St. Gerard Majella

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAULT STE. MARIE

211 PENTAGON BLVD.

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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.

November 6th, 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend In Church Masses:

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

Weekday In Church Masses:

Monday at 9:15 am

Tuesday at 9:15 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 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 November 5th to November 8th 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Saturday November 5, 5:00pm

Leo Taillefer
By His Children

Emilio Perri & Deceased Relatives +
By Rose Perri & Family

Jackie O'Brien +
By Victoria & Michael Bronicheski

Sunday November 6, 10:00am

Joseph Michael Sanguinetti +
By Lina & Benardo Fragomeni

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Monday November 8, 9:15 am

Eugenio & Pasqua DaPrat +
By The DaPrat Family

Tuesday November 9, 9:15 am

Jackie O'Brien +
By Dacey Family

Mass Intentions November 12th to November 15th 2022

+ denotes a mass for a deceased person

Saturday November 12, 5:00pm

Fred Michaud +
By Gloria Struk

Shirley Santa Maria+
By Donna & Carmen Borghesse

Imelda Parisotto +
By Daughter Sandra

Sunday November 13, 10:00am

Angela Pagnotta +
By Pagnotta & Taylor Family

Monday November 14, 9:15 am

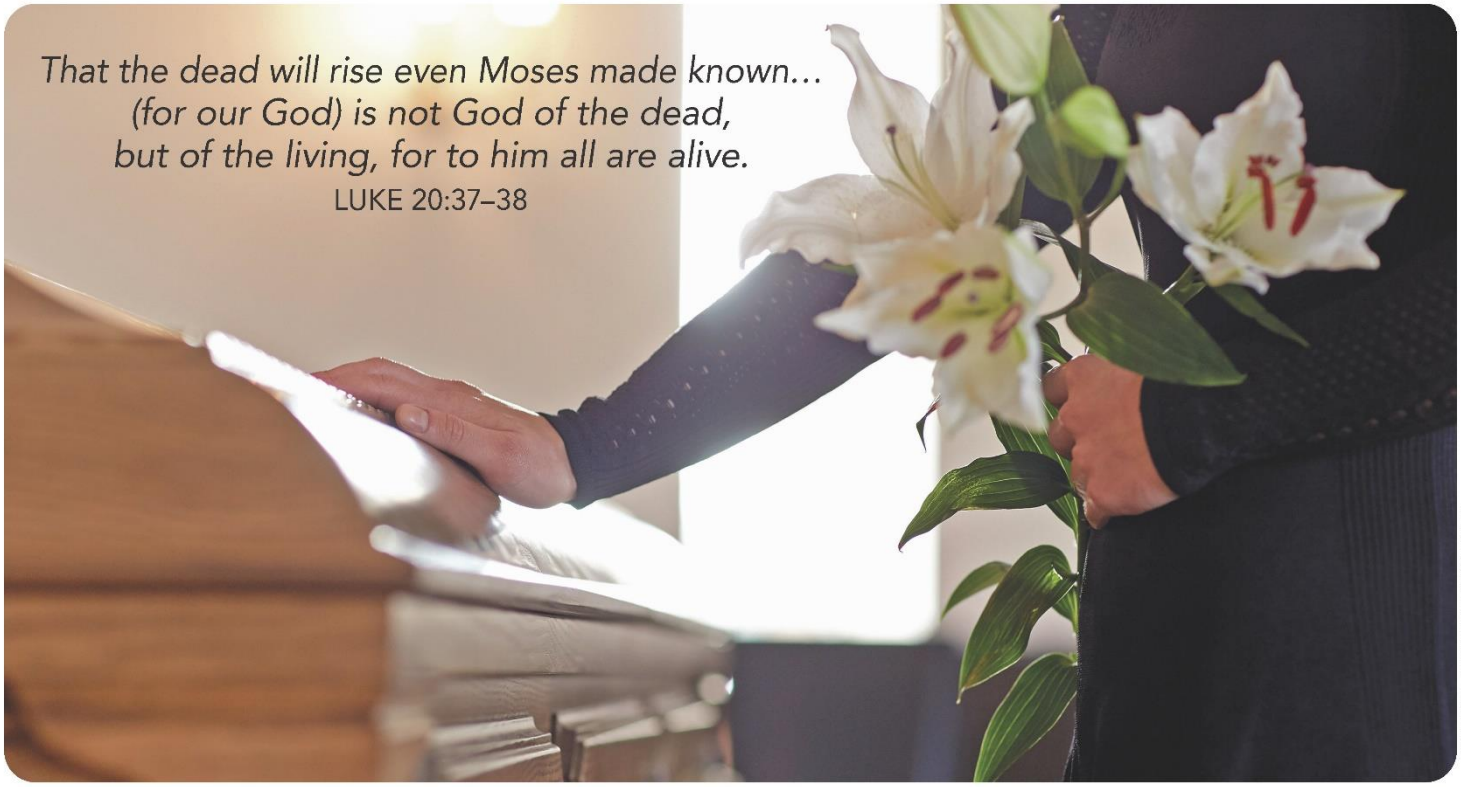
Carmen & Anna Tucci
By Denis &Elia Lehtinen

