



# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may be aware, our Archbishop has suspended all regularly scheduled public Masses beginning March 18<sup>th</sup> and lasting indefinitely. We are writing to give you some updates on what St. Gerard's community is doing in response to this crisis.

**Effective Immediately St. Gerard's will be:**

- Suspending all public Masses both daily and weekend.
- Cancelling all meetings including those for outside groups, committees, commissions, prayer gatherings, etc..
- Indefinitely suspending the pending Photo Directory Project.
- Cancelling all Faith Formation classes for the rest of the year. (Please note that a separate Faith Formation communication will be forthcoming with Sacramental information).

We plan to communicate on April 6<sup>th</sup> an update of the situation and how it may impact us at that time.

**The Parish WILL be available for the following via appointment:**

- Reconciliations/Confessions
- Anointing of the Sick
- Emergency Baptism
- Funeral Mass (limited to 10 immediate family members)

Please note that both Fathers will be offering daily private Masses (closed to the public) and will continue to pray for the People of the Parish as well as any existing Mass intentions. If there is a pending emergency, please call our emergency line at 612-703-7570.

In our attempts to maintain a sense of community, updates will be available on our website's main page to watch recorded Masses with Father Klockeman and Father Joseph.

(Parish Website: [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org))

This crisis will undoubtedly have a significant impact on us financially as a Parish. We ask that you prayerfully consider mailing in your weekly donations, visit our website and click on GIVE to set up your own electronic giving, or contact the office to be set up for digital donating.

Please see the following linked video from Fathers Joseph and John that speak to this unique situation.

<https://youtu.be/cenke3AwwIU>

[You may also get to the video by visiting our website at [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org)]

May God bless and protect us all during this difficult time.

- The Fathers and Staff of St. Gerard's Parish