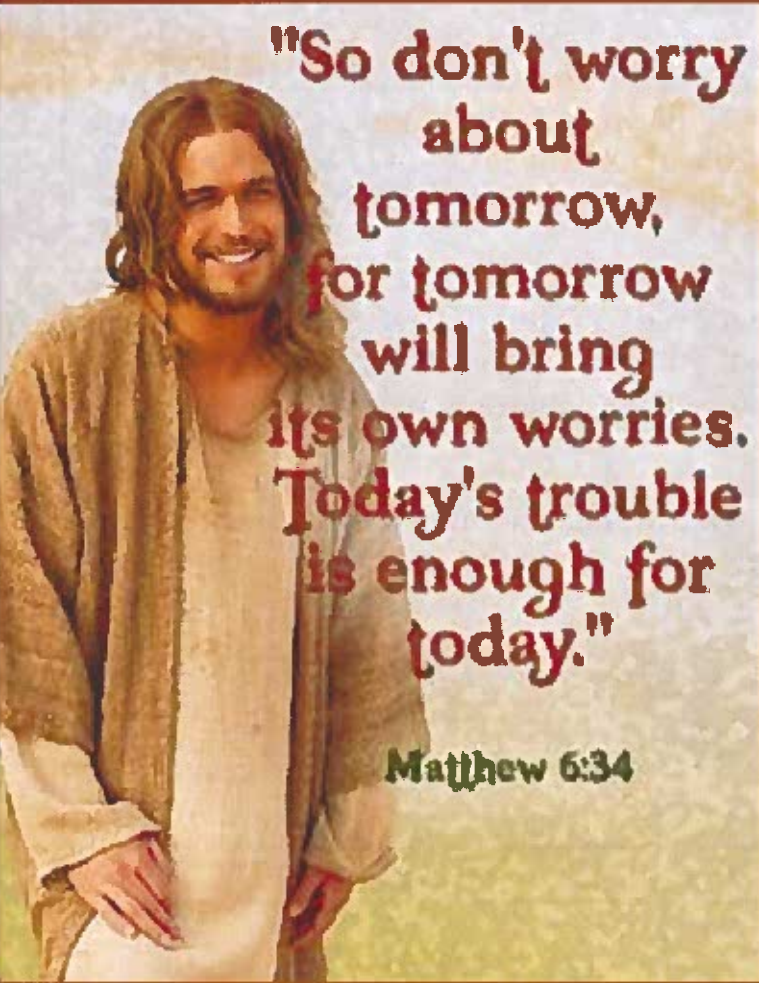


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA  
The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time      August 28, 2022



"So don't worry  
about  
tomorrow,  
for tomorrow  
will bring  
its own worries.  
Today's trouble  
is enough for  
today."

Matthew 6:34

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday      9:00 AM  
Saturday                      5:30 PM  
Sunday                      9:00 & 11:00 AM

Adoration

Friday 9:00 am - Noon

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:30 pm-5:15 pm  
Also by Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-4:30pm

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Let your

*Faith*

be bigger than  
your fear

## From the Pastor's Desk

During the meal in the Gospel, Jesus notices how everyone was attempting to choose the best places at the table. All of us have a fundamental drive to protect our reputation and honor.

What does Jesus suggest we do then? He tells us not seek out the highest places, next to the host or at least close by. Instead, we should sit down in the lowest place; then the host will come and lead us to a better one. We are sadly in need of Jesus' parable, with its climactic statement: "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Where the reign of God is in bloom we no longer need to fight for places; we may allow them to be shown to us. Where the new life under the rule of God is beginning, we no longer have to "make a name" for ourselves because our names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

When we live together in the sight of God we no longer need to hide our weaknesses because there it is obvious that all are weak. We ourselves are the poor, the disabled, the blind, and the lame of whom the Gospel speaks (Luke 14:13). We can show our wounds because now all wounds can be healed.

Peace,

Fr. Brian

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

We need people who are willing to serve as Eucharistic Guardians for an hour on a weekly basis and who would be willing to serve as a substitute when needed.

Adoration is every Friday from 9am to Noon. We would love to extend those hours with your help.

If interested please contact **Dale Osterling** at **423-664-3038**.

It is our tradition to offer Mass Intentions for the sick, or our deceased members. Please stop by or call the parish office to sign up for a Mass Intention.

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 27,

5:30pm

**SERVERS:**

Nick, Leo & Troy Velk.