Tuesday November 15, 9:15 am

Gisella Gorassini+
From Reta Gorassini

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 6, 2022
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14
2 Thes 2:16—3:5
Lk 20:27–38 or Lk 20:27, 34–38



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I Believe in the Resurrection of the Dead

We say this every time we pray the Creed. It is such a familiar statement that we might fail to be astounded.

The ancient Israelites did not think that death was the ultimate end. They believed the dead went to a place called Sheol. This was a place just for the dead; there was neither reward nor punishment. Some scholars think that it was only much later, when Israel encountered Greek culture, that we see a more developed teaching on the afterlife. We hear that teaching in the first reading. Facing martyrdom for his faith, one of the brothers insisted, "The King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever" (2 Maccabees 7:9). His faith was based on his assurance that his covenant bond with God would not be severed, even by death.

In the Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to make Jesus look ridiculous. There was a custom that if a man died without an heir, his brother was to have relations with the widow. The child born of that union was considered the legal heir of the deceased man. This custom was meant to ensure that the inheritance remained within the family. The Sadducees, who do not believe in resurrection, are mocking Jesus with their question. Jesus, aware of their intention, does not fall into their trap. Instead, he replies that in the coming age, marriage will not be necessary because resurrected life will not end. Finally, if God is a God of the living and not the dead, as Moses declared, then all are somehow resurrected.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ***Reflect on the implications in your life of this teaching on the resurrection of the dead.***
- ***How prepared are you for the inevitable reality of death?***

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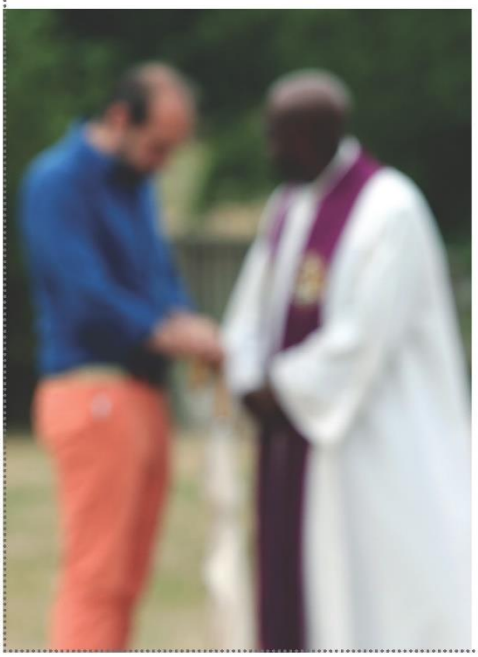
Dear Padre,

What is the purpose of confession if we're punished anyway when we die?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sin has a double consequence: eternal punishment and temporal punishment. "Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life." This consequence is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. "On the other hand, every sin, even venial...must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the 'temporal punishment' of sin" (*CCC* 1472). Thus, with the remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins, and the remission—at least in part—of the temporal punishments resulting from sin, the sacrament of penance allows penitents to attain complete purification "in such a way that no punishment would remain" (*CCC* 1472).

