St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

211 Pentagon Blvd.
Sault Ste. Marie ON P6B 5J4

August 7th, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend In Church Masses:

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

Weekday In Church Masses:

Monday & Tuesday at 9:15 am

St. Jerome

Wednesday to Friday at 9:15 am

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

Confession

Please call the Parish office to book your confession time or attend the parish on Saturday from 4:00 pm – 4:40 pm.

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.

Parish Administrator

Father Alex Saurianthadathil

Assistant Pastor

Father Charles Ngozi Abiamiri (SMMM)

Parish Secretary

Melissa Pietarinen

OFFICE HOURS

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

Please email anytime at

gmajella@shaw.ca

Parish - Phone: 705 949 0435 Email: gmajella@shaw.ca

If you are new to the Parish we encourage you to join our family & register

www.stgerardssm.ca

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin through email. Please send an email to gmajella@shaw.ca and your email can be put on our parish register list.

Mass Intentions August 6th to August 9th 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Saturday August 6, 5:00pm

Mary Baldin +
By Jane McNally & Friends

Agnes & William Murry +
By Daughter Leah & Son In-Law James Dougan

Joseph Sanguinetti +
By Mother Amalia, Sister Marisa & Family

Sunday August 7, 11:00am

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Monday August 8, 9:15 am

George Matejic
By Maralyn Matejic

Tuesday August 9, 9:15 am

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Mass Intentions August 13th to August 16th 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Saturday August 13, 5:00pm

