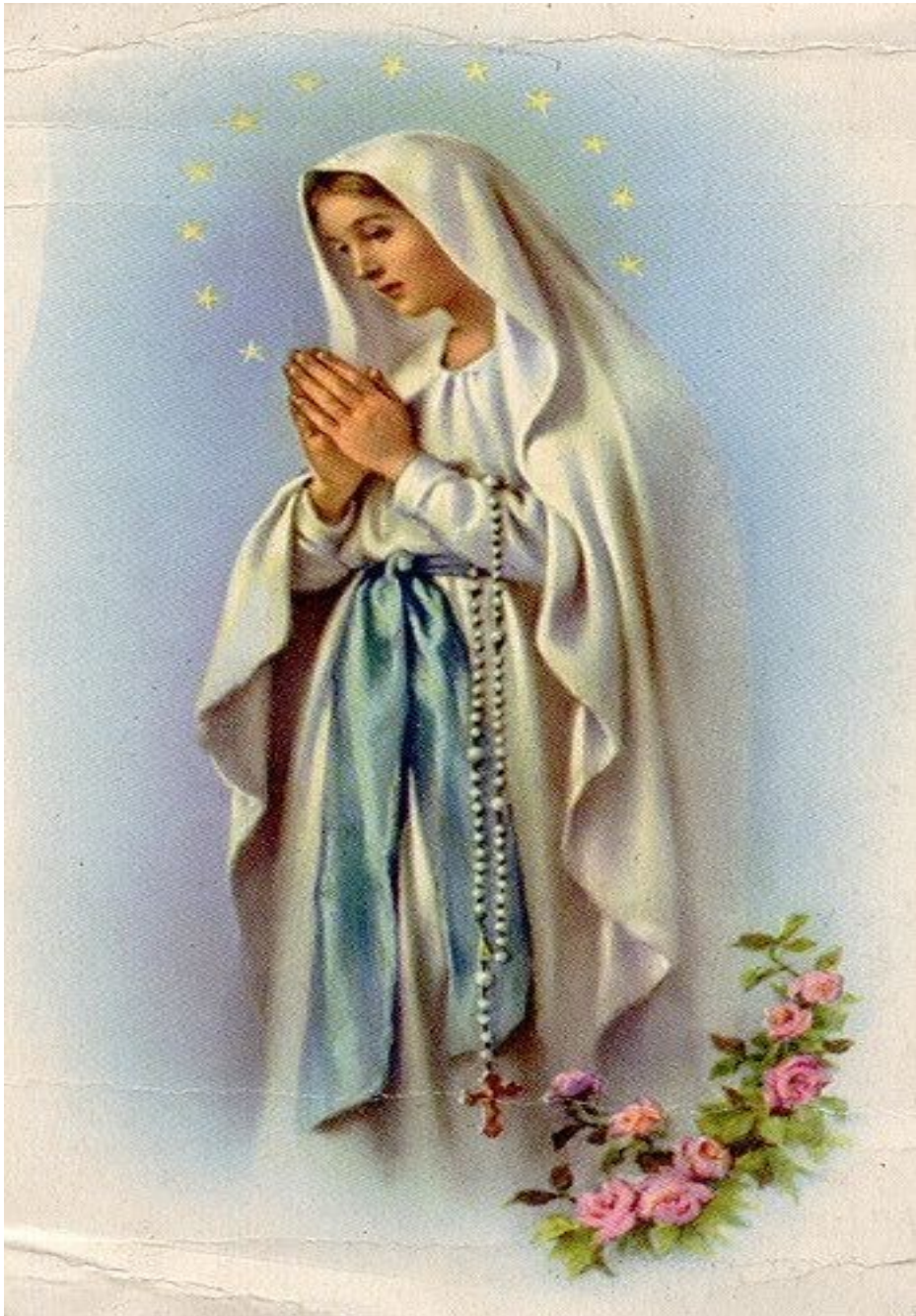


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE

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| Tuesday | 9:00 AM |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM |
| Friday | Adoration (please sign up) |
| Saturday | 5:30 PM |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM |
| | 11:00 AM |

CONFESSIONS:

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| Saturday | 4:30-5:15 PM |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30-8:50 AM |
| Wednesday | 5:30-5:50 PM |

ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISMS:

Parents should be registered parishioners or active for 6 months prior to baptism. Please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Thursday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30am—4:30pm

PASTORIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Father Richard Wise

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MUSIC DIRECTOR: Open

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Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death. Amen

Until further notice, Father Wise will not be saying Mass on Monday morning. He needs a day of rest after the weekend. Masses will resume on Tuesday through Thursday at the regular times.

In keeping with our Catholic commitment, we pray for our deceased and sick, and those lives that need. Please continue in this tradition by scheduling a **Mass intention** on the weekends or during the week.

Fr. Wise says we will start praying the Rosary 20 minutes before each Mass. This will start next **Saturday, July 7th**. We need to assign Prayer Leaders from the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Seniors and Youth Groups.