Because our relationship with God was ruptured by sin, Christ instituted the sacrament of penance so that our friendship and communion with God can be restored, including our unity with his body on earth, the Church. In fact, "reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God" (*CCC* 1445). The words of absolution in the sacrament attest to this reality: "Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace."



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God is loving and merciful, not vindictive and unforgiving. Our Creator, who made us to be with him for eternity, doesn't desire an eternal punishment that prevents the very purpose for which we were created!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is of great comfort and hope to listen to this simple and clear word of Jesus about life beyond death; we need it very much especially in our time, so rich in knowledge about the universe but so lacking in wisdom about eternal life.

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 7
Weekday
Ti 1:1–9
Lk 17:1–6

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 8
Weekday
Ti 2:1–8, 11–14
Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome)
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17
Jn 2:13–22

Thursday
NOVEMBER 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Phmn 7–20
Lk 17:20–25

Friday
NOVEMBER 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
2 Jn 4–9
Lk 17:26–37

Saturday
NOVEMBER 12
St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
3 Jn 5–8
Lk 18:1–8

Sunday
NOVEMBER 13
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19–20a
2 Thes 3:7–12
Lk 21:5–19

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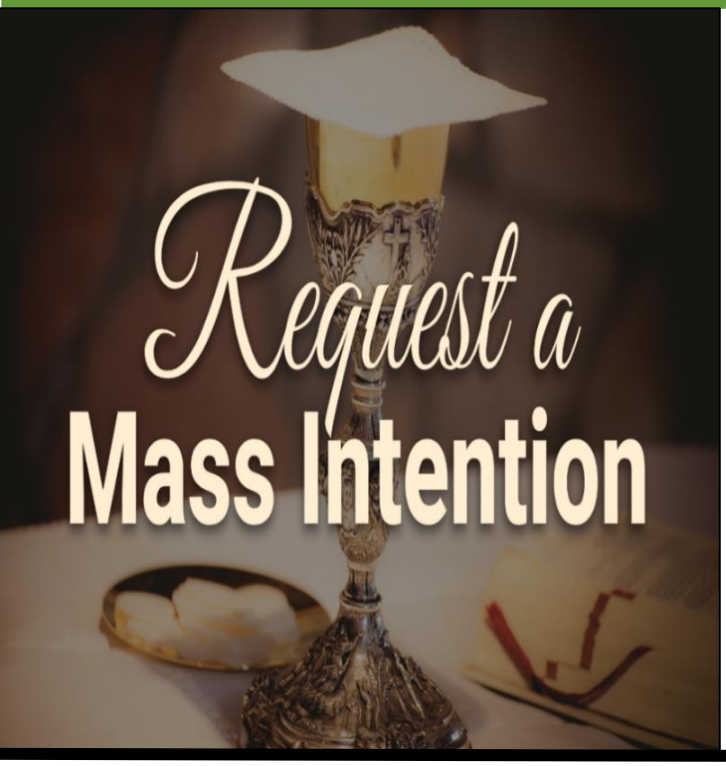
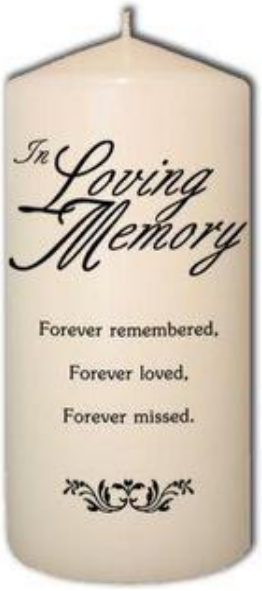


Mass intentions
Remembering your loved ones

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.

