

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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August 16, 2026
August 23, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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August 15—August 25

Saturday, August 15

3:30 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Mass† Agnes Cremers

Sunday, Aug 16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, August 18

5:00 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass.....† John & Catherine Mamer

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Parishioners of SMM

Tuesday, August 25

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

Leading by Faith!

Our whole life is a journey of faith. We are mere pilgrims on the way to salvation. Our ways are unknown and our destiny is a mystery. In this journey of hope, we all are mere travelers. And the leaders of this faith journey always emerged from faith in God.

In the Old Testament the people of Israel had the greatest leaders of faith, Abraham, and Moses. Abraham became a great leader not because he was merely the father of a great generation, but he was the father of faith, having hope against hope leaving his homeland to an unknown nation through an unknown path. Moses was another leader who brought the people of Israel to the Promised Land through the mountains and deserts for forty years. Leadership in Scriptures is closely connected with faith in God.

In today's gospel we read that Peter's faith in Christ is affirmed and appreciated by Jesus, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16:17-19) Because of Peter's faith, Jesus gave him the keys of heaven and built his church on him, the rock. With that unshakable faith he led the early Church with a strong foundation for the Universal Church of today.

Leadership today: Anyone who is in a leadership role would agree with me that leadership is a challenge. It was always a challenge, and it will be a challenge forever. When Moses led the people of Israel, he could not please everyone. Even his own brother Aaron and sister Miriam started to criticize him. The prophets of the Old Testament were treated in the same way. Finally, the perfect leader, Jesus, God-incarnate, came to this world to lead the people by faith. But he was crucified. Jesus' life and ministry is a reminder to us that such crucifixions and criticisms are not new in the journey of leadership. As the cross of Christ became the symbol of our salvation every challenge is not a barrier in our life but is an opportunity to come close to our eternal Master, Jesus.

Prayer: Lead us Lord to our eternity through our spirit of fraternity! Amen.

Prayer for the Feast of the Assumption August 15th

O Immaculate Virgin,
Mother of God and
Mother of humanity,
we believe with all the fervor
of our faith in your triumphal
Assumption, both body and
soul, into heaven, where you
are acclaimed as Queen by all
the choirs of angels and all the
legions of the saints. And we
unite with them to praise and
bless the Lord who has exalted
you above all other pure
creatures, and to offer you the
tribute of our devotion and
our love. -Pope Pius XII

Social Ministry

August Needs: Toilet Paper and Hygiene Products

School Supplies Needed: Crayons, Markers, Notebooks, Pencils, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Glue, and Backpacks



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

Festival Update

Baskets from Heaven are back! If you are interested in participating in the silent auction for the festival this year, please pick up a basket from the back of the Church. Use your creativity to fill a basket with goodies and treats or create a "theme" basket on your own! Let's continue to make the Silent Auction a success! Please see Louise Hyser or Mary Ann Davila with questions.

Are you in need of more raffle tickets? Please see Mary Muntiferer for more tickets! Thank you!