



St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tues to Fri 9:30am to 12:30pm

Please email anytime at
gmajella@shaw.ca

January 16, 2022 **Second Sunday in** **Ordinary Time**

Weekend In Church Masses:

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

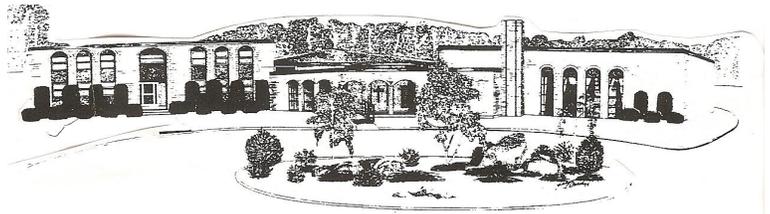
Sunday @ 11:00 am

Weekday In Church Masses:

Monday & Tuesday @ 9:15am

Weekday Masses at St Jerome Church

Wed, Thurs & Friday @ 9:15am



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 recognize a tree by its fruit , and we ought to be able to recognize Christians by their actions."

– St. Ignatius of Antioch

Email: gmajella@shaw.ca / Web: www.stgerardssm.ca/

Welcome
We're Glad You Joined Us Today!



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



Please send an email to 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.

Mass Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, Jan 22, 5:00 pm:

Lector: Sharon Mulligan
Foyer: Christine Ingribelli
Usher 1: Frank Del Paggio
Usher 2: Bill DeGroot

Sunday, Jan 23, 11:00am:

Lector: Rose Medaglia
Foyer: Shelia Beishlag
Usher 1: Ralph Medaglia
Usher 2: Antonia Cuglietta

Mass Intentions

Jan 17 to Jan 23, 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Monday, Jan 17, 9:15am In Church:

Eugenio & Pasqua Da Prat + by the Da Prat Family

Tuesday, Jan 18, 9:15am In Church:

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Saturday, Jan 22 5:00 pm In Church:

Intentions of Callie Eisler by Mary Lesage
Angela Pagnotta + by The Taylor & Pagnotta Families

Carlos Arruda + by The Wheten Family

Sunday, Jan 16, 11:00am In Church:

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Donations:



There are three ways to donate:

- 1) **Leave donation envelopes** in our office mailbox slot or in the donation box at mass.
- 2) Set up a **preauthorized donations**. We want to thank all for this! If you wish to start this program, please email the office for the form.
- 3) We have **charitable donations on our website:** www.stgerardssm.ca . CanadaHelps.org will generate an income tax receipt immediately for the parishioner.

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



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

Synodal Process in our Diocese: During the month of January 2022, everyone is invited to participate in the consultation phase of the Synodal Process in our Diocese.

Your responses can be submitted online using the form on the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/synod> and then emailed to synod@ssmd.ca or submitted to us by email, bring the page to the office, or you can put your page into the collection box.

For a synodal Church

The word “synod” may be new to many Catholics, but the reality described by it has been part of the life of the Church since Apostolic times. “Synod” comes from two Greek words meaning, “walking together.” A synod is an ecclesial gathering with the goal of discerning what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church at the time. “Synodality” describes the way the entire Church—all of the baptized— seeks to discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us right now. If that sounds to you like the Church just being the Church, that’s because it is!

The official name for the “synod on synodality” is: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” Even before Pope Francis called the entire Church to this “synodal process,” many bishops across the world have used synods to reinvigorate their local Churches.



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The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

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Synod 2021 2023 Let us Participate!!

1. **LISTENING** Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? How is the contribution of consecrated men and women integrated? What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?
2. **FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY** Synodality entails receptivity to change, formation, and on-going learning. How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue? What formation is offered to foster discernment and the exercise of authority in a synodal way?
3. **COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY** In the Church and in society we are side by side on the same road. In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”? Who are those who seem further apart? How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals are left on the margins?
4. **SPEAKING OUT** All are invited to speak with courage that is, in freedom, truth, and charity. Who speaks on behalf of the Christian community, and how are they chosen?
5. **CELEBRATION** “Walking together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist. How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
6. **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION** Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate. How is every baptised person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders the baptised from being active in mission? What areas of mission are we neglecting?
7. **DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY** Dialogue requires perseverance and patience, but it also enables mutual understanding. To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue? What are the places and means of dialogue within our local Church?
8. **ECUMENISM** The dialogue between Christians has a special place in the synodal journey. What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
9. **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION** A synodal church is a co-responsible Church. How is authority or governance exercised within our local Church? How are teamwork and co-responsibility put into practice? How are lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people promoted?
10. **DISCERNING AND DECIDING** In a synodal style we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?