**LECTOR:**

Stephanie Kowalewski.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

Joseph Kowalewski

**USHERS:**

Don Hays

Kieron Gleeson

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 28, 9am

CONNIE RIOS+

(Gallegos Family)

**SERVERS:**

Ramon Esteban

Dale Osterling

**LECTOR TBD**

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 28, 11pm

**SERVERS & LECTORS TBD**

**USHERS:**

Teri Hughes

Scott Fisher

**Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners**  
Please keep in your personal prayers the following members of our parish who are in need of healing: Asher Barhite, Janet Bean, Jude Bendzel, Faye Blevins, Carol Bonito, Candace Carne, Mason Cobble, Tracy Congdon, Cindy Divine, Cynthia Fulton, Matthew Gaudet, Joyce Gianato, Daniel Hamby, Jean Hawkins, Anne Janecjii, Pamela Kanter, Laura McClung, Linda Meeks, Jeanne Meyers, Sandy Murphy, Ruth Newsome, Jane Osterling, Lillian Pierce, John Pitner, Bill & Rose Pugli-ano, Kathy Samilo, Mary Ann Shanahan, Carol Sotelo+, Helen Telford, Ross Vecchio Sr. & Jr.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, August 28, 10-10:45am  
**Registration for Religious Education Classes.**
- Monday, September 5, Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 6, SVdP Meeting at 7 pm in the PLC.
- Wednesday, September 7, Seniors Meeting at Noon in the PLC.

### SENIOR MINISTRY

Hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to come back to our ministry meetings. We will begin our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, September 7th, at Noon**, in the PLC. Please bring a sack lunch.

We will be discussing our trip to **HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA on Wednesday, September 28**, regarding departure time and drivers, and who is planning to go. It is a 2 1/2 hour trip. We will also discuss our basket raffle. After the meeting we will play bingo, so please plan to stay and play.

Pat Evans  
Gloria Kelley

**For August 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for:**  
**Small Businesses**  
*We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.*

### Weekly Offerings

**8/21 Offertory Received \$4029  
(Online Giving \$990)**

**Weekly Offertory Goal \$4000**

### Saint Vincent de Paul

It's hard to believe that 2022 is two thirds done and summer is coming to an end. Sometimes we ask " where has the time gone?". Even so, it's never too late to turn our thoughts from ourselves and our needs and wants and to focus on our brothers who are living on the edge of financial and emotional disaster. You have a convenient channel to help these people; it is us, your parish SVdP society. We will see that ALL your donations are accounted for, used with care and compassion and appreciated. We not only open the envelopes; we put the contents to good use. Please help. God bless you and those you love

**If you are interested in joining St. Vincent de Paul, please call Donna Shipley at 423-718-6951.**

**If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please call the HELP LINE at 678-892-6163.**

### Women in Prayer

We have **prayer shawls** available for anyone who needs one. Please contact Irene or Linda, and also if you have any prayer requests. **Irene Staub at istaub1014@aol.com** or **Linda Swope at rlswope374@comcast.net.**



## **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

It’s time to register for **Religious Education Classes for the 2022–2023 school year!** Please **drop by this Sunday, August 28 10-10:45am at the PLC to complete registration** for your children and receive a school calendar. The first class will be held on Sunday, September 11, 10:00-10:45am in the PLC. Call or text **Teri Hughes** at **423–322–9042** for any questions for students in grades K–5. We hope to see you all soon!

Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Returning to Church and need a refresher? Want to grow deeper with Mother Church? Tired of having people telling you what you believe as a Catholic?

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes are beginning on September 8th and continuing until Pentecost 2023. Come join us in the PLC on Thursdays at 6:30pm.**

### **AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS OPEN HOUSE**

American Heritage Girls Troop 0629, Chattanooga’s only Catholic troop, will hold an Open House, parent meeting, and registration session from 7 to 8 pm, Monday August 29, in the Religious Education Building at the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul. Please park at All Saints Academy further down 8th Street and enter at the gate on Lindsay Street. Childcare will be available.

AHG is a faith-based scouting organization led by parent volunteers. Girls in Grades K-12 (ages 5 to 18 years) earn badges in areas such as outdoor skills, life skills, community service, and the arts.

To request more information, please email [ahgchattanooga@gmail.com](mailto:ahgchattanooga@gmail.com), or call or text **Lynette Cabeen** at **423-589-2817**

Father of love and compassion, as children return to school after the summer break I pray that they can find friends who offer support and true friendship. Help them turn away from the temptation of cruel cliques and drama that can often lead to trouble. May their friends make a positive difference in their lives. I pray that each child will learn to know the difference between right and wrong, and use that knowledge to make their world a brighter place. Amen.