Jose Arruda +
By The Arruda & Wheten Family

Carlos Arruda +
By The Arruda & Wheten Family

Matthew Wheten +
By The Wheten & Arruda Family

Sunday August 14, 11:00am

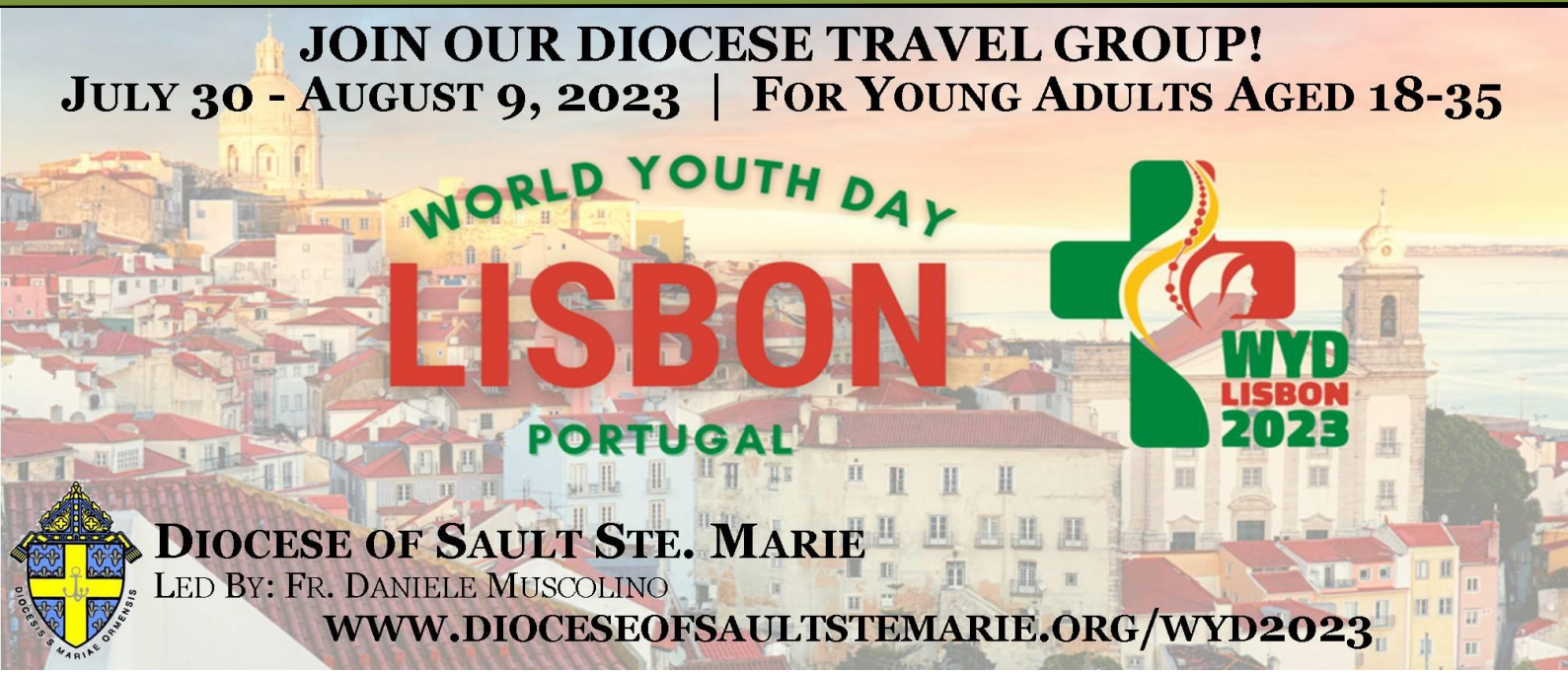
Intentions of All People in the Parish

Monday August 15, 9:15 am

George Drazenovich Senior +
By Daniel Drazenovich

Tuesday August 16, 9:15 am

Mark Drazenovich +
By Daniel Drazenovich



World Youth Day 2023

July 30 to August 9, 2023

For Young Adults Age 18-35

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated about every three years in a different country. WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter centered on Jesus Christ together with their peers.

This event is an opportunity to personally experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who are committing their lives to Christ and His Church. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen your faith and grow closer to Christ, through prayer and the sacraments, together with hundreds of thousands of other young people who share your interests and ambitions.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 7, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wis 18:6–9
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12
Lk 12:32–48 or 12:35–40

