

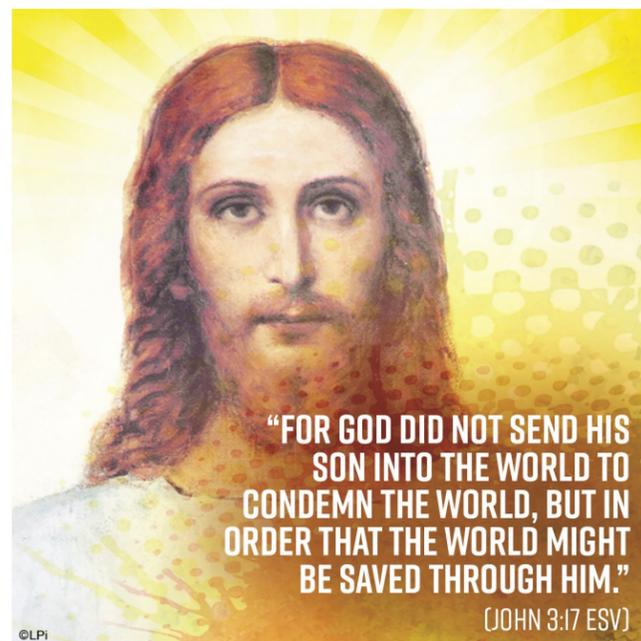
Our Mission



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.



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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Monday, March 12
Robert Stumm
- Tuesday, March 13
Arther White, Sr.
- Wednesday, March 14
Virginia Triche
- Thursday, March 15
Vincent & Francis Paola
- Friday, March 16
Josep Chung Van Nguyen
- Saturday, March 17
Steve Steedley
Jackie Boudreaux
Carlo & Bonnie Belleo
Ruby Casemore
- Sunday, March 18
8 AM—Parishioners of St. Gerard Majella
10 AM—Wallace & Lillian Lambert
Adams, Barbier, & Delapasse Families



We are in need of extraordinary ministers and altar servers for March 29-31. Please consider volunteering. For more information, please contact Sonyja Thomas at srthomas@agcenter.lsu.edu or contact the parish office at 225-355-2553.

Chrism Mass

One of the significant times the bishop gathers with his priests, deacons, and diocese is at the Chrism Mass. This yearly gathering of the church provides an opportunity for the diocesan community to focus on the Word and the Eucharist, while at the same blessing the oils, which are used in parish ministries throughout the year. The Chrism mass will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral at 10:30 am on Wednesday March 28, 2018. The diocese invites all parishioners to the Chrism Mass.



Redemptorist Feast Day: March 15

St. Clement Mary Hofbaer, C.Ss.R., (26 December 1751 – 15 March 1820) was a Moravian hermit and later a priest of the Redemptorist congregation. He established the presence of his congregation, founded in Italy, north of the Alps, for which he is considered a co-founder of the congregation. He was greatly known for his lifelong dedication to the care of the poor during a tumultuous period of Europe's history, which left thousands in destitution. He worked to care for the Polish people, until the Redemptorists expelled from there for preaching missions of peace. He then went to live in Vienna, where he gained a reputation for being a powerful preacher and gentle confessor. Due to his extensive service in that city, he is called the Apostle of Vienna, of which he is a co-patron saint. **His liturgical feast is celebrated on 15 March.** (Source: Wikipedia)



"O Jesus, Author of our faith, let me live for You and die for You. Amen." —*Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer*

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.

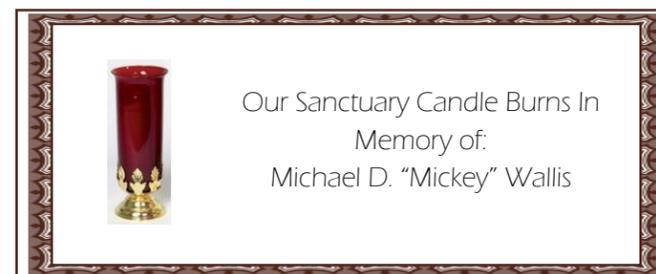


Welcome new parishioners...

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.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:

Membership in the Church involves more than just attendance at Mass. We would hope that people who enjoy coming to St. Gerard Majella Church would officially register as members. Not only does it let us know who you are, but registration is required for baptisms, weddings, and most other sacraments. Please pick up a registration form in the back of church or call the parish office.



It's almost Easter time! The church is taking donations for Easter lilies. The cost is \$8. You may find envelopes in the church or drop by the office. Money is due March 25th, Palm Sunday.



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