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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All Are Welcome To Encounter Christ

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm

Friday: 9 am-1 pm

Saturday, Sunday: CLOSED

MASSES:

Weekdays: 8:25 am

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Or

By appointment (763) 424-8770

PASTORAL STAFF:

Fr. John Klockeman

Fr. Joseph-Quốc Thiện Vương

Karl Kornowski - Parish Administrator

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THE PRESENTATION OF

THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Behold, this child is destined for
the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



While there is much going on in your lives and that of our parish community of Saint Gerard, there is also much going on in our local Archdiocese. Depending on the doors you entered for our weekend Masses, perhaps you have had the opportunity to see large posters advertising and inviting you to attend one or more upcoming **Archdiocesan Synod: Prayer and Listening Events**. *I strongly encourage all of you – whatever age -- to attend at least one session to not only be heard but to hear the desires of others for our local Church.*

In short, a Synod, is initiated by a local ordinary, namely our Archbishop, and is meant to gather together clergy and laity surrounding any number of timely concerns. A Synod is not a regularly held event, but one of deep importance in the life of an archdiocese. We have the privilege in our current day and age to attend such an historic local event and contribute to the vitality and strength of our local church for which we all have a heart.

A Synod is meant to be an event of mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. More importantly, *a Synod is a deep listening to the Holy Spirit* who speaks collectively to the *sensus fidei* -- the sense of the faithful – of both clergy and laity in a two-year process rooted in

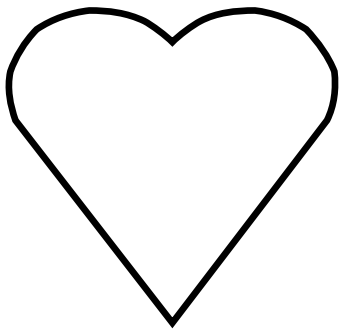
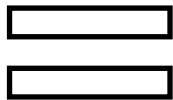
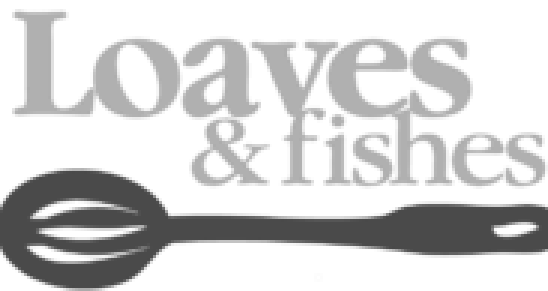
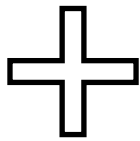
prayer, to help Archbishop Hebda discern, through a consultative process, the pastoral priorities of our Church now and into the near future. Your participation, as a member of the Catholic faithful, is key to a successful Synod. ***You are invited to participate by offering your prayers, pastoral concerns, and ideas for moving our Archdiocese forward in any one of the Prayer and Listening Events.***

Please read and decide which one (or more) of these events you will attend. The listing for upcoming Prayer and Listening Events is not only listed the signage on our parish front doors, but also on the Archdiocesan website: archspm.org. There you can find out more information on the Synod, its process, and how to get involved. *Get informed and be informed. Be heard and hear.*

This winter and spring there are 10 sessions available (bilingual sessions too)! The Synod process will be completed in 2021. Again, I urge all of you to go, young or old, new Catholic or life-long. The Archbishop of our local Church wants to hear from you on what works and what can be improved as we move forward toward a new day in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Praying that every gift and grace Christ won upon the Cross be yours in abundance,

Father John Klockeman



Are you ready to give of your
time, talents, and treasure?

Please contact the office



I am often quick to tell people that I lived in Italy for many years to explain some of my personal quirks that have become habits and tend to appear unexpectedly in my speech or gestures. One of the wonders of living in another

place and often learning another language, is we become more alert to similarities and differences between both places. English, having a romantic language influence, has many similarities to Italian. Due to this I am often struck by words and ponder the deeper senses that may lie underneath things I may otherwise take for granted.

