

# THE CHURCH OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

*All are Welcome to Encounter Christ*

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 | TWENTY-SIXTH 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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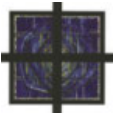
26<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:31



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## 2 | REBUILDING WITH GRACE

The Church of St. Gerard Majella | [st-gerard.org](http://st-gerard.org)



Dear Parishioners:

On Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, I hosted a town hall-style meeting to provide an update on the formation of our pastoral and finance councils, introduce our new commissions for sign-ups, provide other opportunities for service and engage in a dialogue on peoples' questions, concerns and comments.

Over 75 people attended. I was most impressed. The questions, concerns and comments were inspiring as they all pointed to how the attendees were committed to the health and well-being of our parish. If that wasn't enough, the sign-ups for the commissions and the other opportunities for parish involvement far exceeded my expectations. It was an evening that can be best explained by one grateful parishioner: "I felt tonight that our parish is back!"

There was great optimism for our ability to rebuild from what had been put on hold because of the pandemic. Yes, we all share the concerns expressed for financial transparency, evangelization of our youth, good communications and ways to include more of our Vietnamese and African parishioners in the life of our parish. Over the next few months, I am looking forward to working with our councils and commissions to make great progress in these and other areas of parish life.

As I said on that Thursday evening gathering of interested parishioners, "God has given us every gift we need to meet any need we will ever have." This statement of faith was realized in the people who were in attendance at the meeting. Yet I am also greatly encouraged that there are many more supportive parishioners who did not attend but are no less committed to the vitality of parish life.

Of course there are challenges. But for now it is a time to rejoice in the treasured gift of the people of the Church of St. Gerard Majella. I offer my prayers of gratitude to God for all of you. I am one lucky pastor!

Blessings in Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Charlie Lachowitz, Pastor

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN SOON

Our "new" start date for Faith Formation classes here at St. Gerard will begin on Wednesday, October 19 from 6-7:30pm.

We are still in need of more volunteer Catechists, if you would like to share your faith with our children and youth, please email [formation@st-gerard.org](mailto:formation@st-gerard.org)

2022-2023 Faith Formation Dates are on the following Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm:

October 19  
November 9  
December 7 & 21  
January 11 & 25  
February 8 & 22  
March 8 & 29  
April 12 & 26  
May 10 & 24



## PARISH CALENDAR

### Tuesday, September 27

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

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

### Wednesday, September 28

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

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

### Saturday, October 1

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](mailto:formation@st-gerard.org)

## ADULT EDUCATION / FAITH FORMATION

Would you like to take a refresher course on the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Come join us at an introductory meeting on Thursday, September 29th at 6:00 PM to learn more about "Catholicism 101 / RCIA". The program "Symbolon", developed by

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, September 25

8:00am | People of the Parish

9:30am | Al Snow +

11:00am | Gerald & Robert Steffens ++

### Monday, September 26

8:30am | Paul Cong Nguyen +

### Tuesday, September 27

8:30am | People of the Parish

### Wednesday, September 28

8:30am | Dee Sokolowski +

### Thursday, September 29

8:30 am | Steve Ach +

### Friday, September 30

8:30am | Catherine Klein +

### Saturday, October 1

5:00pm | People of the Parish

Ascension Press ([www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)), will be presented over the course of the fall and winter months. The video series provides a wonderful explanation of the "what and why" of the Catholic faith. The class will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:00PM – 7:30PM and cover the foundational beliefs of our Church in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. The evening will include a video and an opportunity for discussion and questions. Also, anyone who desires can be initiated into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, 2023.

Please join us at the introductory meeting with any questions or concerns. Even if you are not sure if this is appropriate for you at this time, COME. Spread the word and invite your friends and family to this wonderfully opportunity here at St Gerards.

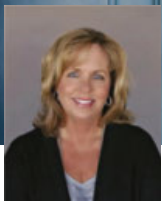
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