

St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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Parish Priest:

Father Alex Saurianthadathil C.Ss.R

Parish Secretary:

Stacey Lampe

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Phone #: 705 949 0435

Sept 22, 2019 Year – C

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST & RECONCILIATION

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Children's Liturgy)

Reconciliation:

Saturday **4:00 pm** to **4:30 pm** or by appointment

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays in Nursing Homes
at 10:30 a.m.

1st Thursday: Maple View
2nd Thursday: Davey Home
3rd Thursday: Great Northern
Retirement Home
4th Thursday: Cedarwood Lodge

Friday 9:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass & Anointing
The first Tuesday of each month



Parish Mission Statement

St. Gerard Majella Parish strives to be a warm, welcoming Catholic community where the faithful gather to celebrate liturgy, to foster faith-sharing and to spread the Good News by word and action. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the community of St. Gerard's supports the spiritual growth, fellowship and charity of its parishioners.



We are so happy you came to celebrate with us. If you are new to the Parish and haven't registered, we encourage you to join our family.

Visit - www.stgerardssm.ca

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Carry your cross on your back and take it as it comes, small or large, whether from friends or enemies and whatever wood it be made." –St. John Bosco

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Parish information - Phone: 705 949 0435

Parish Ministry Chairs/Co-ordinators

Finance Committee: Steve Drinkwater
Parish Pastoral Council: Ron Zagordo
Catholic Women's League [C.W.L]:

Shirley Leonard

Knights of Columbus[Grand Knight]:

Steve Summers

Liturgy Committee: Susan Cushner

Sacristans: Maeve Coccimiglio Sacrament Preparation: Baptism: Sandra Rollin Reconciliation &

First Holy Communion: Lisa Tomas

Confirmation: Sarah Stickels **Lectors:** Patricia Michaud

Children's Liturgy: Grace Mitchell

Music:

Susan Cushner Steve Patterson

Teresa Zuppa

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Renee Wysynski & Judie Kearns

Ushers: Frank Gallo

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[RCIA]: Steve Summers
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Mary VanBoerdonk : 705 256 7019 Rhea Emond : 705 949 6159

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Homes:

Anna Griswold Steve Drinkwater Bill DeGroot

Assist at Masses in Nursing Homes:

Rhea Emond

Coffee Hour:

Anna Griswold & Gina Drinkwater

Parish Social Group: Doreen Simard Social Justice: Nicole Chouinard Parish Website: Isabelle Wheten Soup Kitchen: Donna Ross





Mass Intentions Sept 24 to Sept 29, 2019

Tuesday Sept 24 7:00pm

Vittoria & Barnaba + by Santa Attoni Wednesday Sept 25 9:30 am

Connie Lynn Smith + by Colleen MacLeod

Thursday Sept 26 10:30am Cedarwood Lodge

Intention of All Parishioners Friday Sept 27 9:30 am NO MASS - FAITH DAY

Saturday Sept 28 5:00 pm

Vincenzina & Antonio Marasco + by son Joe

Sunday Sept 29

9:00 am: Intention of All Parishioners

11:00 am Fred Michaud & Billy Michaud + by Jim & Patricia Michaud

Umberto Mortari + by Marisa & Lucia Mortari & Family

Iola Bonnin + by Antonia Cuglietta

Finance Report

Sunday Sept 15 : 2019 \$2,137.85

Sunday , Sept 15 : Electronic Giving \$1,488.25

Other \$50.00

Raise the Roof \$395.00

Raise the Roof Campaign - To Date \$40,520.71

Total Income

\$4,071.10

Thank you for your generosity!



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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Are you visiting or interested in joining St. Gerard? Welcome!!! If this is your spiritual home we invite you to register with the parish. If you live outside the parish boundaries the only way we are able to assist you is if you are registered with St. Gerard and this is the parish you attend on Sundays. If you are new to the parish please introduce yourself to our pastor.

PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at 705 949 0435 for an appointment. A Baptism Preparation Course is required for all parents and Godparents. A Godparent must be 16 years of age, baptized Catholic and be Confirmed. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance by contacting the Parish office.

