



St. Gerard Majella

Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

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



September 11th, 2022

Twenty-Fourth 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

Confessions

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

Email: gmajella@shaw.ca / Web: www.stgerardssm.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 September 10rd to September 13th 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Saturday September 10, 5:00pm

*Marie Taillefer +
By Her Children*

*Perry Cushner +
By Susan Cushner*

*Valentino Gorassini +
By Rita Gorassini*

Sunday September 11, 11:00am

Intentions of All People in the Parish

Monday September 12, 9:15 am

*Eugenio & Pasqua DaPrat +
By The DaPrat Family*

Tuesday September 13, 9:15 am

*The Emond Family +
By Rhea Emond*

Mass Intentions September 17th to September 20th 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Saturday September 17, 5:00pm

*Bill Struk +
By The Struk Family*

*Dan & Sandra Struk +
By The Struk Family*

*Francisco Bernardo +
By Triestina & Fernando
Mannarino*

Sunday September 18, 11:00am

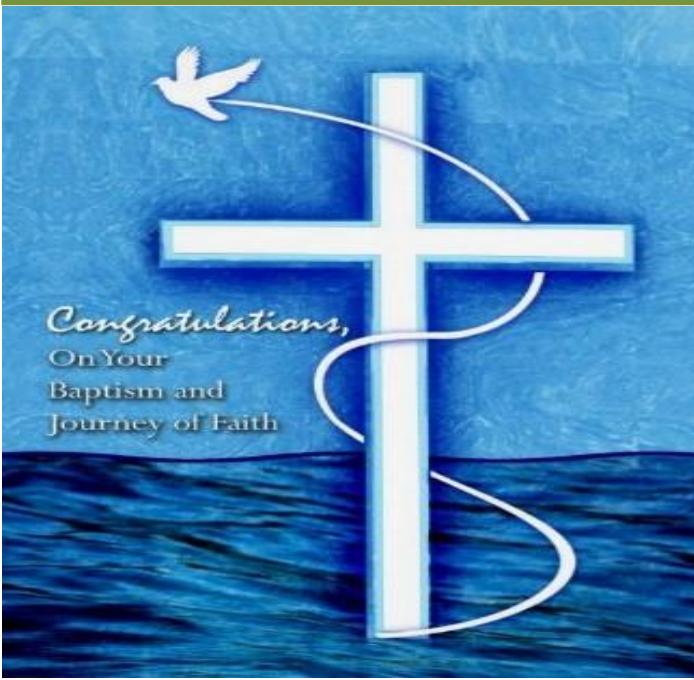
Intentions of All People in the Parish

Monday September 19, 9:15 am

*Cora Carlascio +
By Angelo & Maeve Coccimiglio*

Tuesday September 20, 9:15 am

Intentions of All People in the Parish



***ST. GERARD MAJELLA
CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE
THE CHILDREN ON THEIR
BAPTISM***

Benjamin Xian Pascua

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. Through baptism we are freed from the darkness of our world, we become sons and daughters of God and are embraced into the family of the Church. Baptism removes the guilt and effects of Original Sin and incorporates the baptised into the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ on earth. Catholic families are encouraged to baptize their children soon after birth, however sometimes people are baptized later, or even as adults. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, Baptism is the Church's way of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God.

Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of the mystical body of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

SAVE THE DATE!

Once again Development and Peace-Caritas Canada will be offering its Fall Retreat and Workshop at the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre

October 21 – 23, 2022.

Participation can be either in person or via zoom. More information regarding the theme, speakers, and registration will be in your September bulletins.



Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

*St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

*Exaltation of the
Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32 or 15:1–10

Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is **offended** when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

