

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Sunday, May 14th 2017



St Gerard

Although a tailor by trade, his love of God propelled him to seek a religious vocation early on. After being denied entry into the Capuchins because of his health, he entered the Redemptorist order as a lay brother in 1749, and worked there as a tailor, cook, sacristan, and infirmiran, among other duties. The great Saint Alphonus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists, called him “a miracle of obedience” as he obeyed his superiors both when they were present and absent as well, by reading their thoughts!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

BAPTISMS

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Wednesday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Friday Parish Office Closed

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Weekly Offerings

5/7/17 Offertory Received

\$ 6,193.00

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Capital Campaign

\$748.00

A Note from Fr. Bill

Dear People of God

In the season of Easter we are called to recognize that God points us to him in two ways; One is the Saints and Mary herself point us to God as being the source of life. On the Easter candle the symbols of the A & U which tells us he is the beginning and the end.

The other way is the icon of Jesus pointing to his heart. Here he tells us we find God in the soul of our lives. In Sacred Scripture he says where I am, so the Father is. He is reminding us that God abides in us and with us as we live out our days. Pointing upward is a very sacred act. We are always to point everything up to the Father who helps in all his ways. Not my will be done but Your will be done.

Next Wednesday we will have the Living Rosary on the front lawn of the church. We are having it to honor Mary in the month of May and the beginning of the year of Mary. Please come and be a part. We will be saying the Glorious Mysteries because we are in the Easter Season.

First Communion was a beautiful celebration from the mass to the luncheon after. The parents were very honored that we would have a meal for their families. The honor is always all ours that they come with their children to prepare them for this special sacrament. One young person who received said to their parent that they now have the Body and Blood of Jesus inside them. Out of the mouth of babes. What an awesome reality!!!

People have been asking about the shrine of Mary that blew down. It went down when we had that ninety mile and hour wind that came with the storm a few months back. Since then we have been in the process of taking own the bricks. We will move it to the other side of the Church so it will book end the building and balance it out. People have asked if it was vandalism and no, it was not.

People have asked about the bell. It is in the attic where it was originally. We will be placing it on a trust system which will make it more permanent. The temporary fix that has been done is the rope coming out of the attic into the women's bathroom. So the quandary of what the rope is for is to ring the bell at the beginning of mass. Fear not we will rectify the problem with the rope coming through the wall into the narthex. It is great to have it back!

In Christ
Fr. Bill

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2017 Annual Appeal theme is "You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" Our 2017 goal is \$18,200.00. As of 5/11/17 We have exceeded our pledge goal! We have \$19,678.00 in pledges! A surplus of \$1, 478.00 will be returned to us once all pledges are paid. I would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity towards the Annual Appeal. You can also visit www.appeal.archatl.com to see Archbishop Gregory's video or to donate.

Mothers Novena

We will be having a Mother's Novena for all living and deceased mothers. The Novena will start this Sunday, May 14th at the 11 am mass and continue for 9 days until Tuesday May 23rd. The cards will remain on the altar for the entire month of May.

Cards are in the entry of the church. Write your intentions of the outer envelope and place the mass donation in the outer envelope and place it in the collection basket. The inner card is yours to give as you choose.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 5/14	9:00 AM	Prayer for Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Mothers Novena
Monday 5/15	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
Tuesday 5/16	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
Wednesday 5/17	6:00 PM	Mothers Novena
Thursday 5/18	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
Saturday 5/20	5:30 PM	Mothers Novena
Sunday 5/21	9:00 AM	Mothers Novena
	11:00 AM	Prayers 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, David Perry, Paul Worland, Jean Hawkins, Martha Bourne, Mary Moser, Dolores Sutton, Kathy Samilo, Jeremiah Word, Nora McKenzie, Virginia Black, Pamela Kanter, BJ Hoette, Judi Fraley, Gerald Hoffman, Frances Spataro, Sue McGoff, Jill Mitchell, Sara Mason, Ralph Medders, John Samilo, Danielle Lark

Extended Adoration

*****Important***** We have extended adoration the first and third Fridays of every month from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. If you have signed or an allotted time **please remember to fulfill your obligation or find someone to take your place.** There have been people who have signed up and never showed up which means the person before you has to stay until someone shows up! Also a few afternoon time slots that only have one person signed up. There must be 2 people in the presence **at all times. Under no circumstances is there to be no one in the presence.** If you need to know what time you signed up for you may call the office. If you didn't sign up you are encouraged to spend as much or little time as you can!

