

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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April 12, 2026
April 19, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday
Third Sunday of Easter



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April 11—April 21

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

Saturday, April 18

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass ☆ People of SMM

Sunday, April 19

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass † John Mamer

Tuesday, April 21

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

† deceased ☆ living

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

**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

“DO NOT BE UNBELIEVING, BUT BELIEVE”

When we reflect about our faith in God and the reason we need to believe, we turn to the famous philosopher and theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas, a doctor of our Church. “A worried Thomas was asking (Jesus) if everything he had written on the mysteries of the Christian faith was correct. The crucifix responded: “You have spoken well of me, Thomas. What will be your reward?” And the answer that Thomas gave is the answer that all of us, friends and disciples of Christ, would always wish to give: “Nothing other than you, Lord!” (See Jean Pierre Torrell, *Tommaso d’Aquino. L’uomo e il teologo*, Casale Monferrato, 1994, p 320). A similar story happened, as we heard from the gospel of today, Thomas the Apostle who wanted to see and believe in the resurrected Jesus, finally surrendered to him with these words, “My Lord and my God!” (JN: 20:28).

Faith is not based on what we see but it is based on what we cannot see. It is not a scientific truth that can be proven in a lab. But it is formed from the bottom of our heart that we experience. Even the disciples, after having heard all the preaching from Jesus, had difficulty in believing his resurrection. Thomas, the Apostle, did not believe in Jesus’ resurrection. Moreover, he did not believe the testimonies of his own colleagues. He said, “unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into his side, I will not believe.” He needed to see to believe.

If we can see and witness with our eyes, we do not need to have faith to accept the truth, because the truth is self-evident. We need the help of faith only when we cannot see physically. That is why Jesus said to Thomas, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (JN: 20:29).” Yes, my dear friends, we are blessed because we do believe though we have not seen the resurrection with our own physical eyes. We continue to believe, as we can see the resurrected Jesus in our brothers and sisters.

The episode of Thomas’ unbelief is meant to tell us that the disciples were human and had the same struggles of faith as we do every day in our life. The unbelief of Thomas is the affirmation for our faith. It is to give us hope and proof for our faith today. Let us not be a “doubting Thomas’ but have faith in the

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One resurrected from death, who is the source of Peace and Joy.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday today, let our life be humble to experience the mercy of God. The Lord has shown me mercy 33 years ago to be ordained as a priest. He has continuously shown his divine mercy upon me and the people whom I served all these years. I am thankful to God and you, my extended family, for your love and support in my humble ministry during these thirty-three years.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we have two of our children, Noelle Lodermeier and Avery Willkom receiving the Eucharistic Jesus for the first time. May God bless them as we congratulate them on this special Day in their life!

May the Mercy of God be with us All!

Thank you !

Thank you to the volunteers for the Holy Thursday Foot Washing—Arnie Brincks, Patrick Doyle, Mary Ann Davila, Steve Gleason, Margaret Webinger, and Kathy Cottrell!

Garden Memorials and Easter Flowers

Donated by:	In Memory of:
Dianne Drumm	Darrell Drumm
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Social Ministry

April Needs: Cleaning Supplies and Laundry Detergent



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