



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

March 17, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Lent

WELCOME!

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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

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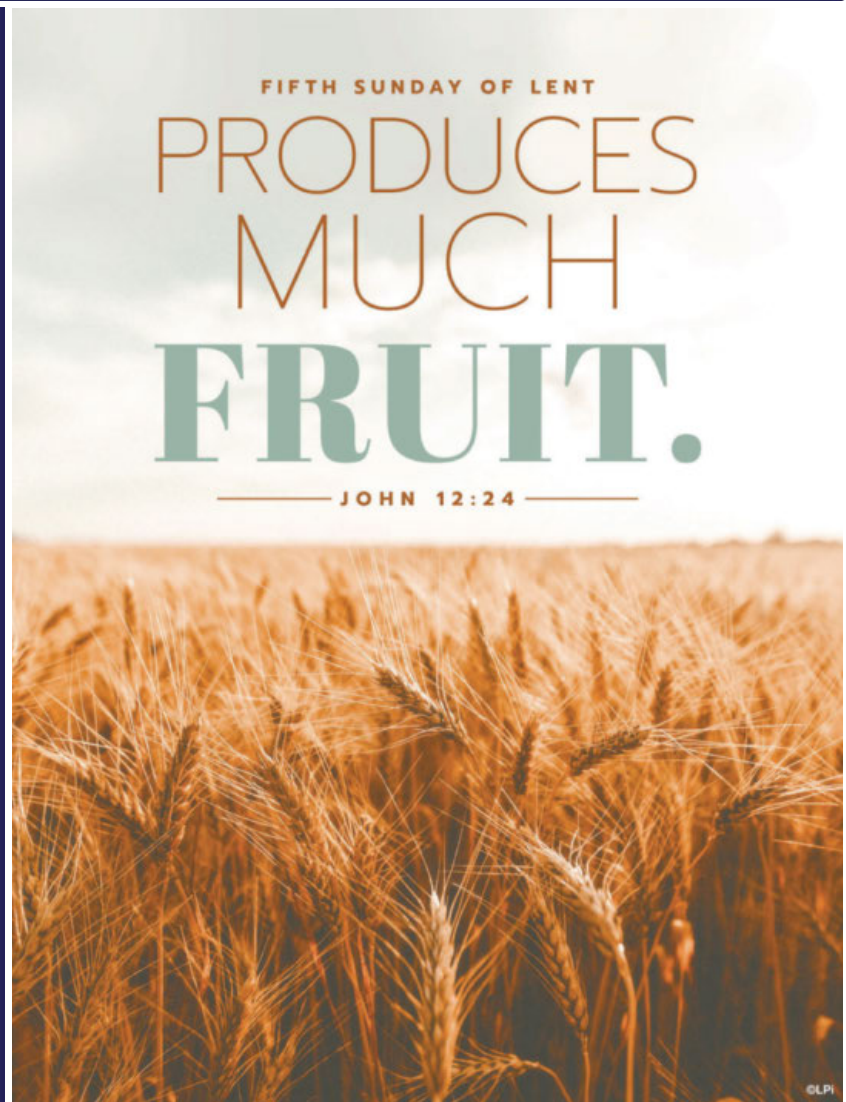
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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:30pm | Grief Share

Tuesday, March 19

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, March 20

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

1:00pm | St. Patrick's Party

6:00pm | Faith Formation

Thursday, March 21

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | OCIA/Catholicism 101

6:30pm | Land of Easter w/ Fr. Charlie

Friday, March 22

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

Saturday, March 23

8:00am | Daily Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

4:00pm | Confessions (English)

5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, March 24

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

1:00pm | Lenten Penance Service

Individual confessions w/ additional Priests present

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18

8:30am | Dianne Bentsen

Tuesday, March 19

8:30am | John the Baptist Thanh Nguyen

Wednesday, March 20

8:30am | Ardelle Kuehn +

Thursday, March 21

8:30am | Gerald & Robert Steffens ++

Friday, March 22

8:30am | Alphonsus Sau Tuan Vo +

Saturday, March 23

5:00pm | Aaron Koelman +

Sunday, March 24

9:30am | People of the Parish

11:00am | Bill Johnson +

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!

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.

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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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD BEGINS

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin at St. Gerard's at the **9:30am Mass on Sunday, April 7th**. Children's Liturgy of the Word is a great opportunity for our littlest parishioners to better understand the Mass and the readings.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Join us on **Sunday, March 24th from 1-2pm** for our Lenten Penance Service. There will be individual confessions with additional Priests present. Come experience the Lord's great love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

All are invited to help decorate the Church for Easter! Join us on **Holy Saturday, March 30 at 9am**. Many hands make light work, so come and be a part of the celebration!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2024

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday Mass (English) | 7pm, Church Altar of Repose | Until 10pm, St. Francis Hall

Friday, March 29

Communal Stations of the Cross | 3pm, Church
Good Friday Service (English) | 7pm, Church

Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil (English & Vietnamese) | 8pm, Church,
Please pray for our youth and adults who will be received into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church

Sunday, March 31

Mass (English) | 9:30am, Church
Mass (English) | 11am, Church

Land of Easter

with Fr. Charlie Lachowitzer

Thursday, March 21

6:30-7:15pm-Appetizers in the

St. Francis Hall

7:30pm-Presentation in the Church

RSVP to the Parish Office by March 18.

PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY ELECT

Please pray for our Newly Elect who will be received into full Communion in the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th.

Idaliah "Dolly" Cruz / Bob Wilson / Elizabeth Simon / Calvin Li / Nicholas Hentges

You are invited to write them a note/card of encouragement and support. We will have a box for our OCIA Newly Elect out in the Gathering Space. Please put the Newly Elects First and Last name on the envelope and place in the designated box. They will receive these notes/cards on Holy Saturday morning during their retreat.

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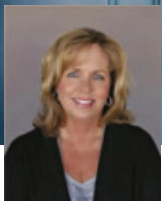
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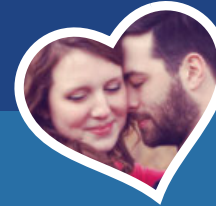
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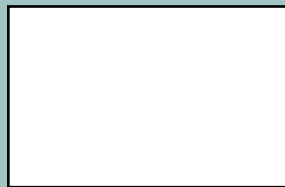


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