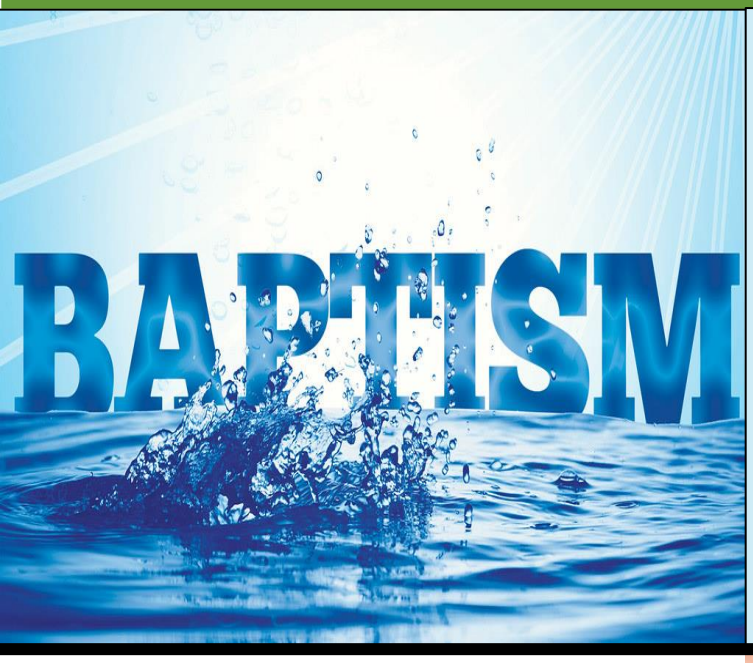
FLAMELESS VOTIVE CANDLE

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.



The Lords Cupboard has Resumed. All Items can be dropped off at Church Hall November 19, 20, 21 and 22 during Mass hours.
All Non-perishable items will be accepted.
Ensure the expiry dates are double checked.

Your Donations are Greatly Appreciated.

