

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
(First Friday 9:00 am Mass)	
Adoration	9:00 am—1:30 pm
Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday PM	4:30-5:15
Tuesday & Thursday AM	8:30-8:50
Wednesday PM	5:30-5:50
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
following Masses every 3rd Sunday
Anytime by Appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Thursday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday, 9:30am—4:30pm

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**Honor, glory, and love to our divine
Lord Jesus, and to the holy and
immaculate Mother of God.**

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color **green**.

This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world.

As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. **Below are the Seven Sorrows of Mary:**

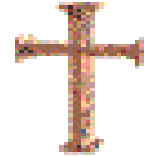
1. The prophecy of Simeon (*Luke 2:25-35*)
2. The flight into Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15*)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (*Luke 2:41-50*)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (*John 19:25-30*)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (*Psalms 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)
7. The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)



Brothers and Sisters:

Faith is a covenant relationship between ourselves and almighty God. It's a personal decision but a communal relationship called Church. The Lord Jesus established His Church so that we together become His sacramental Presence in the world and a Temple of the Holy Spirit. By ourselves we are merely dead branches along the road. Together we are attached to the Vine and produce much fruit. What a joy!

Fr. Richard Wise
Administrator



We are preparing for our inquiry program for those who are curious about who we are as Catholics. Some people are more interested now than ever before. **Our program begins Monday, October 1st at 7:00 pm.** Please invite a friend or relative to come with you.

The classes "**Jewish Roots of Our Catholic Faith**" will resume on Tuesday, September 18th at 11:00 am and Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.

ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

62nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

All Catholic women in the Archdiocese of Atlanta are members of the ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ORGANIZATION. Therefore, we invite you to attend the 60th Annual Convention to be held -

SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2018

**Atlanta Marriott Northwest at Galleria
200 Interstate North Parkway • Atlanta,
Georgia 30339 • 1-770-952-7900**

**We still need Rosary Pray Leaders.
Please make sure you keep signing up!**

Ministry Meetings & Events

Sundays: *Prison Ministry* 6:30-8:30PM

Knights of Columbus

Thurs., 9/20-4th Degree Meeting at St. Gerard's, 7:00pm.

Wed., 9/26-Officers Meeting at 6:45 pm.

All who are interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact **Grand Knight, Bob Watson at 423-290-5112.**

Don't miss out on the **Fabulous Fish Fry** coming up on **Friday 9/21 at 4:30 til 7:00!**

The **Charity is Hugs for Huntington Disease.** Come and enjoy and invite every-one you know!!

The **September Word Among Us** books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church. Please take your copy and leave a **\$1** in the envelope to cover the cost of the magazine.

Married Couples: The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Find peace in your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next Weekends are September 28-30 and November 16-18. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling **678-242-WWME**. For information on Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial see enriquecetumatrimonio.org

Weekly Offerings

8/25-8/26 Offertory **Received \$3703**

Weekly Offertory **Goal \$4000**

The Catholic University **\$377**

Mass Intentions:

Sat., 9/15 5:30 am

Sunday

Please Pray For:

Sam Zigrossi+

Our Parishioners

It is our tradition to offer Intentions for the sick, or our deceased members. Please stop by the Parish Office to schedule a Mass Intention.

The next scheduled **Ladies Guild Meeting** is changed to Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00.

Ladies of Charity needs your favorite recipes for a cookbook! In order to be available for holiday gift giving, the **deadline is Friday, October 5**. Please send recipes and any family stories connected to them to alyceownby@bellsouth.net.



**PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS FOR SVdP
WHEN YOU COME TO THE FISH FRY!**

YOUR DONATION WILL BE APPRECIATED

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, Candace Carne, Lisa DePrima, Cynthia Devine, Janice Fortune, Henry Gaudet, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Richard Klingler, Sara Mason, Georgina Matich, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Bill Medford, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Angelena Quaranto, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word.

St. Vincent DePaul

The **SVdP Society** of St. Gerard's is growing in our prayer life, numbers of members, and the folks who come to us for help. We thank you for your prayers and wonderful generosity that has made this possible.

We desperately need some food for our pantry. (see the list below). Be watching for an upcoming Food Drive!

Recently, we were able to help a mother and her two daughters leave an abusive home situation and get settled into alternate housing. Also an elderly gentleman in getting the oral surgery he so badly needs. Your donations literally give people a reason to smile!

“ I sing of mercy and justice to you, Lord, I sing praise” Psalm 101

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

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.

The Women's Enrichment Center is a pregnancy resource center servicing North Georgia with locations in Dalton and Ringgold. Their annual banquet helps build awareness of the work that they do as well as fund the program. For ticket information **please call 706-278-1050** or go to the website wecnorthga.org. The event is Tuesday, **September 18, 6:30-8:00** with Special Guest Speaker **Alveda King**, niece of Martin Luther King Jr. She is **Director of Civil Rights for the Unborn.**

