

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 17, 2018**



**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Adoration ( please sign up)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>

**CONFESSIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30-5:15 PM</b>
<b>Mon., Tues &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>8:30-8:50 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30-5:50 PM</b>

**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

**RESIDENT PRIEST & ADMINISTRATOR:**

Father Richard Wise

**SECRETARY: Temporary/Volunteer**

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**MUSIC DIRECTOR: Open**

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**706-897-2962**

**CHRIST**   
**THE KING**

## REST IN PEACE

**Monsignor Stephen Churchwell's Memorial Mass will be here at our Church on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:00 pm.**

**There will be a reception afterwards. Please bring a dessert of your choice.**

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The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 4:26-34. One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ could have come on earth in the prime of manhood, without the cooperation of any human ancestry. He could have preached his gospel to the whole world himself without any help from men. By extraordinary miracles he could have astounded the world into believing. If he wished to have the assistance of men he could have chosen the outstanding philosophers and orators of Greece and Rome. Instead, he chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and of a carpenter foster-father. He was born in a stable; was forced into pagan Egypt before he was a year old; he lived thirty or so years in Nazareth in poverty, earning his meager daily bread by the sweat of his brow. Then for three years he trudged the highways and by-ways of Palestine, often weary, hungry and footsore, preaching the good news of redemption. For assistants he chose fishermen, shepherds and tax-gatherers, twelve of the most ordinary of the ordinary people of his day.

When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world as prearranged by his Father, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to the death of the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages. The mustard seed in comparison was large. Yet, this was God's plan and therefore it succeeded as he said it would. The story of his humble origins among us, of his equality with us in all things, sin alone excepted, and of his self-immolation for us, touched human hearts wherever it was told and the grace of God did the rest.

Therefore, the spread of the Church is a proof of its divine origin—it is from God and God is with it. Knowing this, how grateful should we not be to him who has made us members of his kingdom on earth, with the assurance of a place in his eternal kingdom in heaven, if we remain his loyal subjects here below. How good God has been to us! To what lengths of humiliation did he not go to in order to open heaven for us! When we think of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Calvary, can we dare complain because he sends us a few crosses to help us to atone for our own past sins? When we wipe the sweat of honest labor from our brow, we will think of the carpenter of Nazareth. When we feel the pinch of poverty, hunger, debt, we will think of Bethlehem and its stable and of the poor home of Nazareth. If or when the injustice of others should drive us from our home and fatherland, as is the lot of so many today, we will think of the exile in Egypt. If we are saved this humiliation we will do all in our power to help "displaced" persons wherever they may be.

The tiny mustard seed has grown into a tree but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Christ asks every one of his followers to help him to bring all men into the safety of his kingdom on earth, so that they may be enabled to enjoy happiness forever in his heavenly kingdom. Realizing all that God and his divine Son have done for us, would we be so mean and ungrateful as to refuse to lend a helping hand? God forbid! God has already put us on the right road to heaven; we will help him to get in the stragglers, the lazy, the "couldn't-care-less" ones on that same road, by every means available to us.

## Weekly Offerings

6/9 – 6/10 Offertory Received

**\$1872.00**

**Weekly Offertory Goal**

\$4,000

**Building & Maintenance Fund**

**\$590.25**

## Mass Intentions

Sat., 6/16 5:30 pm Pray for

**Josephine Hudscot**

Sun., 6/17 9:00 pm Pray for **Parishioners**

11:00 am Pray for **James Davis**

## 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, Candance Carne, Lisa DePrima, Cynthia Devine, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Richard Klingler, Virginia Koch, Sara Mason, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Bill Medford, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word.

All are encouraged to participate in Mass during the week. Daily Masses are **Monday & Tuesday 9 am, Wednesday 6 pm and Thursday 9 am**. This is a part of the ancient Catholic tradition to participate in week day Masses. Many have jobs and cannot participate, however, if you are available it would be a good way to give Him glory and honor. Especially, daily Holy Communion is the best way for you to participate in divine life.

## Ministry Meetings & Events

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

### Knights of Columbus:

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

### Ladies Guild

There will be no more meetings planned until August.

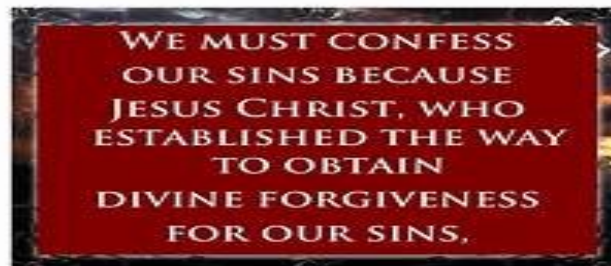
However, we will be planning a **Church Picnic on Sunday, July 15th**, after 11:00 am Mass.

### Seniors

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

### Linen Guild:

**June 17 Shana**  
**June 24 Irene**





## St. Vincent DePaul

Thanks from SVdP to **the Seniors** for their donation to help those in need!

**We are currently looking for someone to take over our Treasurer position.** Anyone interested should have good computer skills and be capable of keeping accurate financial records. Our Treasurer is not responsible for interviewing or interacting with clients, but does need to be available to write checks as needed and to attend meetings. Our Treasurer is at the heart of our society and is greatly needed and appreciated.

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**



## 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](mailto:istaub1014@aol.com) or **Linda Swope** at 706-861-9762 (Home) or [rlswope374@comcast.net](mailto: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.

**Fr John's father** passed away.

I am sure he would love to hear from you:

**Fr. John Pham**

**Basilica of Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**353 Peachtree St., NW**

