



THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

December 24, 2023 | 4th Sunday of Advent & The Nativity of the Lord

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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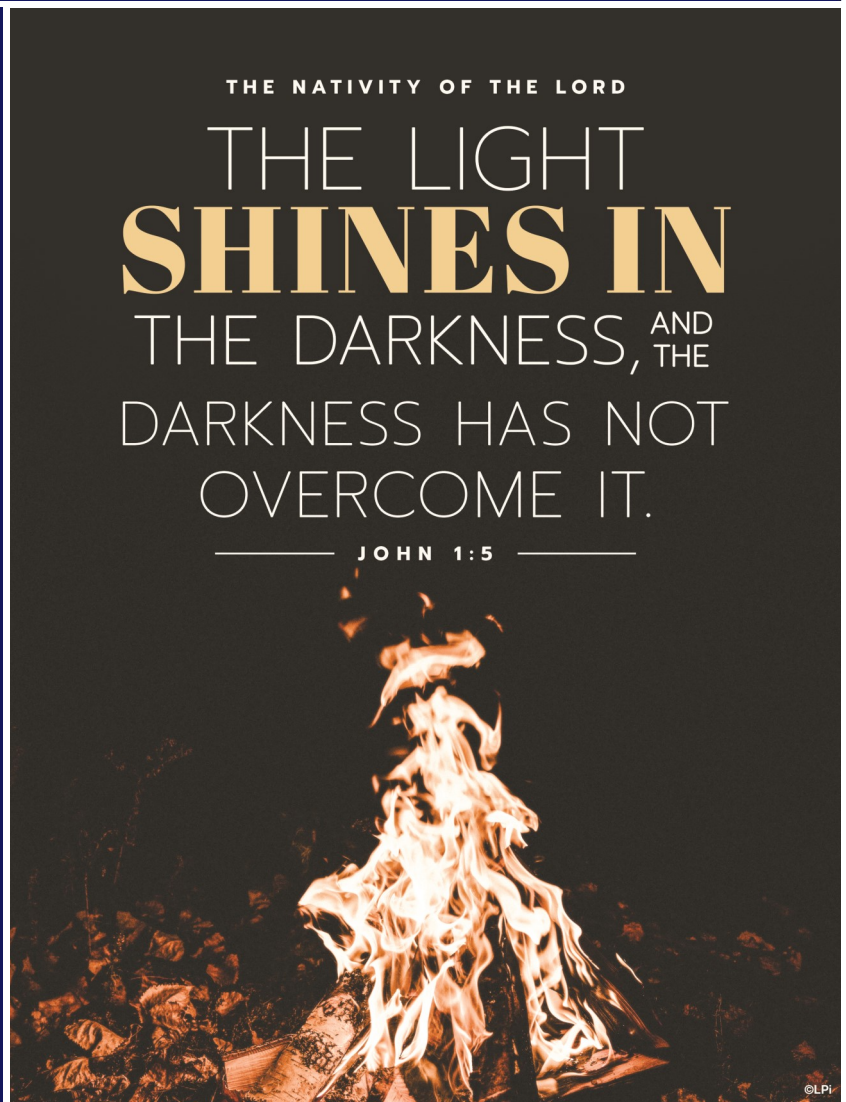
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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

8:00am | Christmas Mass (Vietnamese)

10:00am | Christmas Mass (English)

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

7:30pm | Regents AA, Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 27

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

9:00am-9:00pm | Adoration

Thursday, December 28

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

Friday, December 29

8:30am | Daily Mass (English)

6:00pm | Pickleball

Saturday, December 30

8:00am | Daily Mass & Confessions (Vietnamese)

4:00pm | Confessions (English)

5:00pm | Mass (English)

Sunday, December 31

8:00am | Mass (Vietnamese)

9:00am | Confessions (Vietnamese)

9:30am | Mass (English)

11:00am | Mass (English)

7:00pm | Mary, Mother of God Mass (Vigil, English)

Monday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

8:00am | Mary, Mother of God Mass (Vietnamese)

8:30am | Mary, Mother of God (English)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day, the Parish Office will be closed on:

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Monday, January 1

 **HOLIDAY
OFFICE HOURS**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25

10:00am | Victoria Alabi +

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am | Clara Ba Chau +

Wednesday, December 27

8:30am | Frank Witscoski +

Thursday, December 28

8:30am | Jeff Jones +

Friday, December 29

8:30am | Frances Long Nguyen +

Saturday, December 30

5:00pm | Johnny Podominick +

Sunday, December 31

9:30am | Mike McDonald +

11:00am | People of the Parish

7:00pm | OPEN

Monday, January 1

8:30am | Deacon Joseph Nhac Nguyen +

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!



CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

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CORN FEST 2024

Corn Fest will be on **August 9 & 10, 2024!** Our first planning meeting will be Thursday, **January 4 at 6:30pm.** We are always looking for new ideas and energy to continue our **50+ year community tradition of Faith, Family and Fun.** Please join us to start the planning. Contact Craig at 763-200-3949 with questions.





Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and New Year!

May the joy and peace of Christ be with you now and always. We are extremely grateful for this amazing parish community. May this coming year be blessed with opportunities for us all to continue to grow in faith and encounter God in new and profound ways.



-Fr. Charlie Lachowitzer, Pastor & The Church of St. Gerard Majella Parish Staff



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Did you know that you can donate to St. Gerard's online? Check out our website, www.st-gerard.org under the "Engage" tab or scan the QR code below with your mobile device to sign up and donate:



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS OBLIGATIONS

This year Christmas falls on a Monday, which shortens the 4th week of Advent to about one day. Please note our Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas below. As Catholics we are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, like Christmas. Though these two dates with obligations occur close together, both obligations need to be met by going to one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. ***Please also note that due to the two different obligations there will be two separate collections taken. Thank you for your constant support of St. Gerard's!***

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Times:

Sat, Dec 23-5pm Vigil Mass

Sun, Dec 24-10am Mass
(This replaces our 9:30am and 11am Masses)

Christmas Mass Times:

Sun, Dec 24-4pm Mass & 10pm Mass

Mon, Dec 25-10am Mass



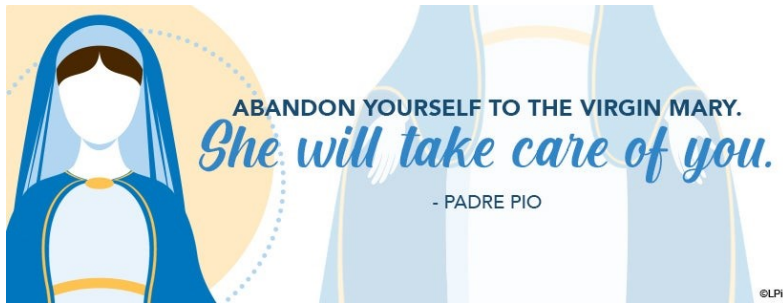
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Join us to celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Sat, Dec 31-7pm Vigil Mass (English)

Mon, Jan 1-8am Mass (Vietnamese) & 8:30am Mass (English)

Because this Solemnity lands on a Monday, it is not a Holyday of Obligation this year, BUT we encourage you to start off your new year with Mass and asking our Blessed Mother for her interces-



Keep "Christ" in Christmas!

