



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

February 18, 2024 | 1st 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

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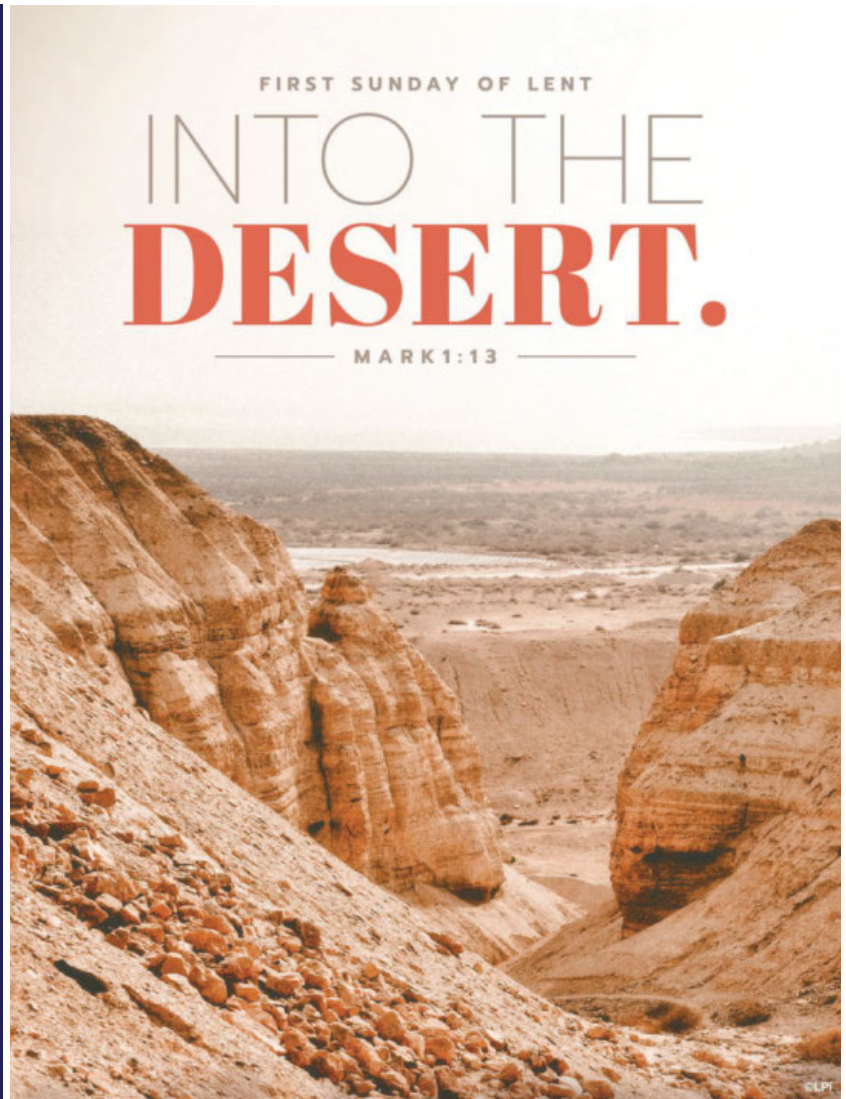
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STAY CONNECTED

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, February 19

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:30pm | Grief Share

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:00pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, February 21

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

6:00pm | Faith Formation

Thursday, February 22

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | OCIA/Catholicism 101

Friday, February 23

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | Pickleball

Saturday, February 24

8:00am | Daily Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

4:00pm | Confessions (English)

5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, February 25

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19

8:30am | Dianne Bentsen +

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am | Terese Thole +

Wednesday, February 21

8:30am | Mary M. Pearo +

Thursday, February 22

8:30am | Carol A. King +

Friday, February 23

8:30am | Harvey Jacobs +

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm | Mary Enderle +

Sunday, February 25

9:30am | Victoria Alibi +

11:00am | People of the Parish

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

If you wish to have a Mass said for someone who has passed, please contact the Parish Office to schedule it. *Suggested free will offering of \$10.*

If you want to have prayers for living individuals who are sick or in need of prayer, please add their names to the parish prayer book. You can also contact the Parish Office and we will add them for you. These prayers are included in every Mass on weekends.

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!

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our Parish through the sacrament of Baptism.

We offer our blessings & congratulations to the parents and families of these children.

Francesca Elizabeth Kowalke

Ryan Nguyen

Alan Nguyen

Austin Nguyen

Eloise Nova Herridge



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

It is not too late to sign up for a photo session to be included in our parish directory.

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 - 8:30 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 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!

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.

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) provides:

- Food Assistance - Meals on Wheels
- Housing Assistance - Senior Services
- Children's Programs - Farm Fresh Fest
- Turning Leaf Thrift Store

"Friends of the Poor Ministry"

Is led by Sr. Rose Vu who helps provide clean drinking water, sustainable food supply plus much more for those in need in Vietnam.

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.

MASS RECORDINGS & BULLETINS ON WEBSITE

Did you know that you can listen to recordings of Mass readings and homilies on our parish website? Did you know you can also check out our bulletin online?

You can access our Mass recordings and bulletins on our website under the "News/Media" tab.

GRIEFSHARE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Come find help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. At GriefShare group, you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us! This group meets on **Mondays from 6:30-8pm from February 19-May 20, 2024** at the Church of St. Gerard Majella. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office.

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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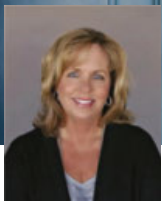
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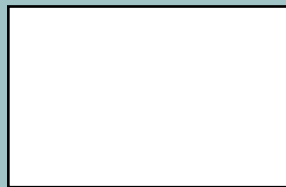


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