

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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July 05, 2026
July 12, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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July 4th — July 14th

Saturday, July 4

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass ★ People of SMM

Sunday, July 5

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Enzo La Hoz Calassara

Tuesday, July 7

5:00 pm Adoration

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

Saturday, July 11

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass ★ People of SMM

Sunday, July 12

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass † Parishioners of SMM

Tuesday, July 14

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

Happy Semiquincentennial Independence Day!

As we celebrate the historic festival of our Nation's **Semiquincentennial** or **Sestercentennial** Independence Day, the readings of this weekend invite us to reflect on living according to flesh or living by the Spirit. "We are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Rom 8:11-13).

There is a constant conflict between 'Fears caused by the Flesh' and 'Freedom inspired by Faith.' Our fears take away the 'gears' of our life that our life's engines run at high RPM going nowhere. Fear filled with the passions of our flesh push us down, whereas the power of Faith redeems us from the valleys of such fears. Many of us are torn between these forces. We are aware that the emotions of the flesh lead us to fall. But the freedom of Faith guides us to gain the eternal truth, because "we walk by faith, not by sight" as St. Paul writes (1Cor. 5:7).

St. Paul's letter to Galatians (Gal: 5: 13-18) explains about true freedom. *"For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."* As sons and daughters of God we are called to live in freedom not with fear. Our ancestors fought for the great freedom we enjoy today. But the way we sometimes live may exhibit that we might have used our freedom as an opportunity to take advantage of selfish causes and may get enslaved to the concept of misconceived freedom 'into fragments by narrow domestic walls.' That is why St. Paul reminds us, as he wrote to Galatians, that freedom is not an opportunity for the flesh but for the service of others with love.

National freedom is not for one's selfishness but for the welfare of the nation. We, citizens of free America, are called in freedom to serve one another with love in gratitude to our ancestors who paid many sacrifices for the cost of our freedom. The freedom that you and I enjoy was not free and never will be free. Many have paid for it with their life and sacrifice. Let us use it with utmost care with profound respect for our ancestors and soldiers who sacrificed their lives.

Where the mind is led forward by thee

Into ever-widening thought and action

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake. (R. Tagore)

Fr Tom's Reflection Continued

May God bless America! Wishing you a Happy **Semiquincentennial** July 4th!

Prayer: Lord, while the 'Fears of the unknown' darken my mind, set the torches of faith in my heart, to lead me from the darkness of fear to the light of freedom in truth. Amen.



Church Envelopes

Due to a printing issue, the donation envelopes for the month of July will not be mailed to you. Printing will resume for August and September.

Please use an old envelope from your supply. Be sure to include your name on the envelope when placing it in the collection basket.

Summertime Humor

"Faith is a lot like a swimming pool. You have to dive in to experience it."

"Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water."

Social Ministry



July Needs: Backpacks & School Supplies

Alternate Items: Peanut Butter, Tuna, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Flour, Sugar, Canned fruits & vegetables, and Soups.

Newly Painted Sign

Thank you to Steve Gleason for painting the St. Margaret Mary sign! It looks vibrant and welcoming. Thank you Steve!