

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018



**Christ on the Shore**

**As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	6:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil	7:00 PM
Friday Holy Day	9:00 AM
	7:00 PM
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**

Tuesday by noon

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am—3:30pm

**PASTOR:** Father Bill Williams

sgmpastor@gmail.com

**SECRETARY:**

Temporary/Volunteer

sgmsecretary3049@gmail.com

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Open

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## Weekly Offerings

1/13-1/14 Offertory Received

\$3,138

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

**B&M Fund**

\$502.00

## Focus on Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Catholic Church, Ordinary Time begins on the day after the Feast of the [Baptism of the Lord](#). The church normally celebrates this feast on the Sunday after the [Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord](#) (6 January). However, some [dioceses](#), including those in the United States, always celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday after the [Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God](#) (1 January); in years when this Sunday celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord falls on January 7 or 8, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is moved to the following day, the second Monday of the year.

Therefore, Ordinary Time starts on the second Monday or Tuesday of the year (January 9 or 10) in those years and dioceses. The Christmas season includes the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, so Ordinary Time begins the next day, Monday or Tuesday, not on Sunday. However, the Sunday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is always counted as the "Second Sunday of Ordinary Time".

Ordinary Time continues through the day before [Ash Wednesday](#), which falls between 4 February and 10 March (inclusive), and marks the beginning of the Season of [Lent](#).

## Attention All Lectors

Notice to all new and previously trained Lectors. The 2018 Lector Books are in and available. They are located in the Server's Sacristy and can be picked up after or before any Mass.

Please review the Ministry List and secure one before your next scheduled opportunity to "Proclaim the Word".

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, 1/20 5:30 PM Prayer for Parishioners

Sunday, 1/21 9:00 AM Prayer for

Beatrice Macaulay+

11:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

Saturday, 1/27 5:30 PM Prayer for Sue McGoff+

Sunday, 1/28 9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners

11:00 AM Prayer for

Sandy Dagostino+

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## St. Joseph Missals

The 2018 St. Joseph's Missals have arrived. Again, this year the cost is \$3.00 per book.

If you are interested in one please contact the Office 706-861-9410, Email:

[sgmsecretay3049@gmail.com](mailto:sgmsecretay3049@gmail.com) or place the money in an envelope marked missals and I will put them aside with your name. There were 75 ordered and they are first come first serve.

## Pianist/Organist Needed

We are in need of someone to play the organ/piano at the masses. We are also looking for someone who may be interested in becoming our **music director**. If you are or know someone that is interested please contact the office.

**Pray for Our Sick Parishioners**

Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing, Virginia Black, Carol Bonitto, Martha Bourne, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Nancy Klingler, Sara Mason, Nora McKensie, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Jill Mitchell, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Hazel Watson, Jeremiah Word, Paul Worland.

**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.

**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 [lswope374@comcast.net](mailto:lswope374@comcast.net).

We have prayer shawls available for anyone who needs one. **Please contact Irene or Linda.**

**Ministry Meetings & Events**

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

Sunday 1/21: Religious Ed Classes

*Prison Ministry: 6:30*

Monday, 1/22: RCIA Classes 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 1/24: Knights Officer Meeting

**Sunday, 2/4: Chili & Cornbread Cookoff**

Super Bowl Sunday after 11:00 Mass  
Fund Raiser for the Youth Group

**Senior Ministry**

**Monday on 1/22 /18 at 12:00 PM**

Senior Social Potluck,

**Speaker Fr. John Pham**

**Wednesday on 2/7/18 12:00 PM**

Please bring a Sack Lunch. There will be no speaker at this time but we will be playing Bingo.

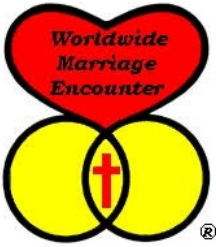
**2018 Calendars**

The 2018 St Gerard Church Calendars are available. They are located in a box in the entry of the church. Please be sure to take ONE. A big thank you to Lane Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.

## Marriage Encounter

The longest married couple search has completed, and we will be making an announcement about the GA and TN winners shortly, so please do subscribe.

Stress Proof Your Family! Go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The Marriage Encounter Weekend is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones ....and focus on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make. The next Weekends are scheduled for February 23-25 and April 20-22. You can get more information or apply online at [GATN-wwme.org](http://GATN-wwme.org) or by calling **678-242-WWME**.



## Word Among Us Books

The January Word Among Us books are now available. They are located in the entry of the church in a box please take your copy and leave a dollar in the jar to cover the cost of the magazine. They are available on a first come first serve basis so **don't delay!**

## St. Vincent DePaul

The SVDP Society of St. Gerard is coming into its busiest time of the year. The Holidays along with the cold weather bring us many more requests for help with food, power bills etc. Please be generous. Remember: "*... what you do for the least of these, you do unto me*"

Thank you for your past generosity. We can't function without you.

If you are interested please call **Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951 and leave a message.**

## Ordinary Time

- Liturgical Color
  - Green
    - Growth, hope, and life
- Occurs twice in the year
  - Between Christmas and Lent
  - Between summer and the fall
    - Pentecost-Feast of Christ the King
- Purpose
  - To recall the life of Jesus
  - Reminded that God is always there to help us live as Christians