



# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

## 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

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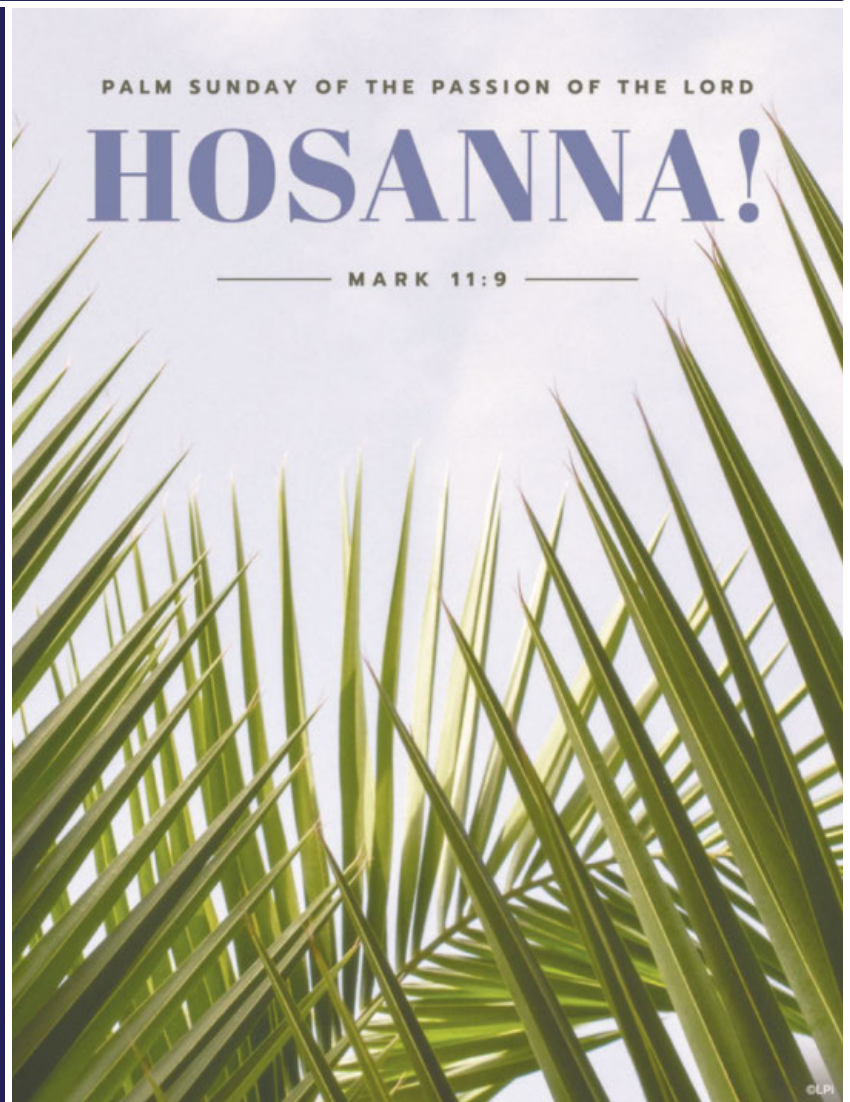
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## 2 | PARISH UPDATES

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### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Monday, March 25

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:30pm | Grief Share

#### Tuesday, March 26

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

#### Wednesday, March 27

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

#### Thursday, March 28

4:30pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vietnamese)

7:00pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)

8:00-10:00pm | Altar of Repose

#### Friday, March 29

3:00pm | Communal Stations of the Cross

4:00pm | Vietnamese Way of the Cross

4:30pm | Good Friday Service (Vietnamese)

7:00pm | Good Friday Service (English)

#### Saturday, March 30

8:00pm | Easter Vigil Mass (English & Vietnamese)

#### Sunday, March 31

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, March 25

8:30am | Brian Dupay +

#### Tuesday, March 26

8:30am | Roger Straka +

#### Wednesday, March 27

8:30am | OPEN

#### Thursday, March 28

*No Mass Intentions-Holy Thursday*

#### Friday, March 29

*No Mass Intentions-Good Friday*

#### Saturday, March 30

*No Mass Intentions-Holy Saturday*

#### Sunday, March 31

9:30am | People of the Parish

11:00am | Margaret Mutua +

### 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](http://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](mailto:sdupay16@gmail.com)) for times needed.

Thank you!



CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

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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.



**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.

**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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**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



**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.



**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!



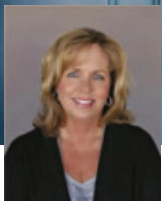
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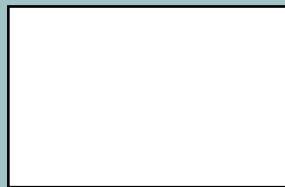


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