

Mission Statement



St. Gerard Majella Mission Statement

The people of St. Gerard Majella are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. We are called and sent by Christ to live gratefully the life God has given us and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of faith, service, and community, we strive to bring people closer together and closer to God.

This we accomplish by:

- ◆ Building our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer.
- ◆ Contributing to the growth of our parish by spreading the Gospel by word, witness, action and evangelization.
- ◆ Inviting everyone to serve, in this way meeting the needs of our parishioners and the broader community.
- ◆ Being faithful stewards of St. Gerard, accountable to God by responsibly sharing our time, talents and treasures.
- ◆ Lending support to the parish leadership and working together to fulfill the mission.

Parishioners sick or in need of healing:

Bea Albardo
 Brenda Marie Batiste
 David & Mary Boudreaux
 Kimberly Ford
 Barbara Michelli
 Ricky Rivette
 Carrie Russ
 Seabelle Thomas
 Frank Viveiros
 Alice Zito



Liturgical Ministries

We are all called to serve the church. Please consider volunteering to be:

Ushers

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

For more information, please contact Sonyja Thomas at srthomas@agcenter.lsu.edu, email admin@stgerardmajellachurch.org, or contact the parish office at 225-355-2553.



John of the Cross (1542-December 14, 1591) was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Roman Catholic saint, a Carmelite friar and a priest, who was born at Fontiveros, Old Castile. John of the Cross is known for his writings. Both his poetry and his studies on the growth of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and one of the peaks of all Spanish literature. He was canonized as a saint in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII. He is one of the thirty-six Doctors of the Church. His feast day is December 14. (Source: Wikipedia)

DAILY ADVENT OFFERING CARDS:

Advent is such an entry way, occurring right after the season of harvest and Thanksgiving. It marks the beginning of a new "Christian Year." The past year may have brought us both joy and sorrow, success and failure. We end it giving thanks for the strength that carried us through. We are grateful for what we have learned and for what we still have as the year comes to a close. We invite everyone, adults and children, to participate in "My Advent Offering" folder. Take it home with you and return on Christmas Day to offer it to the Lord, along with the gift of your heart.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11

Special Intentions

Tuesday, December 12

Ross & Mildred Bret

Wednesday, December 13

For those sick or in need of healing

Thursday, December 14

For children with terminal illness

Friday, December 15

Vocations

Saturday, December 16

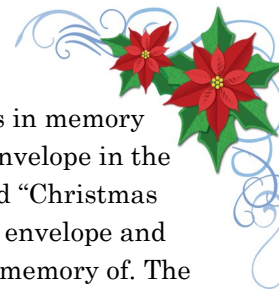
Parishioners of St. Gerard Majella

Sunday, December 17

8 AM - Bumm, Hardesty, & Willett Families
 10 AM - Adams, Barbier, & Delapasse Families,
 Wallace Lambert Sr. & Lillian Lambert

Christmas Remembrance Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please pick up an envelope in the back of the church or pews marked "Christmas Flowers". Write your name on the envelope and write for whom the flowers are in memory of. The cost of the flowers is \$8 each. The deadline is Wednesday, December 17th.



Christmas Masses

December 24—Christmas Eve, 4 PM
 December 25—Christmas, 8 AM & 10 AM



Our Sanctuary Candle Burns
 In Memory of:
 Michael D. "Mickey" Wallis



Under the direction of Bishop Muench, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will take up a special collection this weekend to assist St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in their recovery from the devastating flood that affected their campus in 2016. Please be generous in your donations.

Since 2001 St Joseph Abbey and Seminary College has had the privilege of welcoming thousands of teenagers to the Abbey grounds each spring. Through the Abbey Youth Festival countless lives have been touched through prayer, catechesis, and the Sacraments. Its focus is evangelization and vocational discernment by means of Liturgy, prayer, worship music, and education appropriate for Catholic young people. The date for AYF 2018 is Saturday, March 17, 2018.

Next weekend will be a collection for the Catholic Life Center Services of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



Sacramental Offerings

Altar flowers Each week you may honor a loved one with a donation in order to dedicate the floral arrangement that adorns our sanctuary candles.

OLPH candles are the blue candles that burn in front of the OLPH icon for your prayer requests. A requested donation for a candle is \$4.00.

Sanctuary Candle burns for seven days in memory of a loved one. A requested donation for a candle is \$4.00.

Mass intentions You can schedule your Mass Intentions through the parish office. The deadline to schedule is Wednesday for the following week. You can even schedule ahead a year in advance. Requested donation is \$10.

Memorial Gifts At the death of a loved one, in lieu of flowers, consider a donation to St. Gerard Majella Church on behalf of your loved one.