



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

March 10, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Lent

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

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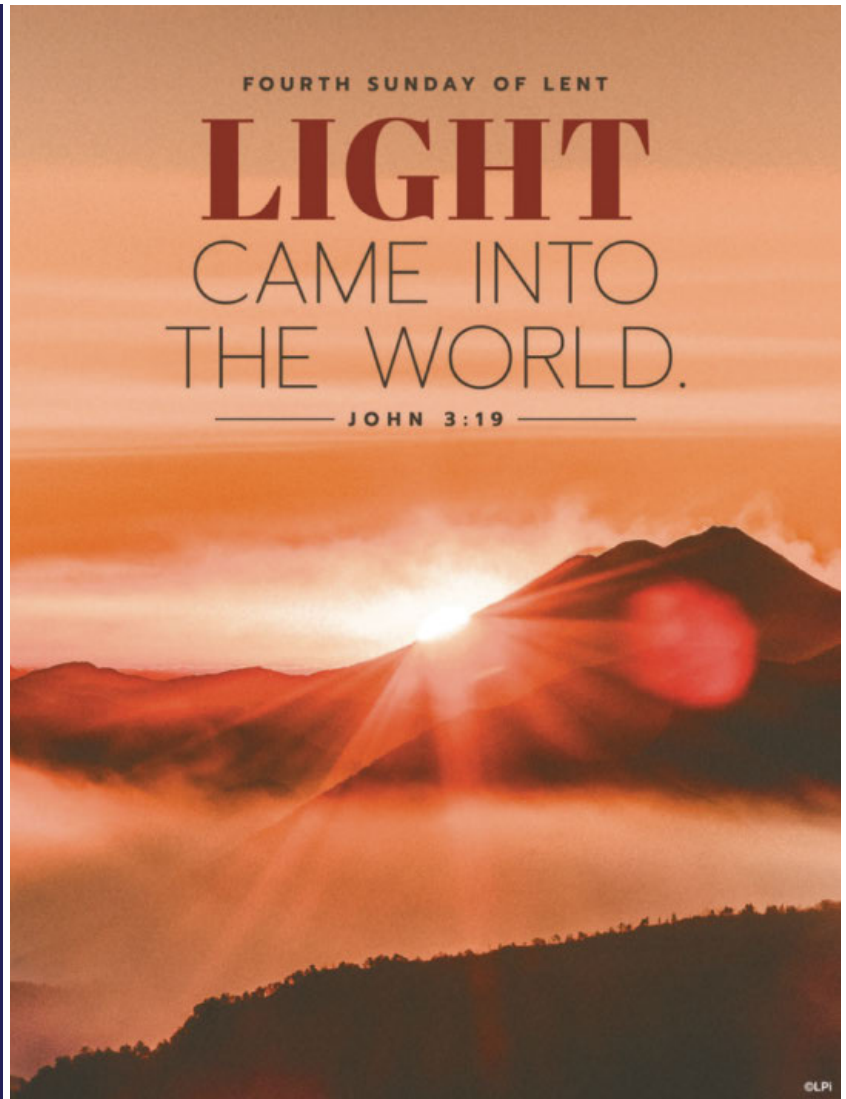
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STAY CONNECTED

We send weekly updates to parishioners who have signed up with Flocknote. Stay up to date with us! To sign up for Flocknote please contact the Parish Office.



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

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)
7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

Saturday, March 16

8:00am | Daily Mass (Vietnamese)
9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)
4:00pm | Confessions (English)
5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, March 17

Coffee & Donuts After All Masses

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



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THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

COMMUNITY GARDEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

Are you interested in harvesting your own vegetables? If you do not have a place to grow fresh vegetables, consider getting a spot in the St. Gerard Community Garden. The garden is located at the north end of the Church Parking Lot. **We now have a couple of spaces available for the Summer of 2024.** The Church supplies the water and you just need to plant a harvest your vegetables. **If you are interested, please contact us at 763-424-8770. To obtain a spot you need to sign a contract and pay \$50 for the year for your spot.** Hope to see you in the garden soon.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11