If anyone needs a rosary, we have them available at the church office. Call 706-861-9410 and one will be provided.



Devotional Growth with the Rosary

Being since Mary is the Mother of God, we are seeking Her intercession to help heal our parish.

The **Holy Rosary** is in the sense of “crown of roses” or “garland of roses”. The Rosary has been featured in the writings of Roman Catholic figures from Saints to Popes, and continues to be mentioned in reported Marian apparitions, with a number of promises attributed to the power of the rosary.

The Virgin Mary is reputed to have made 15 specific promises to Christians who pray the Rosary. The Fifteen Rosary Promises range from protection from misfortune to meriting a high degree of glory in heaven.

It is said that during the time of the Penal Laws in Ireland when Mass was either infrequent or impossible, the Rosary became a substitute within the home. During the 18th century, the French priest Louis de Montfort elaborated on the importance of the rosary and its power in his book *Secret of the Rosary*. He emphasized the power of the rosary and provided specific instructions on how it should be prayed, e.g. with *attention, devotion, and modesty (reverence)*, with reflective pauses.

One of the forces that encouraged the spread of the rosary during the 19th century among Roman Catholics was the influence of the Rosary Pope, a title given to Leo XIII (1878–1903) because he issued a record twelve encyclicals and five Apostolic Letters concerning the rosary, instituted the Catholic custom of daily rosary prayer during the month of October and, during 1883, added the invocation *Queen of the most Holy Rosary* to the Litany of Loreto.

Leo XIII explained the importance of the rosary as the one road to God from the faithful to the mother and from her to Christ and through Christ to the Father, and that the rosary was a vital means to participate with the life of Mary and to find the way to Christ. This emphasis on the path *through Mary to Christ* has since been a key direction in Roman Catholic Mariology, with Mariology being viewed as inherent in Christology.

Weekly Offerings

6/23– 6/24 Offertory Received

\$4,514.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Reserve Account

\$419.00

Mass Intentions

Sat., 6/30 5:30 pm Pray for Parishioners

Sun., 7/1 9:00 am Pray for Betty Cabeen

11:00 am Pray for Parishioners

Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Jude Bendzel, Linda Black, Virginia Black, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Martha Bourne, Betty Cabeen, Candance Carne, Lisa DePrima, Cynthia Devine, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Leslie Kell, Richard Klingler, Virginia Koch, Sara Mason, Georgina Matich, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Bill Medford, Jane Mercier, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word.

Ladies Guild

There will be no more meetings planned until August.

However, we will be planning a **Church Picnic on Sunday, July 15th**, after 11:00 am Mass. The **Knights** will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs.

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sundays: *Prison Ministry* 6:30-7:30PM

Saint Vincent de Paul meets every other Monday. **The next meeting is July 9th.**

Knights of Columbus:

- Wednesday, **July 11th** Meeting 7:00 pm
- Thursday, **July 19th** 4th Degree Meeting in Calhoun 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, **July 25th** Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm
- Saturday **July 28th Rosary** at 5:00 pm

If anyone is interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact **Grand Knight, Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.**

Seniors

There will be no more meetings in June, July or August. The next meeting will be in September.



St. Vincent DePaul

Dear fellow parishioners, we are having an active summer with many requests for housing and utility help. Some of our most recent clients are newly released prisoners who are trying to find jobs and decent housing. Thanks to your continuous generosity, we have been able to help them find their way!

We would love to welcome some new members to our society. Please consider joining us. The time commitment is small and the rewards are great. We ask you for your prayers and support.

We are often asked for food assistance by our clients. If you would like to help in this regard, please drop off donations in the designated receptacle bin in the lobby of the parish hall or the front of the church. **Most needed items: peanut butter, soup, tuna or canned meat, rice, beans or other canned vegetables and pasta.**

Any questions about becoming a member please call **Donna Shipley** at **423-718-6951** and leave a message.

Our helpline number is: 678-892-6163

Compassionate Christ, aid us in ministering to the needs of your people.

Increase our love for the poor and abandoned and grant us the grace to serve.

May we reflect your compassion for the destitute and sorrowful and learn to love them tenderly and respect them deeply.

So that the poor will know God's love in a tangible way. Amen.

Women In Prayer

If you have any prayer requests, please contact **Irene Staub** at 706-375-4934 (Home), 423-902-6630 (Cell), or istaub1014@aol.com or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or rlswope374@comcast.net.

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one.

Please contact Irene or Linda.

Adoration

Adoration is a time to receive God's grace while we are giving Him our praise and worship. Jesus said, "*Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.*" During this time, all the stress related to our daily activities is released. Further, by His grace, we leave better prepared to cope with these daily activities. We have received His peace.

Please be sure to sign up for extended adoration on the **1st and 3rd Friday** of **each month**. There are many slots still needing to be filled. Two people are needed for each time slot.

The **July Word Among Us** books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church. Please take your copy and leave a dollar in the envelope to cover the cost of the magazine. Thank you!