In grade 2, children may receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

RECONCILIATION

At our parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in the first week in March or before the March break.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins after March break. First Holy Communion is celebrated in May.

CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation is available to those who have been baptized, received Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Candidates must be in grade 7 or higher. Confirmation is generally celebrated in November. For more details please call the parish office.

CARE OF THE SICK & HOME BOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick and/or Eucharist for the home-bound, please contact the parish office. Visits to the hospital are made regularly; please call and let us know you would like a visit.

MARRIAGE

Please make marriage arrangements six (6) months in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

It is so heart-warming and a special joy to see young families taking part in the Holy Mass and engaged in the life of the parish. We welcome crying babies! It is a sign that the church is young and alive. We have a committed, caring and energetic team organizing the Children's Liturgy Program every Sunday. We encourage parents to bring your children to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with children during our Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Let us Listen to God's Word

Week of Sept 23 to Sept 29, 2019

Monday	Ezra 1.1-6
Tuesday	Ezra 4.4-5; 6.1a, 6ad-8, 12b, 14-20++
Wednesday	Ezra 9.5-9
Thursday	Revelation 7.9-17
Friday	Haggai 2.1-9

The Twenty-Sixth Saturday & Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 6.1a, 4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.11-16 Gospel: Luke 16.19-31



WEDNESDAY PARISH SOCIAL GATHERINGS

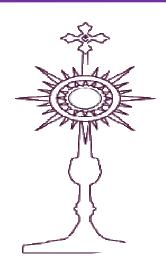
(not just for seniors anymore)

Social Gathering takes place every Wednesday, in St. Gerard Majella parish hall after 9:30 am Mass. There is a shared coffee time, treats and fellowship, followed by card games and/or board games.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration and Breaking of Bread

Join us
On <u>Tuesday, Oct 1st,</u>
beginning at 7pm and
concluding with the
celebration of
Mass and Anointing.



FUNERAL CELEBRATIONS

If you need any help when preparing for a funeral, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. As Catholics, the best model we can choose is to give sufficient time for grieving by having a visitation and then having a celebration of one's life with the celebration of Holy Mass.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We invite all parishioners to consider "St. Gerard Majella Church" when choosing a charitable institution for Memorial Donations in the death announcement in the local media to honor a loved one who has passed. This form of financial support and heartfelt gesture would truly bless and enrich the life of St. Gerard Majella Church. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

MASS REQUESTS

To request a Mass intention, either call the office or come into the office. Place your offering of \$15.00 per Mass in the envelope and bring it to the parish office or put in the weekend collection. Cheques can be made payable to "St. Gerard Majella Church".

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

We are always ready to begin the process by which an adult or older child becomes a Catholic, either by full initiation in Baptism, or by reception into full communion. We are also happy to prepare you for adult Confirmation. For children aged 7-16, parents may call the Parish Office.

HOME - SCHOOL - PARISH

Our parish cherishes an amazing working relationship with three Catholic Schools in the neighbourhood:

St. Paul's School

St. Basil's School

St. Mary's College



It's Registration time again!
Please call **St. Paul Catholic School** (705) 945-5533 for registration information for Junior and Senior Kindergarten aged children. Children must be 4 years old (for JK) and 5 years old (for SK) before December 31, 2019. Both Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes are full day programs. We also have on site before and after school daycare.

Call us ... we would be pleased to give you a tour of our school.



Application forms for the sacrament of Confirmation for 2019 are available at the entrance of the Church. Applicants must be in grade 7 or higher as of September 2019. Please submit applications by Wednesday October 23^{rd} 2019. You can also submit the application through the website. The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, November 20^{th} 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation & First Communion

AT OUR PARISH THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS CELEBRATED IN THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH OR BEFORE THE MARCH BREAK.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BEGINS AFTER MARCH BREAK. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED IN MAY.

Save your Plant Containers

When you are finished with your plant containers of summer flowers, please bring them to church. We will need them to hold our winter evergreen arrangements that will be for sale at our Christmas Garage Sale in November. Leaving the earth in them would be helpful. Please leave them by the back door of the kitchen.



