

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 at (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.



Next week's second collection will be for the maintenance fund. The church thanks you for your continued support.

Reminder that during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 11:20 am. Mass will follow at 12 pm.



St. Katharine Mary Drexel was born Catherine Mary Drexel in Philadelphia on November 26, 1858, the second child of investment banker Francis Anthony Drexel and Hannah Langstroth. Hannah died five weeks after her baby's birth. For two years Katharine and her sister, Elizabeth, were cared for by their aunt and uncle until their father remarried. The sisters toured parts of the United States and Europe with their parents, providing assistance to those less fortunate. When her family traveled to the Western states in 1884, Katharine Drexel saw the plight and destitution of the Native Americans. She wanted to do something specific to help. After her father died in 1885, Katharine and her sisters had contributed money to help the St. Francis Mission on South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation.



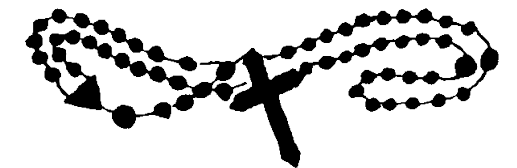
In January 1887, the sisters were received in a private audience by Pope Leo XIII. They asked him for missionaries to staff some Indian missions that they had been financing. To their surprise, the Pope suggested that Katharine become a missionary herself. Although Drexel had already received marriage proposals, "... after consultation with her spiritual director, Bishop James O'Connor, she made the decision to give herself totally to God, along with her inheritance, through service to American Indians and Afro-Americans." On February 12, 1891, Drexel professed her first vows as a religious, dedicating herself to work among the American Indians and African-Americans in the western and southwestern United States. She took the name *Mother Katharine*, and, joined by thirteen other women, soon established a religious congregation, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She helped establish schools and tools to teach Catechism to Native Americans. Xavier University of Louisiana, the only historically black Catholic college in the US, also owes its existence to Drexel and the Sisters. Mother Katharine Drexel died at the age of 96, on March 3, 1955. Mother Drexel was canonized on October 1, 2000, one of only a few U.S. born saints. (Source: Wikipedia)



Friday, March 2nd, 2018

Mass Intentions

- Monday, February 26**
Josep Chung Van Nguyen
- Tuesday, February 27**
Anne, Mark, Sam, Tam, & Vince Maurello
- Wednesday, February 28**
Jason Smith
- Thursday, March 1**
Arther White, Sr.
- Friday, March 2**
Francis & Vincent Paola
- Saturday, March 3**
Carlo & Bonnie Bellelo
Jackie Boudreaux
Steve Steedley
Ruby Casemore
- Sunday, March 4**
8 AM—Steve Lytell
Alice Zito
Parishioners of St. Gerard Majella
10 AM—Adams, Barbier & Delapasse Families



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!

LENTEN REFLECTION: St. Agnes Church, 749 East Blvd, Baton Rouge, Wed Feb 28th at 6:15 pm

The Rev. Msgr. Robert H. Berggreen, Pastor, St. Mary of False River in New Roads, will present "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, Capuchin friar, stigmatist and mystic, in the midst of Suffering" Confessions at 5 pm. Mass at 5:30 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6 pm with Lenten Reflection immediately following. All are invited; see more at StAgnesBR.org.



Our Sanctuary Candle Burns In Memory of:
Mrs. Doris S. Parker



This week we burn OMPH candles for Michael D. "Mickey" Wallis and Ruby Casemore.



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 the 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.



Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Each day of Lent,

individuals are invited to use the Lenten Calendar— included with every CRS Rice Bowl—to guide their Lenten almsgiving. These daily almsgiving activities—for example, give 25 cents for every faucet found in your home—help families reflect on the realities of our brothers and sisters around the world and how they can be in solidarity during the Lenten season.

You can find rice bowls at the entrances of the church. Please take them home and return your donation by April 1st.



Sacramental Offerings
Each week you may honor a loved one with a donation in the form of altar flowers, Our Lady of Perpetual Help candles, sanctuary candles, mass intentions, & other memorial gifts. Contact the office for more information.



Tout c'est grace!

Grace is everywhere!