8:30am | Gertrude Wedig +

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am | OPEN

Wednesday, March 13

8:30am | OPEN

Thursday, March 14

8:30am | Carol A. King +

Friday, March 15

8:30am | LaRayne A. Theis +

Saturday, March 16

5:00pm | Michael Bari +

Sunday, March 17

9:30am | Ken Houchins +
11:00am | People of the Parish

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

Do not miss out! If you have not made an appointment for our photo directory, please call the Parish Office or go online as soon as possible. We want to accommodate as many parishioners as we can. If open spots are not filled, we will need to consolidate the hours. **Our directory won't be the same without YOU!**

Photos will be taken **March 5th - April 20th**

Sessions are 12 minutes long for a family of 5 or under (additional time added for larger families)

Tuesday - Friday: 2pm - 8:30pm, Saturday: 10am - 4pm (appointments are every 12 minute)

Sign up online at: www.ucdir.com (Church Code: mn432, Password: photos) or call the church office at 763-424-8770.

Thank you for being a part of our church community!

Help Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help check families in for these sessions. Instruction will be provided.

If you are able to help, please contact Sue Dupay (763-913-8466, e-mail: sdupay16@gmail.com) for times needed.

Thank you!



PARISH LIFE SURVEY

Complete the form found on the parish website or in the weekly newsletter and email it to stgerardcommunitylife@gmail.com or drop it off in the basket at the Welcome/Ushers desk **by March 11**. THANK YOU!

MASS RESPONSES & PRAYERS

If you bring someone to church who is not Catholic or needs assistance with the various responses and prayers that we have learned through our lives as Catholics, we have aids to help them! There are small booklets on the Welcome Desk and larger laminated cards on the collection table. Anyone is invited to use these as needed or desired.

YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to be offering a youth Group here at St. Gerard's! Come for games, fellowship, prayer, small groups, and lunch. The youth group is for students in grades 7-12 and will meet in the St. Francis Hall **March 10th and May 19th from 12-1:45**. Permission slips can be filled out at the door when you arrive. Please send an email to Meredith at Formation@st-gerard.org so we can plan for food.

CHURCH CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

Join us to beautify our Church campus on **Saturday, April 20th from 9am-1pm**. Lunch will be provided. More information to come.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20th from 1-3pm**. Join us for an afternoon of appetizers and fun!

RSVP to Joni Sandlin in the Parish Office by Monday, March 18th.

SHARING & CARING HANDS REQUEST

We are looking for a list of people who would be willing to be on a rotational schedule to bake cookies once a month for the lunch bags we provide at Sharing and Caring. We need **approximately 150 cookies** each month on the **1st Saturday of the month**. I would rotate 3-4 people each month. So, if we get several people willing to do this, it would be maybe a couple of times a year commitment.



Please email Jeans@st-gerard.org or call the parish office 763-424-8770 to be added to the list. We would like to begin this ministry April 6th. Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Why Do We Give Alms? The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462) This LENT St. Gerard has chosen two outreach ministries to support with ALMSGIVING.

CEAP (Community Emergency Assistance Program) & "Friends of the Poor Ministry"

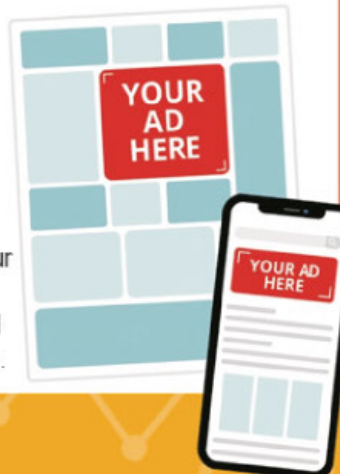
Donations can be placed in the designated plastic boxes located in the gathering space during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday.

Checks can be made out to St. Gerard. Please put the name of the charity in the memo of the check.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Kristee Flynn from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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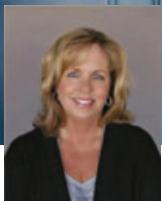
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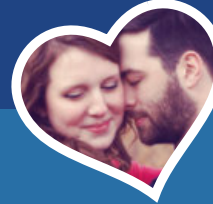
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