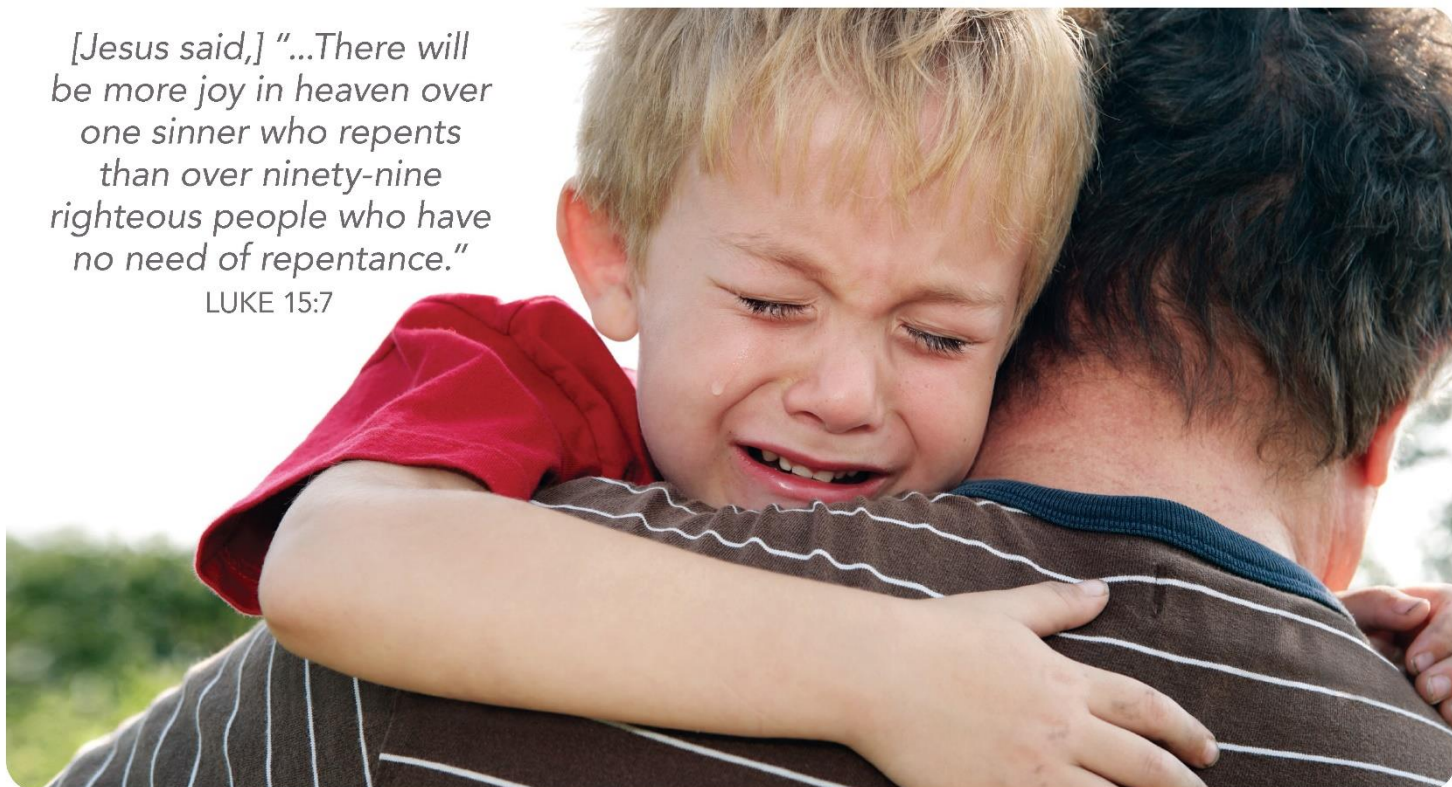
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"*
- ★ *Where might you show compassion to others?*

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



SUZANNE TUCKER / SHUTTERSTOCK



Fun for Seniors



The Seniors (50+) Social Group has resumed weekly. Come join us on Wednesdays from 9:30 am until Noon.

You're Invited!!

Friendship,
Cards, Games
and
Refreshments.



Thank you

Donations : There are three ways to donate

1. **Donation envelopes:** In our office mail slot or at mass.
2. **Preauthorized donations:** Please contact the office.
3. **Donations on our website:** www.stgerardssm.ca

Thank you so much for your generous donations



Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

Life Chain is held simultaneously in more than 200 locations across Canada each year. Please mark your calendar—the next Life Chain will be on

Sunday October 2, 2022 from 2-3 pm along Great Northern Road

Pro-life Apologetics: Be prepared to give an answer

Pro-abortion claim: We don't know when life begins.

Pro-life response: Because of various technological advances in the 19th century, science discovered exactly what happens at fertilization when a male sperm meets the female egg: it is the creation of a new, whole, and unrepeatable human organism that has a life, identity, and developing body entirely separate from those of the mother.

In 2018, a survey was taken of 5,502 biologists, a number of whom identified as “very pro-choice, on the question of when life begins. “Overall, 95 percent of them affirmed the biological view that a human's life begins at fertilization,” stated the study titled Biologists' Consensus on 'When Life Begins.' So, we do know when life begins and it is false to say that we don't.

(Campaign Life Coalition News-Letter)

For those who are interested in participating in Life Chain, you can obtain a sign at the vicinity of Great Northern Road and Willoughby street, next to where the Royal Canadian Legion Hall was located. A vehicle will be parked displaying signs.

For more information about Life Chain please contact

Claudette by email at

lapatte26@gmail.com



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 7 days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Deepen your spiritual life by spending a quiet hour with the Lord.

Please note: Beginning Sunday, September 18th: On Sundays to Fridays from **4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** recitation of the Rosary and song will be offered along with quiet prayer time. All are welcomed!

For more information or to **inquire of hours available** please call Roberta (705) 946-0169 or email caymalone@yahoo.ca.

The 4:15 Daily, Rosary Group - Time, Place and Name Changes

***This group was formed following the closure of the churches in the early pandemic crisis. Now that the churches are re-opened, it is fitting and right to return to the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.**

***Please note that the now called St Mariam Rosary Group, who gathered at the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, will be praying in the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel church at 4 pm, beginning September 18th, 2022, from Sundays to Fridays.**

***On Saturdays, we will continue to pray the Rosary at the Cross at 4 pm, using the 92.5 FM radio station.**

***Please, also note that we will not use the transmitter-radio in the Chapel.**

***We will keep the same format: Songs, Reflections, Intentions, Rosary, in addition to some Personal/intimate quiet time with our Lord.**

***You are welcome to join us, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, as we will pray together the Mysteries of the daily Rosary.**