

THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

All are Welcome to Encounter Christ

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

9600 Regent Avenue North
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu | 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday | 9:00am-1:00pm
Sat-Sun | Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Mon-Fri | 8:30 am | English
Sat | 8:00am | Vietnamese

Weekends

Sat | 5:00 pm | English
Sun | 8:00 am | Vietnamese
Sun | 9:30 am | English
Sun | 11:00am | English

Reconciliation

Sat | 4:00pm, or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

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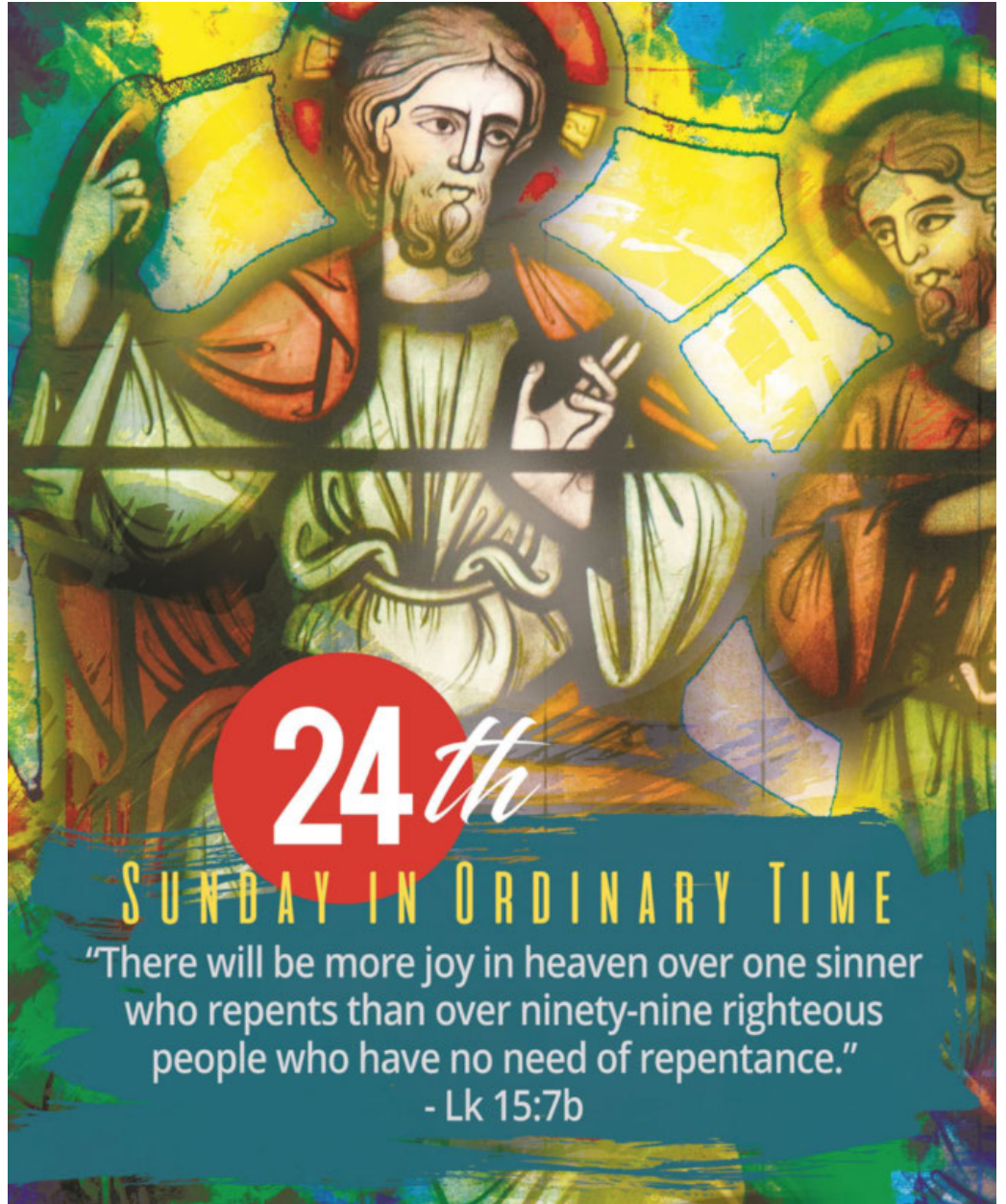
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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

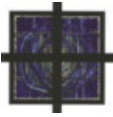
"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

- Lk 15:7b



We send periodic updates to parishioners who have signed up with Flocknote. Stay up to date with us!

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Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe that it was over twenty years ago when the tragedy of September 11th changed our nation and world. We continue our prayers for the families who lost loved ones and for whom twenty years distant from that awful day, has not filled the hole in their hearts.

It is hard to believe that in March of 2023, it will have been three years since the onset of the Covid19 pandemic. While it may seem like we are getting back to our regular lives, there are so many people who either lost a loved one or who are dealing with residual effects of the virus or who still cannot be in public crowds.

As I start my second year as pastor, I am aware daily that our parish has had its own chapters of several disruptions to normal parish life. A key word I hear over and over again from concerned parishioners is "stability."

This fall, the Leadership Team (the combined Pastoral and Finance Councils) will

transition to five commissions (Liturgy and Worship; Pastoral Care; Social Outreach; Community Life; and Faith Formation). The members of these commissions will select their representatives to the Pastoral Council. We will also recruit additional members to our Finance Council who, along with our Trustees, will continue to responsibly steward the gifts of the people.

To begin this exciting new chapter in our parish, I am inviting all interested parishioners to attend a special "town hall style" meeting on **Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 P.M.** in our main church. I will present an update, introduce the tasks of our commissions and then take questions and concerns. Then those who are interested in being a part of our parish's leadership, can sign up with the appropriate commission for more information.

I offer my gratitude to God for the willingness of so many of our parishioners who have offered their labors for the good of our parish.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Charlie Lachowitz, Pastor



PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 13

6:30 pm | **GriefShare, Fireside Room**

7:30 pm | **Regents AA, Garden Room**

Wednesday, September 14

3:00 pm | **Adoration, Chapel**

6:00 pm | **Music rehearsal, Church**

Saturday, September 17

4:00 pm | **Confessions, Church**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Gerard's invites you and your pets big or small, living in water or on land! Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, turtles, lizards, pet spiders, horses and even snakes...all are welcome! Our Blessing of the Animals is Saturday, October 1 at 11:30am in the church parking lot by picnic benches. We do this in honor and remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi! For more information, please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office at: formation@st-gerard.org

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO CARE CENTERS

Extend our Eucharistic celebration to those who reside at care centers within our parish boundary. Lead Word/Communion Service. We are presently serving Urbana and Tradition. Training, resources,

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 11

8:00am | People of the Parish

9:30am | People of the Parish

11:00am | Debbie Patnode +

Monday, September 12

8:30am | People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 13

8:30am | Steve Arc +

Wednesday, September 14

8:30am | Dee Sokolowski +

Thursday, September 15

8:30 am | Paul Cong Nguyen +

Friday, September 16

8:30am | Paul Cong Nguyen +

Saturday, September 17

5:00pm | Steve Arc +

and mentoring are provided. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry contact Joni at 763-424-8770 or jonis@st-gerard.org

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

Saint Gerard is starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry and we need you. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl. Contact Joni at 763-424-8770 or jonis@st-gerard.org

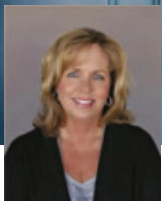
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