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sunday, 5/14: *Mothers Day*

Prison Ministry: 6:30 PM

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Ladies Guild

There will NOT be a Ladies Guild meeting Tuesday, May 16th. All officers are out of town.

Altar Guild

May 14th	Shana Whiteford
May 21st	Gloria Kelly
May 28th	Celeste Hochrein

2017 Eucharistic Congress

“As for me and my house we will serve the Lord”

Each year, the Eucharistic Congress bring together Catholics from across the Archdiocese and the country to celebrate the visible, living presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This years Eucharistic Congress is June 16th & 17th at the Georgia International Convention Center. This event is for all ages with several “tracks” by age: children 5-10, middle school, and high school. Tracks for English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and sign language. Fun for all al we gather, share, pray and unite in faith!

For more information and to register call 404-920-6800 or visit www.congress.archatl.com, **#ATLEC2017**

Pentecost Picnic

Mark your calendars now! We will be having our annual Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, June 4th after the 11AM mass. More details will follow as the time draws nearer.

Living Rosary

On Wednesday, May 17th after the 6:00PM mass there will be a living rosary in the front lawn hosted by the Knights. All are welcome.

Senior Ministry

The next meeting will be at 12 Noon, June 7th in the PLC. Bring your brown-bag lunch. All parish seniors 55 or better are welcome. Our speaker will be Jan Clark from The Greater Good Thrift Store on Rossville Blvd.

Reminder Seniors are scheduled to clean the church for the month of May. Please contact Maryanne for time and day 706-694-2800. Remember “many hands make light work” !

The Seniors Ministry and Fr Bill honor the Sacrament of Marriage each quarter. Couples married in April, May, or June may have their marriage blessed after the 9am mass on June 25th. Deadline for sign-up is not later than after the 9 AM mass June 18th.



- Living rosary May 17th after the 6:00PM mass
- For more information on the Knights or becoming a Knight contact Tony DiMaiolo Grand Knight at 423-402-1102 or adimaiolo@yahoo.com

Visiting Priest

Fr. Bill will be away next weekend to attend the Knights of Columbus State Convention. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Gordon who will be saying weekend masses. Fr. Gordon was ordained in 1969 and belongs to the Archdiocese of Castries in St. Lucia. He worked with a hands-on ministry in Alabama and has preached on behalf of Food for the Poor for 21 years. Fr. Gordon will share personal witness about Food For the Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Thank You

Thank you to Lilia Thompson for donating a wheelchair for anyone needing it in the Parish Life Center.

Ministry Schedule

	Server Altar	Server Book	Server Cross	Lector 1	Lector 2	Extraordinary 1	Extraordinary 2	Extraordinary 3	Hospitality 1	Hospitality 2	Captain
20-May-17 Vigil Mass 5:30	Samilo, John	Gaudet, Henry		Homans, Ron	Hays, Don	Ring, Richard	Simons, Libby	Barrow, Gail	Watson, Bob	Borge, Louis	Hays, Captain
21-May-17 Sunday Mass 9:00	Adams, Matthew	Tapley, Pete		Swope, Linda	Rand, Greg	Staub, Jim	Rand, Teresa	Phelps, Kris	Martinez, Martin	Kelly, Gloria	Kelly, Captain
21-May-17 Sunday Mass 11:00	Heimer, Joseph	Heimer, Brandon	Pitner, John	Fuqua, Susan	Fisher, Joy	Tougaw, Ed	Tougaw, Ellen	Tougaw, Elizabeth	Fisher, Scott		