



# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

December 10, 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

## WELCOME!

9600 Regent Avenue North  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu | 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday | 9:00am-1:00pm  
Sat-Sun | Closed

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Mon-Fri | 8:30am | English  
Sat | 8:00am | Vietnamese

### Weekends

Sat | 5:00pm | English  
Sun | 8:00am | Vietnamese  
Sun | 9:30am | English  
Sun | 11:00am | English

### Reconciliation

Sat | 4:00pm or by appointment

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

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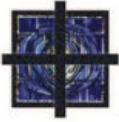
### Custodian

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## 2 | PARISH UPDATES

The Church of St. Gerard Majella | st-gerard.org

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, December 11

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
6:30pm | GriefShare

#### Tuesday, December 12

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
7:30pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

#### Wednesday, December 13

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration  
9:00am | Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:00pm | Faith Formation

#### Thursday, December 14

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
6:00pm | Catholicism 101/OCIA

#### Friday, December 15

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)  
6:00pm | Pickleball

#### Saturday, December 16

8:00am | Daily Mass & Confessions (Vietnamese)  
4:00pm | Confessions (English)  
5:00pm | Mass (English)

#### Sunday, December 17

##### *Coffee & Donuts after all Sunday Masses*

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)  
9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)  
9:30am | Mass (English)  
11:00am | Mass (English)

### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? If so, please contact the Parish Office so we can update your contact information in our records!

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Did you know that you can donate to St. Gerard's online? Check out our website, [www.st-gerard.org](http://www.st-gerard.org) under the "Engage" tab or scan the QR code below with your mobile device to sign up and donate:



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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, December 11

8:30am | Frances Long Nguyen +

#### Tuesday, December 12

8:30am | Gerald & Robert Steffens +

#### Wednesday, December 13

8:30am | Nicholas Alvin Zirbes +

#### Thursday, December 14

8:30am | Paul Cong Nguyen +

#### Friday, December 15

8:30am | John the Baptist Thanh Nguyen +

#### Saturday, December 16

5:00pm | Jack Woodcock +

#### Sunday, December 17

9:30am | People of the Parish  
11:00am | Veronica Schultz +

### Contributions—Week 11/27/23-12/03/23

Fund	Contribution Amount	# Donors
Sunday/General	\$5,762	107
Thanksgiving/Christmas	\$130	3
Plate Cash	\$1,654	-
Electronic Contributions	\$4,695	75
Other *	\$2,957	40
<b>Total Weekly Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$15,199</b>	<b>225</b>
<b>Total Weekly Offering Budgeted</b>	<b>\$19,235</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Weekly Overage (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$4,037)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>YTD Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$414,363</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>YTD Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$103,758</b>	
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$518,121</b>	
<b>YTD Total Budgeted Revenue</b>	<b>\$580,110</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Overage (Shortfall)</b>	<b>(\$61,990)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Year Budget</b>	<b>\$1,234,100</b>	<b>-</b>

\*Other includes Faith Formation, Mass Intentions, Votive Candle, Debt Reduction, Facilities, Feed the Hungry, Hospitality Income, etc.



**“Land of Christmas”**  
*An Advent Evening of Reflection with Fr. Charlie*  
**Thursday, December 21 from 6:30-8:30pm**

- 6:30-6:45pm-Happy Hour with Appetizers
- 6:45-7:15pm-Dinner, free will offering
- 7:30pm-Reflection led by Fr. Charlie

If you are planning on joining us for dinner, please RSVP via email to [churchadminest-gerard.org](mailto:churchadminest-gerard.org) or by calling the Parish Office by Monday, December 18.

**KC POINSETTIA ORDER PICK UP**

Anyone who purchased poinsettias from the Knights of Columbus can pick them up after Mass this weekend in the Atrium. Flowers are sorted by the Mass time they were purchased and are tagged with the purchaser's order form.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners for their generous support of our poinsettia fundraiser. More than 65 poinsettias have been donated to the Church and local nursing homes, in addition to those adorning our parishioner's homes.

*Our goal as Knights of Columbus is to help men, their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Knights come from every stage of life, in countless corners of the world. Join us as we celebrate real role models in a world that needs men who lead, serve, protect and defend.*

**WINTER SOCK DRIVE**

We will be accepting donations of **new socks** in any size to donate to those in need. Drop off donations in the **marked wagon in the Gathering Space**.

**ST. GERARD'S FRIDAY NIGHT PICKLEBALL**

Join us on Friday nights beginning October 6 from 6-8:30pm in the Social Hall for open pickleball. It is \$5 per session (cash only) and open play for adults 18+. Please bring your own paddle.



**ADVENT 2023**

**Advent begins on Sunday, December 3**, which is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for all of the events happening at St. Gerard's this Advent.

**Advent Giving-December 3-December 24:**

Throughout the Advent season we will be collecting **NEW coats** (child and adult sizes), **gloves/mittens** (child and adult sizes), **winter hats** (child and adult sizes), **toiletries** (toothpaste, bar soap, etc.), **toilet paper, paper towels and laundry soap** (liquid or powder) to be **donated to Brooklyn Park Schools**.

**Advent Penance Service-December 10:**

Join us on **Sunday, December 10 from 1:30-3pm in the Church** for an additional opportunity to go to receive the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. There will be individual confessions with additional priests present.

**RITE OF WELCOME**

Congratulations to all those that received the Rite of Welcome last Sunday, December 3 at 11am.



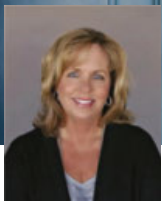
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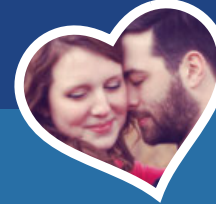
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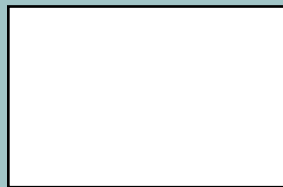


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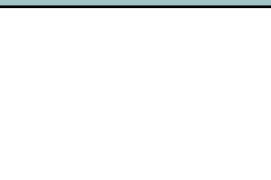


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