

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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June 21, 2026
June 28, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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June 20—June 30

Saturday, June 20

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass ... ★ Joe Westerheide (Healing)

Sunday, June 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Mary Ann Sullivan

Tuesday, June 23

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

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Parishioners of SMM

Tuesday, June 30

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass ... ★ Joe Westerheide (Healing)

† 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:
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**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

Father's Day

Speaking about Father's Day, we should start from our Heavenly Father, God who takes care of us. In the Old Testament, we see the prophets speaking about God as King, warrior, judge or a taskmaster who would punish the evildoers. However, Jesus gave us the final revelation of God in the New Testament that God is our heavenly FATHER who loves and forgives us. JN: 3:16 "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Jesus taught us to call God, "Our Father who art in heaven". God was considered a distant reality in the Old Testament, but Jesus, the Son of God, brought God close to us with the concept of Fatherhood. In the New Testament, God is no longer a transcendental reality beyond comprehension, but a tangible truth in our daily life. God is our Father who loves us every day and forgives us every time we turn to him (ref. The story of the prodigal son: Luke: 15:11ff).

God is the creator and he is described as *protector and provider* to all creatures. So, following this reality, in every family the father is known traditionally as the one who protects and provides for the family. In the modern understanding of the word 'protector' not only means the physical and material protection, but also it means protecting the spiritual values, as the father is the first teacher of faith to his child/children. The father has a duty to protect his children from the dangers in their life today, not only by words but also by their exemplary life.

A father is a **provider** does not mean merely that he is a material provider, but he, along with his wife, provides a family of love to their children. It may not be an exaggeration, if I were to state that many of the social problems our children are facing today is due to the unstable home they come from. The home is the first university where the children learn to love, moral values, and develop social skills/behaviors. If the homes are broken into pieces, then the learning or the desired modification of behaviors may not take place in the minds of our children. As we celebrate 'Father's Day' I invite all the fathers to reflect on what kind of fathers we are to our children? And as the sons and daughters of our fathers, how have we respected and loved our fathers?

Wishing All Fathers, a Very Happy Father's Day!

Fr Tom's Reflection Continued

Finding Our Lost Life (13th Sunday of OT)

**Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it**
(Mt: 10:39)

Jesus 'message in today's gospel is so consoling and comforting while we think about the men and women who made the greatest and ultimate sacrifice of their life for the freedom of our nation. They lost their precious life for our nation and found it in ourselves. They live in our hearts.

The great fathers of our nation fought for the freedom of our nation years ago. The freedom they attained for us was not free and keeping up that freedom will not be free either. We, as the faithful children of our fore-parents, should use the freedom they won for us with great respect and without abusing the great freedom we obtained at the cost of many lives.

As we need water in our daily living, we also need freedom. Water gives us life, quenches our thirst, cleanses our dirt, refreshes our tiredness, and provides life to the plantations and animals. But the same life-giving water, when it is not controlled, becomes a flood that destroys lives and causes great damages. The uncontrolled freedom, like the flood, that begets havocs. Freedom should be channeled through moral values and self-control. Uncontrolled -Full freedom cannot be the true freedom.

As we enjoy the freedom, the fruit of their sacrifice, in this great nation, we should remind ourselves of the great responsibility of asking ourselves 'what we have done for this nation in return for the giving of our ancestors who died for our nation?' As we celebrate the Day of Independence of our political freedom, we are also to celebrate the spiritual freedom from slavery to sin. I wish you all a very Happy July 4th.

Prayer: *Lord, lead our nation to your kingdom where we are united in mind and heart, filled with a spirit of love, equality, justice, and freedom. Amen.*

Parish Festival Co-Chairs

Please be sure to thank the following parishioners for co-chairing the fall festival. We are so thankful to have the following parishioners dedicate time and effort to this event! Steve Gleason, Lee Burke, Arnie and Brenda Brincks, Mary Ann Davila, and Louise Hyser