

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25

Laura Deavers

Tuesday, September 26

Sam, Vince, Anne, Mark, & Tam Maurello

Wednesday, September 27

For those affected by recent natural disasters

Thursday, September 28

For world peace

Friday, September 29

Parishioners of St. Gerard Majella

Saturday, September 30

Dibbie Faulk

Sunday, October 1

8 AM - Matthew Quinlan

10 AM - Barbier, Adams, & Delapasse Families



*Our Sanctuary Candle Burns
In Memory of:*

Michael D. "Mickey" Wallis



Meditate the Mysteries of our Redemption

We meditate the Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of Our Blessed Mother 30 minutes before every Mass. Please come early and join us!

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.

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

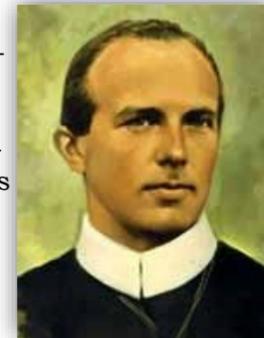
Drawing is October 15, 2017

October 16 is the Feast Day of St. Gerard Majella

Winner need not be present to win. If you've picked up a packet of tickets to sell, they are due back Oct. 1.



Blessed **Kaspar Stanggassinger** (12 January 1871 - 26 September 1899) was a German Roman Catholic priest and a professed member from the Redemptorists. His inclination to the priesthood manifested from his childhood and he soon became a seminarian before deciding not be just a diocesan priest but one part of a religious order after a spiritual experience directed him towards the Redemptorist charism. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1895 and soon began teaching and overseeing new seminarians despite his desire to go out to the missions in Brazil. He was devoted to the Eucharist and in his preaching invited all to have recourse to the Blessed Sacrament in times of need and trouble. In 1899 the order opened a new institute for prospective seminarians in Gars and he was transferred there as its director September 1894. He passed in 1899 at the age of 28.

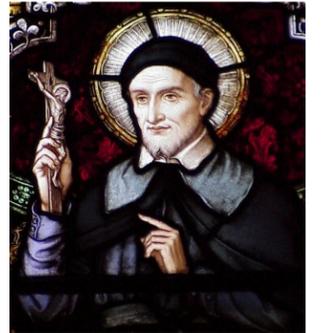


Month of the Rosary



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

St. Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, to peasant farmers. At 15, his father sent him to seminary, managing to pay for it by selling the family's oxen. Vincent's interest in the priesthood at that time was largely with the intent to establish a successful career and obtain a benefice, with which he could retire early and support the family. For two years, Vincent received his education at a college in Dax, France adjoining a monastery of the Friars Minor where he and others resided. In 1597, he began his studies in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Toulouse. He was ordained on 23 September 1600 at the age of 19. In 1605, Vincent sailed from Marseilles and was taken captive by Barbary pirates, who brought him to Tunis. De Paul was auctioned off as a slave to the highest bidder, and spent two years in bondage serving under several masters. After returning to France, Vincent went to Rome. There he continued his studies until 1609, when he was sent back to France on a mission to King Henry IV. In 1617, Vincent contacted the daughters of charity and they then introduced him to poor families. He organized these wealthy women of Paris to collect funds for missionary projects, hospitals, and relief funds for the victims of war and to ransom 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. From this participation of women would eventually come, with the help of St. Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, a Society of Apostolic Life for women within the Catholic Church. Vincent died in Paris on 27 September 1660.



America Needs Fatima is a campaign to capture the heart and soul of America with the Message of Our Lady of Fatima. In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), the world is at a historic crossroads. Join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade today! There will be a gathering on the steps of the LA State Capitol October 14, 2017 at 11 am. Rosary starts at noon.