WEEK *of*
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2022

SEMAINE *de*
PRIERE
pour L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS
2022

ON-LINE SERVICE

PRIÈRE EN LIGNE

**Thursday Jan 20
at 7:00 p.m. EST**

**Jeudi 20 janvier
à 19 h 00 HNE**



Zoom @ tinyurl.com/unity2022

*"We saw the star in the East,
and we came to worship him"*

(Mt 2,2)

*«Nous avons vu son astre à l'Orient
et nous sommes venus
lui rendre hommage»*

(Mt 2,2)

Co-presided by / co-présidé par

+Thomas Dowd

Catholic diocese of Sault Ste. Marie
Diocèse catholique de Sault Ste-Marie

+Anne Germond

Anglican dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee
Diocèses anglicans d'Algoma et de Moosonee



Presented by the
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l'Ordre de Saint-Lazare

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11



Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.

JOHN 2:10

BOGDAN SONJACH-NY / SHUTTERSTOCK

What's New?

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken* or *desolate*, but now a *delight* and *espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How might you describe your relationship with God?*
- ★ *Do you feel alienated from God? Remember, God's mercy can change that.*

Dear Padre,

I work hard all week and look forward to sleeping in on Sundays. Why should I get out of bed and go to Mass?

I imagine that your parish provides suitable Mass times, even for late sleepers. But there are overpowering reasons for attending Mass. First, I'll discuss how the Mass is our present-day connection with the Last Supper, the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his apostles. As observant Jews, they commemorated their ancestors' escape from slavery in Egypt. Jesus used his



final Passover meal to teach us how to escape a bondage crueler than the Jews experienced in Egypt—the enslavement of sin.

The next day, Good Friday, Jesus would die on the cross. Think of it: Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, became human to teach us about God's love for

us. The people's reaction to this goodness was to kill Jesus in an inhuman way.

In response, God would have been justified in destroying the world, as he did in reaction to the people's depravities during Noah's time. Instead, God gave us further evidence of his patience and forgiveness. There is nothing our Father would not forgive, including the sin of killing Jesus. At the Last Supper, Jesus said: "This is my blood..., which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

Jesus' death, which we remember during the Mass, liberates us from sin. It also liberates us from death itself. Because Jesus in his mortal body was willing to die, he shows us the plan God the Father has for each of us—a resurrection like Jesus'. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving for these gifts from God.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We go to Mass because we are sinners and we want to receive God's pardon, to participate in the redemption of Jesus, in his forgiveness. The confession which we make at the beginning is not pro forma. It is a real act of repentance! I am a sinner and I confess it—this is how the Mass begins!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 18
Weekday
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 19
Weekday
1 Sm 17:32–33,
37, 40–51
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 20
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for
the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children
2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,
19, 23–27
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

JANUARY 23
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10
1 Cor 12:12–30
or 12:12–14, 27
Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21



Mass intentions: Remembering your loved ones



If you have a mass intention, please do email us at gmajella@shaw.ca or call 705-949-0435 for the office. Intentions can be paid for through our new donate button on the website: www.stgerardssm.ca or through our mail slot in the office door. They are \$15.00. Please comment that it is for a mass intentions.

CWL Memberships

Memberships for 2022 are now being collected. Cost remains \$25. Please use a separate envelope and make sure to include your name and phone #; add your email address if you have one. You can drop that off in the donation box before masses or at the office. If you are not able to get out, please contact Sabina to arrange for a pickup...phone 705-942-9869 or email:

remondsa54@gmail.com



We are looking for ladies who are willing to sit on the **Executive Committee**. All positions are available: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson for Faith (spiritual), Chairperson for Service (memberships) & Chairperson for Social Justice.



Welcome to Kindergarten!

It's School 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 Dec 31, 2021. 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.