden Memorials

Donated by:	In Memory of:
Esther Cruz	Dr. Delfin Cruz
Diana Fodstad	Robert & Evelyn Fodstad
Margaret Webinger	George Paul Webinger
Jean & Tony Plucinski	Marilyn & Vern Launspach
Jeanette Larson	Marge Johnson & Millie Sullivan
Arlene & Richard Karels	Lucy A Karels

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.

Spring Flower Sale

The paper order forms are completed, but you can still order online until Monday, April 6th. Please go to www.gertensfundraising.com. 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 you may not be able to order the flowers you want.

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