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**Aug 1, 2021**

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**In Church Masses:**

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

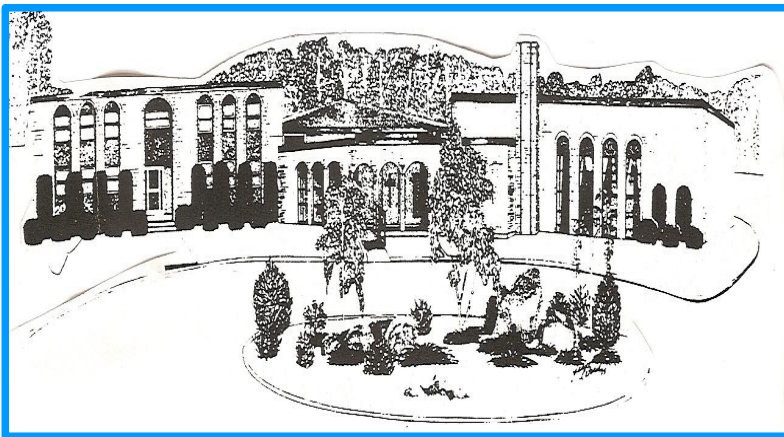
Sunday @ 11:00 am

**Online Mass:**

Sunday @ 9:00 am

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**– St. Therese of Lisieux**

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### Monthly Updates

In order to keep you up to date with what is happening in the parish, Father Alex broadcasts live monthly updates. It is available on our website:

[www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca)

and on our Facebook page. Please watch and share with your family and friends!

### Parish Network

Between monthly updates if Father has info to be shared, he will be using an online platform called: Parish Network. It will also be available on the website and facebook.



We are so happy you 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](http://www.stgerardssm.ca)

## Mass Intentions July 31 & Aug 1, 2021

**Saturday, July 31, 5:00 pm In Church:**

**Natalina & Tomasso Molinaro + by son-in-law  
Giuseppe Marasco**

**Anna Carbone + by Rita Rollins**

**Sunday, Aug 1, 9:00 am Online:**

**Intentions of all People in the Parish**

**Sunday, Aug 1, 11:00am In Church:**

**Eugenio & Pasqua Da Prat + by the Da Prat Family**

## 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.



Please send an email to [gmajella@shaw.ca](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca) so we can have your email address on our parish register. If you would like to receive the bulletin weekly through email and have not yet signed up, please email the office.



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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

## Bread of Life

**L**ast week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

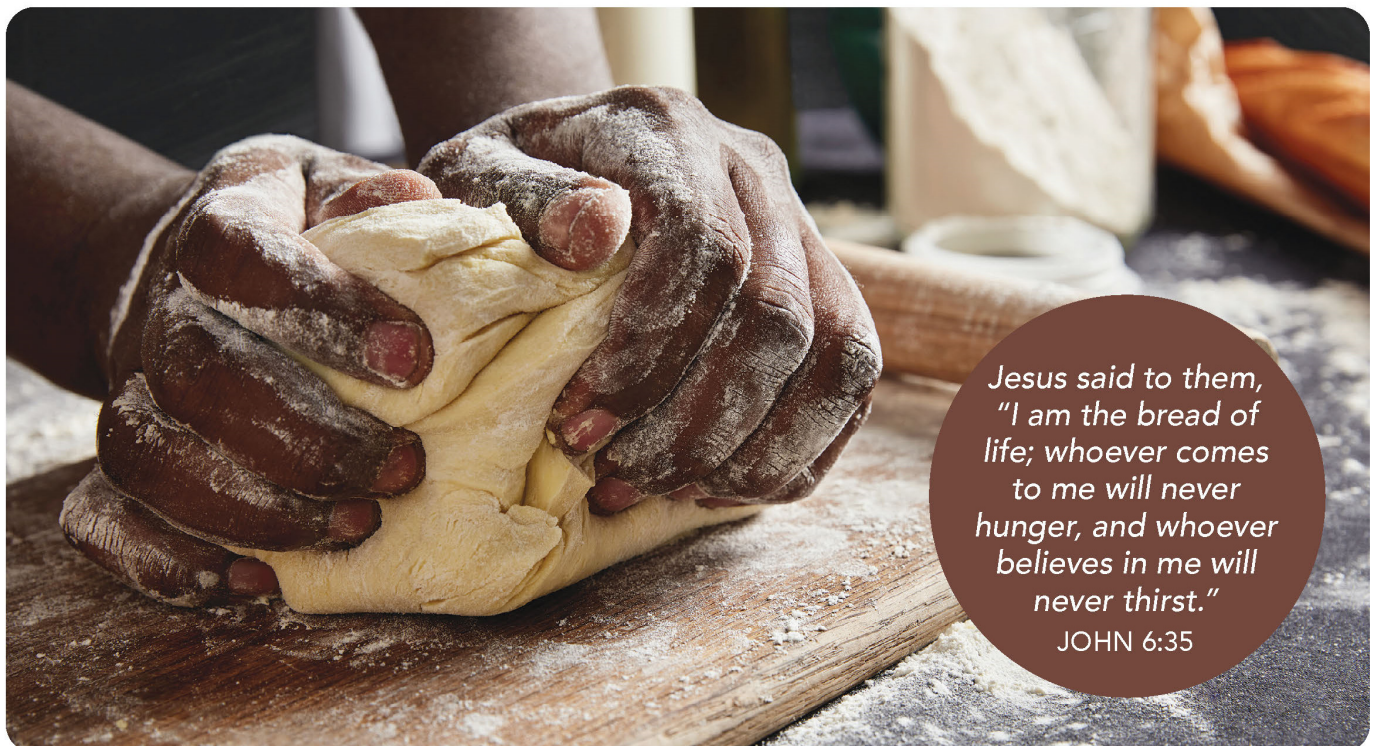
Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
- ★ Pray for a deep and solid trust in God.



Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of  
life; whoever comes  
to me will never  
hunger, and whoever  
believes in me will  
never thirst."

JOHN 6:35

# Dear Padre,

## My elderly aunt is suffering from a terminal illness, and says she wants to die. Is this all right?

**P**opular psychological writings on death and dying often list the five different stages that people might go through when they are dying, namely: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For Christians, the last stage of acceptance is saying yes to God's will. They may have been reconciled to God and others, said the things they have wanted to say, finished any unfinished business, and feel ready to leave this world and return to God.

For the dying person with faith, there may come a time when the desire to be fully united to her loving God takes priority over all other concerns and she actually desires to die. Her eyes turn toward the next life and she is not only ready to go but desires to go. This desire to leave this life is not the result of despair but rather the fruit of Christian hope.

We have a different situation when someone is not dying or is in good physical health, for the desire to die may indicate desperation or depression rather than acceptance and hope. Such persons may need personal and professional help to regain a zest for the life God has given them until the time comes that God calls them to himself.

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to share your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 2

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday

AUGUST 3

Weekday

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday

AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney,  
Priest

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,  
26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday

AUGUST 5

Weekday

Nm 20:1-13

Mt 16:13-23

### Friday

AUGUST 6

Transfiguration  
of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

### Saturday

AUGUST 7

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

### Sunday

AUGUST 8

Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "Come to me."*

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

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# Baptisms

**Baptisms are still being scheduled.**

Please register your child online on our website at [www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca) under the sacrament tab and baptism. Baptisms are being performed individually and not during the regular weekend masses. If you have any questions, please email us at gmajella@shaw.ca.



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**Cooper D'Agostini**  
**& Benson Guerin**  
**who was BAPTIZED In Our**  
**Parish this week**

## The Sanctuary Course for Catholics

**This course is free for those who sign into formed.org as a parishioner**

One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. The course also includes a Leader's Guide, Participant's Guide, and additional educational and spiritual resources.

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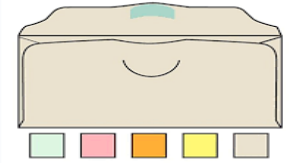
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### HOW TO SIGN IN IF ALREADY REGISTERED WITH OUR PARISH

- Go to FORMED.ORG, Click 'SIGN IN' (Top Right of Page), Enter Your email address & click 'Next', Check Your email Address, Click 'Sign In' and 'Start Watching'

# Donations:



## There are three ways to donate:

- 1) **Leave donation envelopes** in our office mailbox slot
- 2) 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! If you wish to start this program, please email the office for the form.
- 3) We have set up a **charitable donation on our website:** [www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca) through Canada Helps (our online donation site). Every donation through CanadaHelps.org will generate an income tax receipt immediately for the parishioner.

## Thank you so much for your generous donations at this time!

Saint Gianna Rosary Group has been joining together on ZOOM during this pandemic for about 2 months now, to recite the Rosary for the Unborn followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Friday afternoons at 1p.m. The format of this Zoom begins with a chat which is spiritual or social among those who are present for half an hour beginning at 1:00p.m.

At 1:30p.m. sharp we begin the Rosary followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We finish usually at about 2:15p.p. Those who wish to just join in saying the Rosary at 1:30p.m. can also do so.

If anyone is interested in joining please email Claudette at [lapatte26@gmail.com](mailto:lapatte26@gmail.com) and I will send you an invite to the ZOOM Rosary.

## 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](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca)

## Mass intentions: Remembering your loved ones

If you have a mass intention, please do email us at [gmajella@shaw.ca](mailto:gmajella@shaw.ca) or call Father at the office. Intentions can be paid for through our new donate button on the website: [www.stgerardssm.ca](http://www.stgerardssm.ca) or through our mail slot in the office door. Please comment that it is for a mass intentions.

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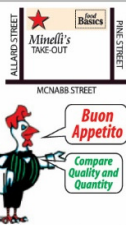
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