

# 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.



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St. Gerard Majella Church is hosting a raffle. See any parish council member or stop by the office to pick up tickets!



**First Prize: 50" flat screen smart tv**

**Second Prize: \$250 cash**

**Third Prize: 50 pounds of shrimp**

**Price: \$10/ticket**

**Drawing is October 15, 2017**

**Join us for a special 10 AM Mass Oct 15!**

**October 16 is the Feast Day of St. Gerard**

**Majella**

**Winner need not be present to win.**

### Upcoming in October

October 4—St. Francis of Assisi

October 5—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

October 16—St. Gerard Majella

Remember in your prayers all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. The diocese has asked us to take up a collection to provide assistance to the victims of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria next weekend. Please give generously.



AMERICA NEEDS  
**FATIMA**

America Needs Fatima is a campaign to capture the heart and soul of America with the Message of Our Lady of Fatima. Join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade today! In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial, there will be a gathering on the steps of the LA State Capitol October 14, 2017 at 11 am. Rosary starts at noon.

# Mass Intentions

**Monday, October 2**

Dibbie Faulk

**Tuesday, October 3**

For those sick or in need of healing

**Wednesday, October 4**

For those affected by recent natural disasters

**Thursday, October 5**

Laura Deavers

**Friday, October 6**

Redemptorists & Vocations

**Saturday, October 7**

Parishioners of St. Gerard Majella

**Sunday, October 8**

8 AM - Matthew Quinlan

10 AM - Barbier, Adams, & Delapasse Families

Our Sanctuary Candle Burns  
In Memory of:



Michael D. "Mickey" Wallis

### Parishioners sick or in need of healing:

Barbara Mitchell

Frank Vivros

Seabelle Thomas

Carrie Russ

Mrs. Deaton

Priscilla MacQueen

David & Mary Boudreaux

Brenda Marie Batiste

**Welcome new parishioners...**

to St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church. Pick up a registration form in the back of the Church. Ushers are available if you need assistance.. Call the office (225) 355-2553 if you or anyone in your family is homebound through illness or infirmity or in the hospital or extended care facility and would welcome a Eucharistic or Pastoral Visit by one of St. Gerard Majella's ministers to the sick.



### ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIAL

Each week you may honor a loved one with a donation in order to dedicate the floral arrangement that adorns our sanctuary. Please place your donation in the collection basket or bring it by the Church Office.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP MEMORIAL CANDLES

These are the blue candles that burn in front of the OLPH icon for your prayer requests.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Candle burns for six days in memory of a loved one. You can request this candle for one week.

*A requested donation for either of the candles is \$4.00*



### MASS INTENTIONS

Did you know you can schedule Mass Intentions weeks, months and even a year or more in advance? You can schedule your Mass Intentions through the parish office. The deadline to schedule is Wednesday for the following week. After Wednesday the intentions will be scheduled for the week after. 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. St. Gerard Majella Church has nourished the spiritual life of so many parishioners. This is a wonderful way to honor your loved one and enrich the parish by such a donation.

*Tout c'est grace!*

*Grace is everywhere!*