Live By Faith

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

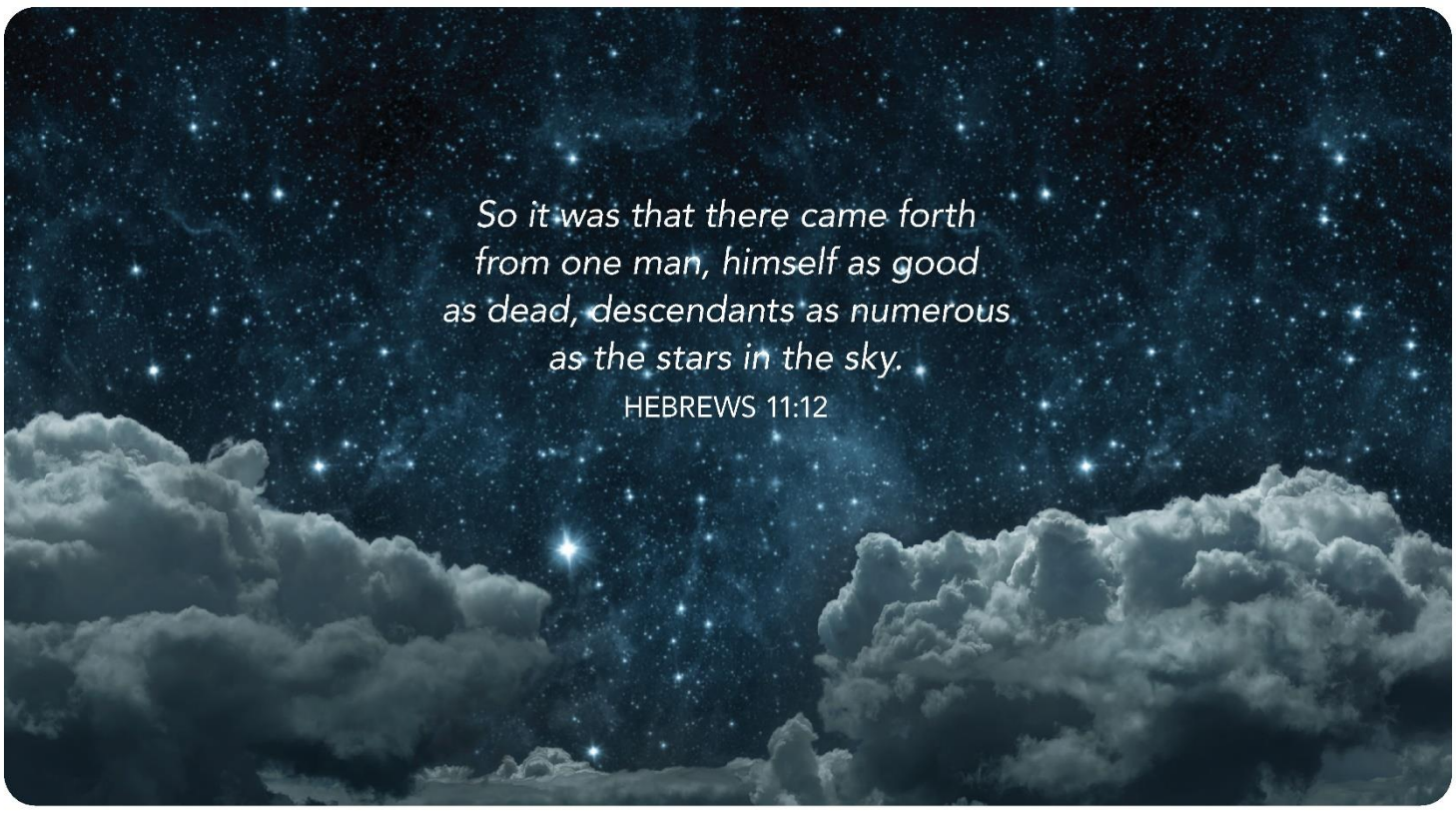
The phrase "seeing is believing" is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, "I won't believe it unless I see it." However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don't see it, don't understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet live like this we must, whether we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham's life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ***Do you always need certainty before you act? Has that always worked?***
- ***Be grateful for the times when you stepped forward in faith and God brought things together.***



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Dear Padre,

When I was young, we never had eucharistic devotions. Why are they so popular now?

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics found solid food for their spiritual lives in eucharistic devotions, which include visiting the Blessed Sacrament (eucharistic adoration), attending Forty Hours devotion, and assisting at benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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However, as the modern liturgical movement began picking up steam, scholars and theologians began questioning the amount of energy and attention going toward eucharistic devotion. They urged us to focus our spirituality more clearly on the Mass—the action of the sacred liturgy and the Eucharist itself—and to understand that all eucharistic devotions outside of the sacred liturgy are meant to direct us back to the action of the Mass, the eucharistic sacrifice, and its high point of Communion.

The drop-off in eucharistic devotions after Vatican II can be positively understood as an attempt to take the insights of liturgical reform seriously and develop a more liturgical piety. At the same time, the resurgence of eucharistic adoration is a worthy retrieval of a beloved practice that both scholars and the faithful understand as complementing a full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy that is the "source and summit" of our lives.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 8
St. Dominic, Priest
Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday
AUGUST 9
Weekday
Ez 2:8—3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday
AUGUST 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Thursday
AUGUST 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday
AUGUST 12
Weekday
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday
AUGUST 13
Weekday
Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday
AUGUST 14
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist....Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.

