

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 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.



Anselm of Canterbury, also called **Anselm of Aosta** after his birthplace and **Anselm of Bec** after his monastery, was a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. After his death, he was canonized as a saint; his feast day is 21 April.

Beginning at Bec, Anselm composed dialogues and treatises with a rational and philosophical approach, sometimes causing him to be credited as the founder of Scholasticism. Despite his lack of recognition in this field in his own time, Anselm is now famed as the originator of the ontological argument for the existence of God and of the satisfaction theory of atonement. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Clement XI in 1720. (Source: Wikipedia)



Love is the only invincible weapon, because it has the power to disarm the forces of evil. — Pope Francis, @Pontifex



Diocesan Prayer for the Selection of a New Bishop

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for your sheep. As the Good Shepherd, you call other leaders to guide and care for your flock. We pray that you send forth your Holy Spirit to inspire your Church in selecting a new Bishop for the Diocese of Baton Rouge. May he be a shepherd, after your own heart, who will lead us to deepen our love for you and for each other. May he guide us to create the unity you intend for our entire human family as one flock with one shepherd. We pray this in your name, Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

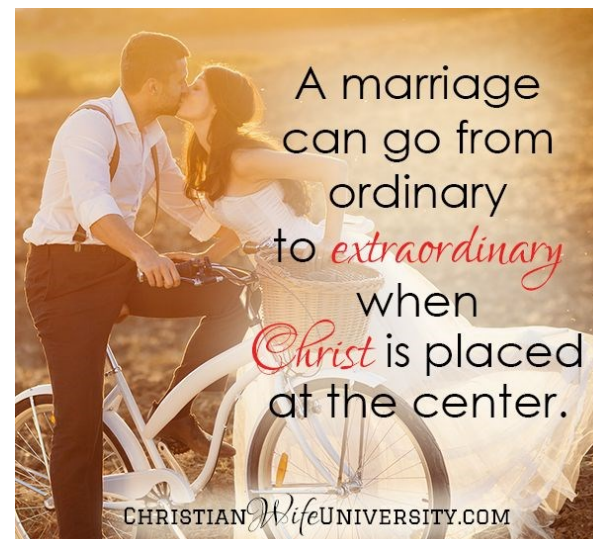


Parishioners sick or in need of healing:

- David & Mary Boudreaux
- Wayne Burton
- Marie Gaspard
- Bobbie Hymel
- Winifred Tucker
- Frank Viveiros

Willwoods Married Couples Retreat: May 5th-6th

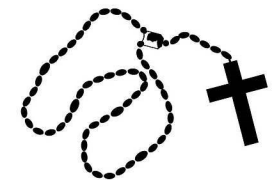
Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time together enriching your marriage? Then join us on our upcoming Married Couples Retreat at the newly renovated St. Joseph Abbey Christian Life Retreat Center in Covington, LA. Attending a married couples retreat annually is a wonderful way to nourish and strengthen your love for God and each other! To register or for more info call Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716 or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. Suggested donation of \$275 is requested but not required.



- Monday, April 16**
The Little Family
- Tuesday, April 17**
For those who live in poverty
- Wednesday, April 18**
Special Intentions
- Thursday, April 19**
For those diagnosed with cancer
- Friday, April 20**
Ricky Rivette
- Saturday, April 21**
Ruby Casemore
Bumm, Willett, & Hardesty Families
- Sunday, April 22**
8 AM—Joy Samson
Parishioners of St. Gerard Majella
10 AM—Adams, Barbier, & Delapasse Families
Mildred & Salvador Monte



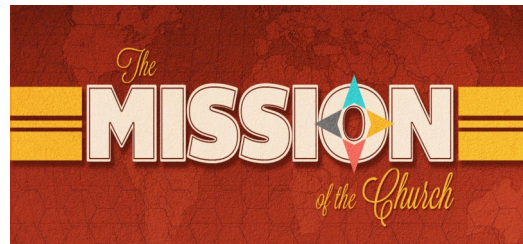
Our Sanctuary Candle Burns In Memory of:
Ruby Casemore



There was a typo in last week's bulletin and intentions. It is Ricky Rivette who passed away, not Jerry Reed. We apologize for this mistake.

Tout c'est grace!

Grace is everywhere!



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.

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.