Votive Candle for a Loved One



Each candle **costs \$150.00**. Your vigil **candle will be lit for 6 months**. It will be labeled with <u>the name of your loved ones.</u>

If you are interested in purchasing a memorial candle, please call the parish office.

Parish News!

Dear Parents,

It is with great joy and anticipation I take this opportunity to welcome you back to our spiritual home after a time of vacation and summer endeavors.

It is that time of the year when we are planning and preparing for the reception of various sacraments in our parish. If you do not currently belong to a church community, we welcome you to consider sharing with us at St. Gerard Majella Parish, Welcome!!! In case you may not know, if you live within the physical boundaries of this parish, you are already an unregistered member of it. If you would like to learn more about our parish community please check out our website at www.stgerardssm.ca or contact the parish office: 705 949 0435.

The celebration of any sacrament in one's life is a special moment of grace and blessings. It is then that one receives special gifts and graces from God, which are vital in our faith journey and formation.

I am happy to inform you that this year, at our parish, the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm. I invite you to seriously consider this opportunity and encourage your child/adult to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, an added blessing in their lives. (For those who may not know, the church teaches that to be able to one day stand in the role of Godparent or Sponsor, one must first be fully initiated into the church, which means they must have been Baptized; received Eucharist; and be Confirmed).

If you wish to have your child receive the Sacrament with us, at St. Gerard Majella Parish, please submit the completed application forms to the school/parish office on or before October 23, 2019.

Please read carefully:

- •This sacrament is available to those who have been baptized, received Reconciliation, First Communion and Eucharist.
- Candidates should be in grade 7 (As of September 2019).
- Candidates must choose a sponsor. (A sponsor should be at least 16 years of age or older who have received the Sacraments of Initiation, which includes Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation).
- •If the applicant was not baptized at St. Gerard Majella Parish, a copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate is required with the application form or by the First Meeting.
- •If you are not a registered member of St. Gerard Majella Parish, please have a letter of permission signed by the priest of the parish you attend in order to celebrate the sacrament with us.

I thank you in advance for taking the initiative in your child's faith formation and I wish you the very best in this academic year as you continue to help, guide and accompany your child in their journey to knowledge and wisdom. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at: 705 949 0435.

May God bless you and your family!

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Alex Saurianthadathil

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Support for the Bishops of Canada to proclaim the Good News

As his term as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) draws to a close, Bishop Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, expresses his sincere appreciation for the breadth and abundance of work accomplished by dioceses/eparchies, regional Episcopal assemblies, and the CCCB as a national conference. Support of this annual collection for the country's Bishops "will help us achieve our goals, and to proclaim the Good News in Canada."

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place **28 and 29 September 2019.** This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

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There will be an opportunity to participate in a silent auction

Regionel News!

On Saturday, September 28th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, the movie "Unplanned" will be screened. "Unplanned" is a film based on the real-life story of Abby Johnson, a former director of Planned Parenthood. She wrote her memoir, which was made into a movie and released earlier this year. Come and listen to her amazing, grace filled story.

Admission will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Centre.

FAITH DAY is on Friday, Sept

27th, 2019. The theme this year is:

Igniting Hope.

There is no mass at St. Gerard Majella but you can join for Eucharist at St. Mary's College at 9:30 am.

Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 will be a workshop with Jesse Manibusan for all our choir members and parish musicians at St. Jerome's Parish from 9:00am – 12:00. We encourage all to attend.



Book Sale!



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Celebration of the Eucharist and Blessing of The Gathering Place **Precious Blood Cathedral** Friday, October 4, 2019 7:00pm Bishop Marcel Damphousse Presiding **Reception Following**



We especially want to thank the following individuals or families for their generous donations that have come in so far:

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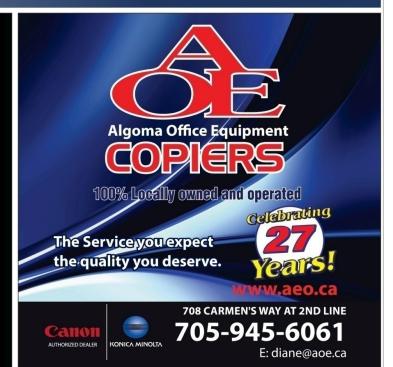
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