As I read the reading for this week about Simeon. I was struck by his confidence. The common root of the word confidence in English is similar to the Italian "*con fide*," which means "*with faith*." I have often thought of confidence as a faith in my own ability. The faith exemplified by Simeon is not a faith in himself. He is moved by the Holy Spirit to have faith in the promise of God. His faith in God's promise becomes real when he takes the baby Jesus from His mother's arms. Holding the small child, Simeon looks down upon the baby's face and declares to God the Father, "*my eyes have seen your salvation...*" I pray we all have a similar confidence to Simeon waiting upon the promise of God.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

There will be a First Eucharist parent meeting on Wednesday, **February 12** from 6:00 - 7:15PM. This meeting is for parents who have a child making their First Eucharist this spring (2020).

Special Events:

Archdiocesan Synod – Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next three are:

Tuesday, February 11, 6-9 p.m., Providence Academy, Plymouth

Saturday, February 15, 9 a.m.-noon, Lumen Christi, St. Paul

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6-9 p.m., St. Stephen, Anoka

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute: School of the Holy Spirit

Thursdays, February 6–April 30, 7-9 p.m., St. Andrew's in Elk River

This dynamic course offers participants the opportunity to personally experience the Holy Spirit, and to receive the charisms which God desires specifically for each person. Taught by Fr. Michael Becker and a Spirit-filled team, students learn how to be open to the Holy Spirit, grow confident in the art of prayer ministry and discernment of spirits. The course features a "Life in the Spirit Seminar" on February 28 & 29. The cost for the course, materials, and seminar is \$125/person by January 6 and \$150/person after. Online registration: ci-holyspirit2020.eventbrite.com For more information visits semssp/ci.

Restorative Justice: Naming the Harm "Why can't they just get over it?"

February 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., St. Odilia Church, Shoreview

This presentation will help the audience understand why someone can't just move on after suffering abuse or trauma. Laura Harder, a compassion fatigue therapist, will be presenting on the topic. Questions? Contact Paula Kaempffer, Outreach Coordinator for Restorative Justice and Abuse Prevention, 651-291-4429.

This Week at St. Gerard's

MASS INTENTIONS:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:25 am - Tony Czerniak †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:25 am - Bob Tetzlaff

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:25 am - Fr. Joseph-Quoc Vuong

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:25 am - Fr. John Klockeman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:00 pm - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30 am - Daniel Johnson †

10:30 am - Gerald & Robert Steffens †

UPCOMING WEEKEND MASSES:

Feast of The
Presentation of The
Lord

MAL 3:1-4
HEB 2:14-18
LK 2:22-40 OR
2:22-32

PRAYER LIST: Diane Carlson, Deborah Davis, Laurie Carroll, Donna Curtiss, Gene Hoelsher, Joyce Laher, Michael Morrison, Kathleen Walsh

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Mon Feb 3, 2020

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am - 9am Communion Service (Cha)

6:45pm - 8:45pm Spiritual Direction Peer Supervision Mtg (Anx)

7pm - 9pm Justice & Outreach Mtg (F)

7:30pm - 9pm Scouts (H)

Tue Feb 4, 2020

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 9:30am Perpetual Help Devotion (Cha)

9:15am - 11:15am Women's Prayer & Support Group (F)

7:30pm - 9pm Regent AA(4)

Wed Feb 5, 2020

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

9am - 12am Adoration (Cha)

6pm - 7:30pm FF 1st-5th (All)

7pm - 8:15pm Music Rehearsal (MR)

Thu Feb 6, 2020

12am - 8:30am Adoration (Cha)

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

10am - 12pm Cornerstone Scripture Study (Rms 1 thru 7, FS)

6pm - 7pm Centering Prayer (Cha)

Fri Feb 7, 2020

8:25am - 8:30am Liturgy of the Hours (Cha)

8:30am - 9am Mass (Cha)

Sat Feb 8, 2020

4pm - 4:30pm Individual Confessions (Chu)

5pm - 6pm Mass (Chu)

Sun Feb 9, 2020

8:30am - 9:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Cha)

8:30am - 9:30am Mass (Chu)

10:30am - 11:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Cha)

10:30am - 11:30am FF- St. G's Kids (1-4)

10:30am - 11:30am Mass (Chu)

6pm - 7:30pm FF Edge & Confirmation Sessions (All)