

The Church of

St. Margaret Mary

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August 30, 2026
September 6, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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August 29—September 08

Saturday, August 29

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass† Florence Reger

Sunday, Aug 30 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass★ People of SMM

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Mass.....† Parishioners of SMM

Saturday, September 5

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass★ People of SMM

Sunday, Sep 6 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass† Barbara Reger

Tuesday, September 8

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

Building 'Bridges' (Weekend of Sept. 5/6)

One basic truth of any community is building healthy relationships with people. But, as human beings with weaknesses, we struggle with misunderstandings and differences of opinions and finally end up with conflicts with others. Jesus came to build the bridge between God and man by building the relationships between our brothers and sisters. It has never been an easy task to have a smooth road in community building. The conflict of relationship is everywhere: it can be in our families at the micro level or between nations at the macro level. It can exist even in parish communities built on faith. How can we solve these conflicts?

Jesus, through the gospel of this weekend, has provided a very practical solution to solve our conflicts, misunderstandings or conflicts with our brothers/sisters. The method Jesus has given is filled with both justice and mercy, as W. Shakespeare writes in his play, *'Merchant of Venice'* through the discourse of Portia begging Shylock for mercy, "And earthly power doth then show likest God's When mercy seasons justice." It is not the justice of human origin that gives us the joy of salvation but the Mercy of God shown through our charity that builds relationships through healing. In any disagreement we have not only to look for the truth but also to care for healing of the hurts. It is through disagreements we find the agreements. It is by misunderstanding we understand. It is through conflicts we conquer to concur.

Human relationships are not like mathematical solutions but they are built in hearts of flesh filled with love and forgiveness. We see these qualities in the method of Jesus. If there is conflict: Step 1: Go and tell your brother/sister about the fault alone. This will clear out any wrong assumption you may have with respect to the privacy of the other. This also lets the 'other' explain his/her side of the story. Most problems will be solved in this first step if approached with mutual respect. Step 2: If the first step fails, then you take the matter to one or two others who can really help both negotiate with inspiration. This would help both parties to have more understanding of the problem from the perspective of others who are not directly involved. This step would solve almost all the problems. Step 3. If the second step fails, take the conflict to the community or it could be the court in the modern world. The community has a moral and physical force to establish the truth to solve the conflict. Step 4: If he/she does not listen to the community, then treat him/her as you would a gentile or a tax collector: which means that you just walk away from the person. Let him/her be alien to you and your community. This alienation from the community also means a separation from God as the community represents the presence of Jesus; *'...where two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them'*.

So let us solve our conflicts with concern for one another

Reflection Continued

and mend our differences with deepest understanding. And thus, let us build 'bridges' with the bricks of forgiveness and love. Let the springs of healing flow in our hearts to build families of Love.

Prayer: *Lord, take away the thorns of pride and sow the seeds of mercy in our hearts for the healing from the hurts. Amen*

Wish you all a very Happy Labor Day weekend!

With prayers!

Fr. Tom

Adult Faith Formation Fall Bible Study



The Letters of St. Paul to the Galatians & Ephesians

Father Tom is leading a Fall Bible Study on The Letters of St. Paul to the Galatians & Ephesians starting Sunday, September 27th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Visitation Hall once a week for five weeks.

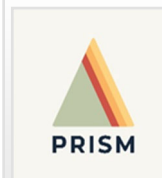
A copy of "The Letters of Saint Paul to the Galatians & Ephesians: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible" will be ordered for each participant at a cost of \$14.00. Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church to sign up either September 5th and 6th or September 12th and 13th after Mass.

All are welcome!

For more information, contact Jean Plucinski at 763-593- 0664 or at adultfaith@smm-gv.org

Social Ministry

September Needs: Rice and Canned Proteins



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

Parishioner Thank You!

Thank you to Patty Krug, who generously donated snacks to the children's liturgy group. Thank you for helping to keep our little ones entertained.