



St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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July 5, 2020
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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Church Masses:

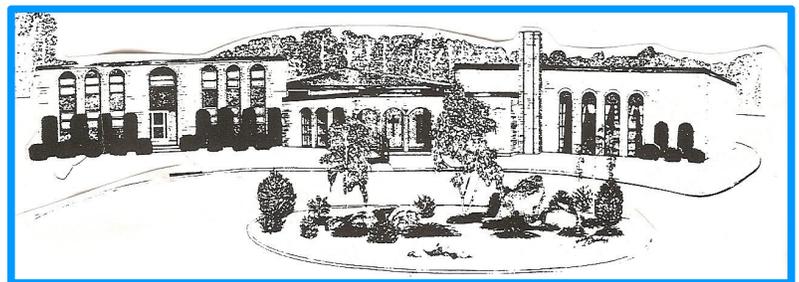
Saturday
@ 5:00 pm
Sunday
@ 11:00 am

Online Masses:

Sunday
@ 9:00am
Tuesday – Friday
@ 9:30 am

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



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.

"The darkness does not simply not know the light: it does not want to know it."

– Hans Urs von Bathasar

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Join Father for masses online
Tuesday – Friday at 9:30 am
and Sunday at 9:00 am

You can watch masses live from
our website in HD (high Def):

www.stgerardssm.ca

Previous broadcasts are there as
well.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4, 5:00 pm in Church:

Noe Crema + by Louise Crema & Family

Biagio & Dora De Cesare by John & Dorothy De Cesare

Sunday, July 5, 9:00 am online:

Christine Luttanen + by Jim & Patricia Michaud

Ida Coccimiglio + by her Family

Jose Arruda + by his Wife & Children

11:00 am in Church:

Intention of All People in the Parish

Tuesday, July 7, 9:30 am online:

Gary Elliot + by Don & Johanna Tagliabrachi

In The Church: Saturday at 5:00 pm & Sunday at 11:00 am

We are excited to be able to open our doors to our Parish Community.

The dispensation of the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place until decreed otherwise by the Bishop.

All those attending Mass do so at their own risk. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.

Please read the following self-assessment questionnaire before returning to the church. If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions, you must stay home for the sake of the wider community.

Do you have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever; Cough; Chills; Painful swallowing; Stuffy nose; Headache; Muscle or joint ache
- Feeling unwell, fatigue or severe exhaustion; Nausea, vomiting,
- diarrhea or unexplained loss of appetite;
- Loss of sense of smell or taste; Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

Are you or any member of your household experiencing any of the following?

- Severe difficulty breathing (e.g., struggling for each breath, speaking in single words)
- Severe chest pain; Feeling confused
- Shortness of breath at rest; Inability to lie down because of difficulty breathing
- Chronic health conditions

Have you travelled outside of Canada in the last fourteen days?

Upon entering the church, you will be asked:

- To register your names with one of the designated volunteers;
- To wear a mask or face covering always;
- If you have completed the self-assessment (see above);
- To sanitize your hands and to sit in designated areas in the church (family members from the same household may sit together);
- To maintain physical distancing (2 meters) at all times and to follow the instructions provided by your priest regarding the method to receive the Eucharist;
- Not to congregate in the foyer or in the parking lot outside.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with these guidelines which will allow us to celebrate safely.



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Please take note of the following guidelines in its entirety:

- **The dispensation of the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place** until decreed otherwise by the Bishop. No one is obliged to attend Holy Mass while this dispensation is in effect. Because of this, the live-streaming of Masses will continue for those who are not able to attend the public mass.
- **Attendance to the public masses will be limited.** The maximum capacity of each church is reduced to 30% to ensure physical distancing. At St. Gerard Majella, we will be happy to accommodate 80 persons for each service.
- **Physical Distancing must be consistently practiced.** Your parish church will have pews/rows that are sectioned off, and that family groups and individuals will be asked to keep at least two meters (six feet) distance from each other.

- You **must** wear a mask to Mass to guard against germ spread.
- All attendees are expected to wear non-medical masks and should bring their own masks. If you do not have a mask you will not be able to attend the public Mass.
- Anyone presenting symptoms of illness or who have travelled out of country in the past 14 days are directed to stay home.
- Anyone who has even the slightest symptoms or feelings of sickness must remain home.
- A volunteer at the door will be taking recording your name & phone number so that in the event of an outbreak we will be able to provide local health professionals with contact tracing.



• **General guidelines to ensure safety:**

- Hand sanitizing stations are to be available by the doors and you will be required to sanitize your hands prior to entering the church.
- Washrooms will only be used on in an emergency and will be closely monitored by the volunteers.
- The church will open 30 minutes before the Mass begins and parishioners will be seated in a first come first serve basis.
- When the church is at 30% capacity or when the mass starts, the doors will be closed, and no further entry will be allowed.
- There will be single distances seats available in the center pews and the families who wish to sit together will be ushered in to the side pews.
- There will be a designated box at the entrance of the church where you can provide your offertory envelope. If you forget to drop it off upon entering the church, the volunteers will have it accessible for you to drop off at the end the mass as you are exiting the building.
- There will be no collection during the mass.
- There is to be no Sign of Peace.
- There will be no holy water in fonts.
- The Liturgy of the Word for children during Masses is not permitted.
- When the Mass has ended you will be guided to the exit by the volunteers. Please follow their instructions and be sure to maintain social distancing.
- There will be no congregating in the foyer or in the parking lot outside. Please proceed immediately to your vehicles.



Donations: Thank you for reaching out to us!

We have had many inquires on donations to the Church during these difficult times. We want to thank all the parishioners that have left their donations at our door and online givers. Our parish continues to face daily operating obligations for utilities, insurance, taxes, wages and essential maintenance of the church. However, by losing the weekly financial contributions of parishioners, we lose the cashflow and financial resources that allow us to meet these fiscal obligations. These costs will accumulate if we do not receive the required revenue. We know and are aware of the current financial crisis that is upon us, therefore, if any gifting imposes a level of hardship of any kind whatsoever, please do not donate.

There are three ways to donate:

1) **Leave donation envelopes** in our office mailbox slot on the door or in the church donation box at mass.



2) We have numerous parishioners doing the **preauthorized donations** that are ongoing and we want to thank them for this! This is a great opportunity to set up your preauthorized payment. If you wish to start this program, please email the office for the form, fill it in with your information and we need a void check or preauthorized debit form from your bank. These can be emailed back to the office or put in the mail box at the door.

3) We have set up a **charitable donation on our website**: www.stgerardssm.ca through Canada Helps. Canada Helps is a trusted charity that provides a secure online fundraising platform for charities since 2000. Every donation through CanadaHelps.org will generate an income tax receipt immediately for the parishioner.

Thank you so much for your generous donations and kind words at this time!

Mass intentions: Remembering your loved ones

We will be giving you the option of Father doing the mass intentions during the church mass or in the online masses. I will be getting in touch with the cancelled ones to reschedule. To schedule new mass intentions, please email or call Father at the office. Intentions can be paid for through our new donate button on the website: www.stgerardssm.ca. Please comment that it is for a mass intentions



Flameless Votive Candle

Lighting a candle in memory of a loved one is a great gesture of our love for them. The burning light of the vigil candle is a symbol of hope, faith, gratitude, and a tangible reminder of the connection with our departed family members and friends.

We encourage everyone to consider purchasing a memorial candle in honor of your loved ones. Each candle cost \$150.00 and renewals are \$50.00. Your memorial candle will be lit for 6 months with the names of your loved ones can be printed.

If you are interested, please email the office at gmajella@shaw.ca