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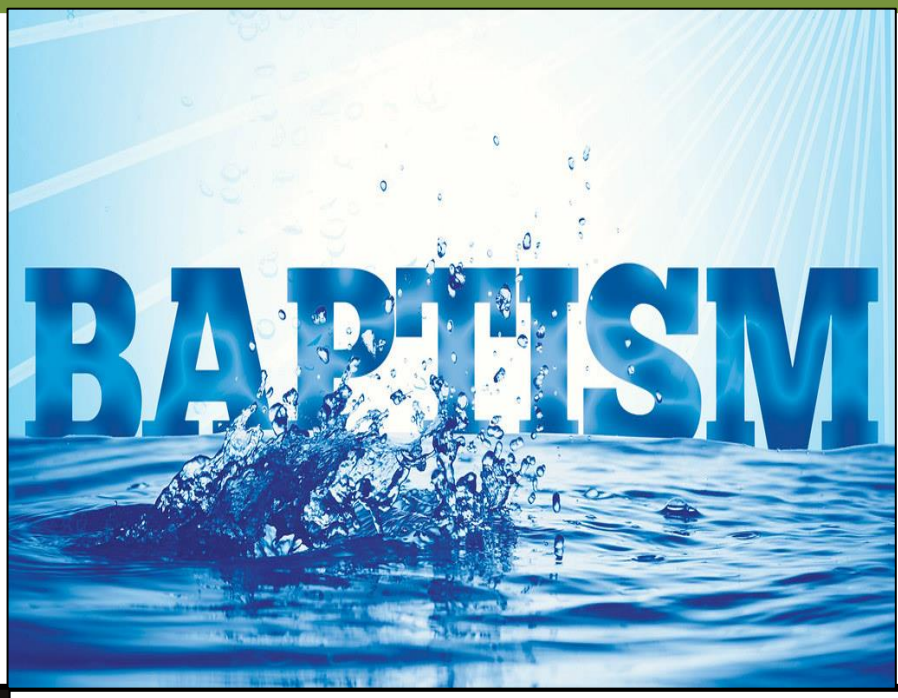
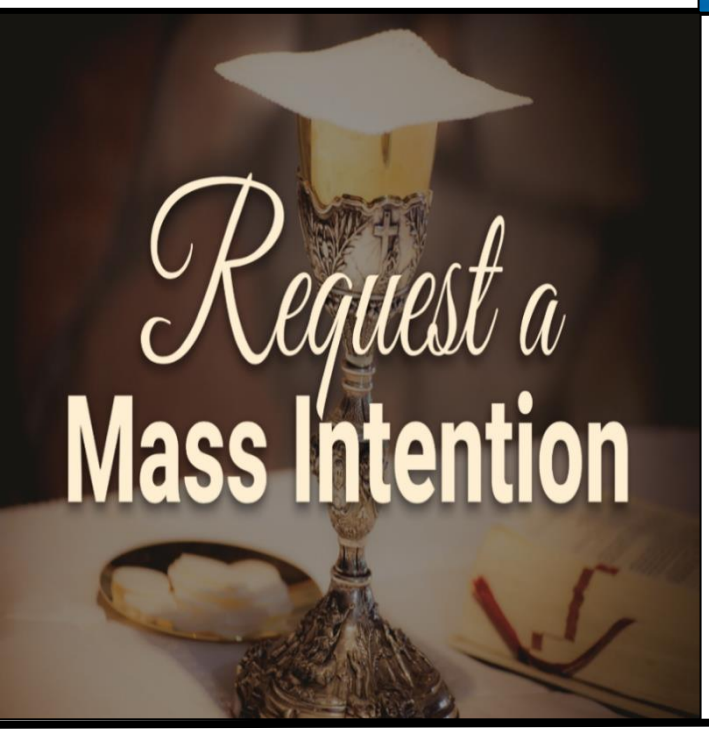
Please register your child online on our website at www.stgerardssm.ca under the sacrament tab and baptism. Baptisms are being performed individually and not during the regular weekend masses. If you have any questions, please email us at gmajella@shaw.ca.





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 intention.

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. A candle costs $150.00 and renewals are $50.00. Your memorial candle will be lit for 6 months with the name of your loved one. If you are interested in purchasing, please contact the office.