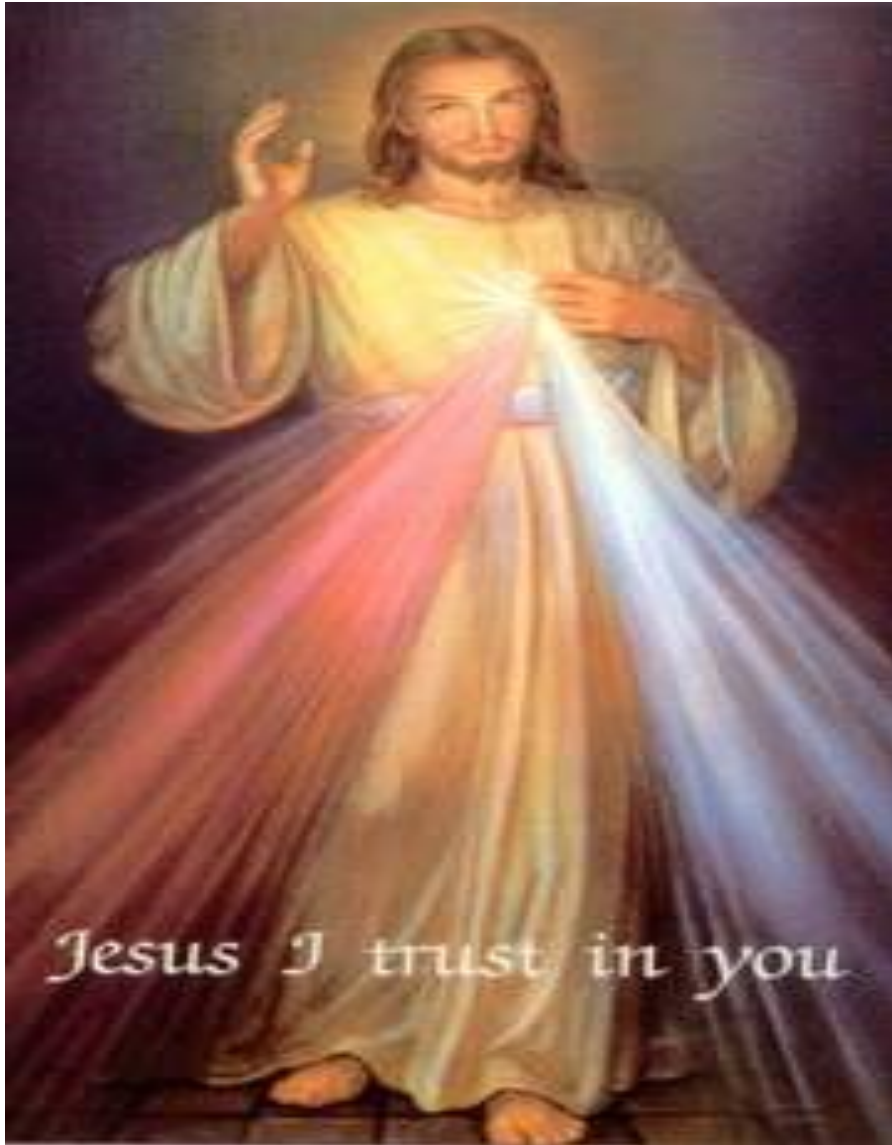


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF **SAINT GERARD MAJELLA**

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER OF DIVINE MERCY

April 8 2018



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

Thursday by noon

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:30am—4:30pm

Administrator/Pastor:

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Temporary/Volunteer

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OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA 30742**

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**Sacramental Emergency:
706-861-9421**

Give Jesus not only your hands to serve, but your heart to love. Pray with absolute trust in God's loving care for you. Let Him use you without consulting you.

