

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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May 10, 2026
May 17, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord



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May 9—May 19

Saturday, May 9

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass † Catherine Mamer

Sunday, May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

Tuesday, May 12

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

Saturday, May 16

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

Sunday, May 17

The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am Mass ★ People of SMM

Tuesday, May 19

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass † Cheryl Gransee

† 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

Happy Mother's Day!

It is amply appropriate to celebrate Mother's Day as we honor our heavenly mother, Mary during this month of May. Mary was the first believer and devoted follower of Jesus. She became the mother of Jesus by surrendering herself to the word of God. Her words, *'I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word'* were the words of commitment to the will of God. She was a silent follower. *'She meanwhile kept all things in her heart.'* Luke: 2:51. Even at the foot of the Cross she remained silent but surrendered herself to God's will.

Our Mothers on Earth: 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!

Love and Redemption

In the Gospel of this weekend, Jesus tells his disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." 'Love' is the word more often used in the Bible. In the New International Version, the word 'Love' is used 681 times. Even in our conversation with our children, parents, and friends, we use the words, "I love you" more often than any other words. Do we really know the answer for this question, "What is Love?"

Love is the greatest commandment of Jesus. Because of his great love, he no longer calls us slaves but friends. "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends; because I have told you everything I have heard from my father" (John: 15-15). By this we enter a greater relationship with Jesus because we are his friends. When we hear Jesus say, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," we understand that Jesus, our good friend, laid down his life for us on the cross for our salvation. But, on the other hand, Jesus reminds us that we, as his friends, should be ready to lay down our life for him. This means we are called to make sacrifices

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even to the point of death for Jesus whom we should recognize in our brothers and sisters.

Our human love unites with God's through Jesus who is constantly recognized in our love for one another. Wherever we experience self-sacrificing and unconditional love, we see God. And wherever we give that love to others we reveal the God who loves us. The real 'Love' means to bring God in our midst and reveal Him to others. It is the cord that binds us together as one family as it was in the early Christian community (Acts. 2:42-47). This is the same love about which St. Paul writes in his first letter to Corinthians (1 Corinthians 13: 1-13).

Can we see God in our midst? Yes, only when we can find among ourselves the same love that Jesus is speaking about in today's gospel.

May the Love of God be recognized by the love of our mothers!

Emergency Operations Training

Attention Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, and Volunteers:

*The Archdiocese has asked every parish to have an official safety plan in place for emergencies, such as medical, weather, fire and acts of violence. We have formed a committee to guide and manage the safety concerns. The committee requests you to attend **one** of informational sessions.*

Please plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

Saturday, May 16th from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm in Visitation Hall

Sunday, May 17th from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall.

Thank you for your love and dedicated service to our parishioners.

Flower Pick Up

Flowers ordered from Gerten's for the Church's flower sale will be ready for pickup on Saturday May 16th from 12- 4pm. Pick up will be in the garages behind the Parish Office. If you are unable to pick them up, please have a friend, neighbor or relative do it for you. Any questions call Nancy Huntley 763-522-9427.