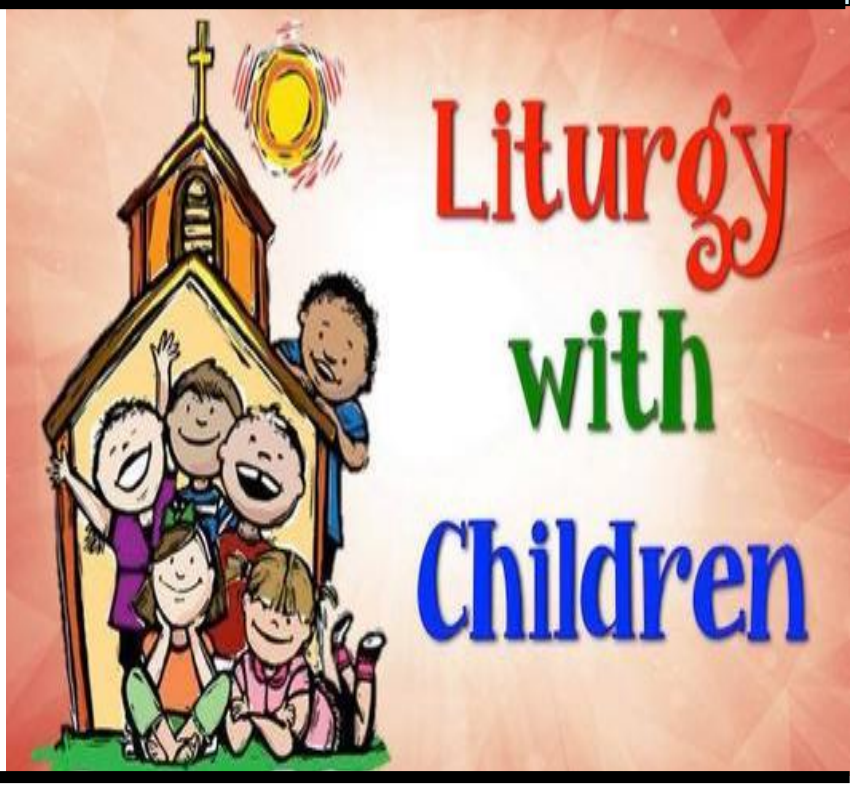


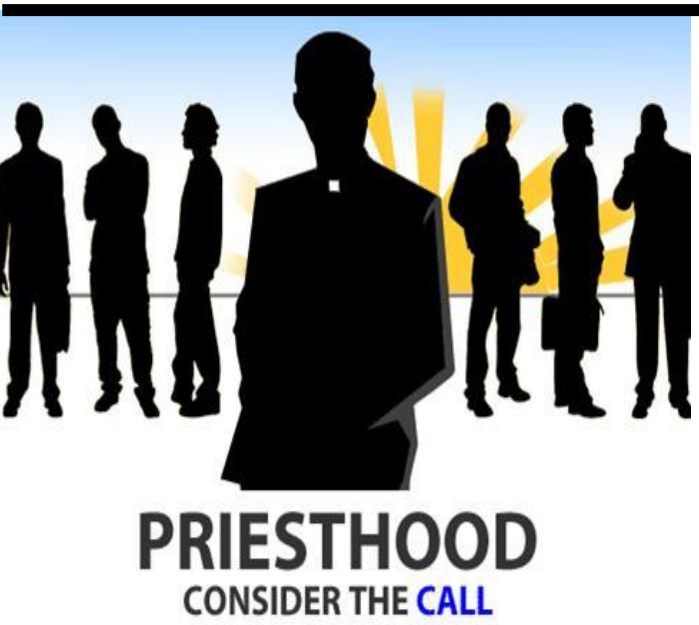
Baptisms

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.

We are happy to announce that The Children's Liturgy has started.

We invite the children to participate in the enriched readings with songs, pictures and may other colorful actives for all ages.





SEMINARY COME & SEE WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 18-20

Have you ever felt that God was calling you to something more? Have you ever considered the possibility of the priesthood? Spend a weekend in prayer, discussion and reflection with priests, faculty and seminarians at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, on November 18-20, 2022. This "Come & See" weekend is open to all single men 17-45 years of age. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Daniele Muscolino, Vocations Director, at 705-495-1501 or email d.muscolino@ssmd.ca

Everything Christmas Garage Sale

Our Christmas Garage sale is retuning

to St. Gerard Majella Parish
On Saturday November 26 2022
from 9:00am to 1:00pm

It is called "Everything Christmas" which explains it all things which we are hoping to sell.
Christmas trees, indoor & outdoor lights, wreaths, garland, Christmas toys and outdoor Decorations etc..
We shall be accepting anything that shines, lights, shimmers, sings or Twinkles.

This is a great opportunity to donate your no longer needed Christmas decorations to our sale.

Drop off dates will be Thursday November 24th and Friday November 25th from 10:00am to Noon and 2:00pm to 5:00pm
Please ensure your items are in working order and in sellable condition.

As and added bonus we will be having a bake sale included.
Please note you will not be receiving a phone call asking for baking.
We count on your generosity once again in providing us with baking goods and other treats.

It would be most helpful if you would bring your baking ready to sell

For further information please contact
Eda 705-945-8528
Sheila 705-949-2446

World Youth Day

Sunday, November 20
Solemnity of Christ the King

† World Youth Day is a gathering of Catholic Youth.

† Created by now-Saint Pope John Paul II in 1984 in order to bring Catholic young people from all over the globe to pray and celebrate together.

† World Youth Day is held on a grand scale every 2 to 3 years, with millions of Catholic youth.

† When not celebrated on a grand scale, World Youth Day is now celebrated on the Solemnity of Christ the King - the last Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar.

† In 2002, World Youth Day was held in Toronto.

† 13 Pilgrims from the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie will attend WYD 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal.

On World Youth Day, November 20, take time to:

† Pray for all young people.
† Reach out & have an honest dialogue with a young person about life and faith.
† Encourage young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
† Compliment and encourage young people who are practicing their faith.
† Be present to a young person in your life who is struggling in any way.

A Prayer for Youth and Young Adults

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to you we turn in humble prayer. Look with favour upon all young people, bearers of hope for the Church and the world.

Jesus Christ, companion of youth and young adults, bless the paths of discovery and discernment, through times of joy and experiences of hardship, with the constant love and support of your Church.

Jesus Christ, alive in the hearts of all your people, grant that we may "journey together, young and old… to nourish our enthusiasm, cause dreams to emerge, awaken prophesies and enable hope to blossom."

Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all humankind, open our hearts to encounter all young people, to accompany and be in community together, and as one Church, embark upon our holy mission.

Jesus Christ, in the company of the Father and the Holy Spirit, graciously hear our prayer and be with us forevermore.
Amen.

Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, 199