



# 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.



Reminder that 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.



**Monday, March 26**  
The Little Family

**Tuesday, March 27**  
Sam, Vince, Anne, Tam, & Mark Maurello

**Wednesday, March 28**  
Special Intentions

**Thursday, March 29**  
Francis & Vincent Paola

**Friday, March 30**  
Meagan West

**Saturday, March 31**  
Jackie Boudreaux  
Carlo & Bonnie Bellelo  
Ruby Casemore  
Steve Steedley

**Sunday, April 1 (Easter)**  
8 AM—Rosalee Blair  
10 AM—Adams, Barbier, & Delapasse Families


### Lenten Schedule:

Holy Thursday March 29  
Mass at 6 PM

Good Friday March 30  
Station of the Cross 2:30 PM  
Veneration of the Cross 3 PM

Holy Saturday March 31  
Vigil Easter Mass at 7 PM

Easter Sunday April 1  
Mass at 8 AM & 10 AM



Our Sanctuary Candle Burns In  
Memory of:  
Michael D. "Mickey" Wallis



Pope Francis has asked Catholics to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

During the weekend (Saturday and Sunday), there will be a second collection for Retirement funds for Diocesan Priests.



**Don't forget, the last week to turn in your donation for rice bowls is April 1st!**



"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the shadows of my heart, and *grant* unto me a right faith, a certain hope and perfect charity, sense and understanding, Lord, so that I may accomplish Thy holy and true command." - *Pope Francis*



**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.



### What is Holy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is a Christian observance on the Thursday during Holy Week. It is the day before Good Friday. The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with his Disciples in Jerusalem. During the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal. The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual reenactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday.

### 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.



### 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!