Let Jesus fill you with joy that you may preach without preaching. -Mother Teresa

From Love: A Fruit Always in Season

Weekly Offerings

3/31-4/1 Offertory Received

\$3006.41

Weekly Offertory Goal

\$4,000.00

Capital Campaign

\$393.00

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 Bonito, Martha Bourne, Candance Carne, Cynthia Devine, Janice Fortune, Matthew Gaudet, Jean Hawkins, Gerald Hoffman, Pamela Kantor, Richard Klingler, Sara Mason, Nora McKensie, Linda Meeks, Ralph Medders, Jane Mercier, Jane Osterling, John Pitner, Landon Ryan, Kathy Samilo, Frances Spataro, Dolores Sutton, Jeremiah Word, Paul Worland.

What is the Divine Mercy image?

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. A contemporary image is shown on the cover page.

A basic explanation of the image is: Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus [[source](#)].



Mass Intentions

- Sat., 4/7** 5:30 PM Prayer for
Mary & Ralph Brown+
- Sun., 4/8** 9:00 AM Prayer for Parishioners
11:00 AM Prayer for
Mother of Anthony Caristi +
- Mon., 4/9** 9:00 AM Prayer for **Seniors**

MONTHLY MINISTRY

Leslie Erdman will be taking over the monthly Ministry Schedule. If any concerns, questions or suggestions you can contact her at 423-667-7956 after 2:30.

We need more Volunteers!

Hail Mary, Full of Grace

Model and Guide for Women Today

2018 Women's Convention

All are welcome! April 12-14, 2018

Sponsored by the Knoxville Diocesan Council
of Catholic Women

St. Stephen Catholic Church

Chattanooga, TN

For more information and registration materials,
visit www.kdccw.org



Ministry Meetings & Events

Knights of Columbus:

Sunday, April 15: Breakfast after both Masses. Proceeds will go to the grounds of the Church. Great food so **PLEASE ATTEND!**

Friday, April 20: The 15th Annual Golf Classic at Nob North Golf Course, Cohutta, GA. Please register by **April 15th**. Checks should be made out and mailed to Knights of Columbus #7416, P. O. Box 2352, Ft. O, GA 30742

Contact Benjamin Cabeen

Phone **423-653-1893**

Email: KofC7416@gmail.com

Seniors

Wednesday, May 2 - Seniors Meeting. Please bring a sack lunch. No speaker set up yet.

Please plan to attend.

The Seniors buy gift bags for parishioners in need, minister and donate to hospital and nursing homes and to different charities that request help.

Ladies Guild

The Council of Catholic Women joyfully invites ALL women and friends of St. Gerard Majella to attend the **Ladies Luncheon on April 21 at 11:30 AM**. Our theme this year is "Spring Fling." The cost is \$15 per person with proceeds going towards future food drives, receptions, pot lucks, and parish life. There will be music, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship. Tickets to win a beautiful basket full of goodies will be sold the day of the luncheon. If you wish to attend, please call **Ellen Tougaw at 706-858-3887**.

Altar Linen Guild: April 8: Jane

April 15: Betsy

April 22: Regina

April 29: Shana

Sunday : Religious Ed Classes

Prison Ministry

Tuesday, 4/10: 7:00 PM Finance Council

Wed., 4/11: 10:00 AM Hospital
Ministry

7:00 PM Knight Council

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.

St. Vincent DePaul

During this season of Lent we are encouraged to pray, fast and give alms. Please consider giving to SVdP as part of your almsgiving. **"For God loves a cheerful giver"**
2Co 9:7

Thank you for your ongoing and unselfish generosity. If you know anyone in need our **Helpline # is 678-892-6163**.

"One gives freely yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want"



Proverbs 11:24

Word Among Us Books

The April 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. They are available on a first come first serve basis!

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.

Please write to Fr. Bill Williams at:

Archdiocese of Atlanta
c/o Lisa Zayas
2401 Lake Park Dr. SE
Smyrna, GA 30080

Write to Fr. John Pham at:

Basilica of Sacred Heart of Jesus
353 Peachtree St., Nw
Atlanta, GA 30308

REMINDER:

We still need **Volunteers for monthly Church cleaning**. We now have a service to clean the bathrooms weekly and the rest of the Church twice a month. We need someone to vacuum the Church every other week that the cleaning service would not be doing it. The Signup Sheet is still in the vestibule. Please consider helping to keep our Church clean. **Thank you for all that have signed up and helped!**