



# St. Gerard's

## Roman Catholic Parish

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Twenty-seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

Established December 11, 1904

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#### ST. GERARD'S PARISH HOLY MASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 11<sup>th</sup>

NO MASS

Mon. 7<sup>th</sup>

**5:30 pm**

*Rosary Prayer & St. Gerard Novena*

Tues. 8<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm**

*St. Gerard Novena*

7:30 pm

*Knights of Columbus General Mtg.*

Wed. 9<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 pm**

*St. Gerard Novena*

7:00 pm

*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*

Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm**

*St. Gerard Novena*

7:00 pm

*Centering Prayer (lower level)*

Fri. 11<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm**

*St. Gerard Novena*

7:30 pm

*Prayer Vigil – Douglas Hayden*

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am

*Funeral Mass – Douglas Hayden*

#### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup>

**4:30 pm**

*Rosary Prayer & St. Gerard Novena*

5:00 pm

**Mass** for the People

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 am**

*Rosary Prayer & St. Gerard Novena*

9:00 am

**Mass** for the People

11:00am

**Mass** for the People

*October is the Month of the Holy Rosary*

#### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

Half-hour before daily Mass Tuesday to Friday, and by appointment

**Anointing:**

Please contact the Parish Office

*After-hours Emergency 306.782.0323*

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the Parish Office

**RCIA:**

Please contact the Parish Office

**Matrimony:**

Please contact the Parish Office 12 months prior to the marriage date

## YOUTH CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B offer important lessons about marriage, family, and living as children of God. These reflections explore the themes of unity, respect, and trust found in the scriptures. They invite us to understand and live out these teachings in our daily lives.

Jesus' love for children in the Gospel highlights the value of family. He welcomes children and blesses them, showing that they are precious in God's eyes. This teaches us to care for and protect the children in our lives, providing them with love and guidance.

Families are called to reflect God's love. By supporting and caring for each other, family members help each other grow in faith and love. This strong foundation in the family helps to build a stronger community and church.

**Trusting Like Children** Jesus teaches that we must be like children to enter the Kingdom of God. Children trust and depend on their parents completely. They do not worry about their worth or seek approval from others.

In the same way, we must trust in God and depend on Him. We are God's children, and He loves us unconditionally. We do not need to seek approval from others or worry about our worth because God values us.

By living as children of God, we can find peace and joy. We can let go of our fears and trust that God will take care of us. This childlike trust helps us to live more fully and freely in God's love.

**Prayer** Lord, help us to value our marriages and families. Teach us to trust You like children. Guide us to live in unity, love, and respect every day. Amen.

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## FAMILY CONNECTION FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16 *Jesus teaches against divorce and welcomes the children.*

Jesus' teaching about divorce and remarriage can be a challenging one for many people. The Church continues to uphold the strong and positive teaching of Jesus that God intends for a man and woman to make a lifelong commitment to one another in the Sacrament of Marriage. Many of us, however, know people whose marriage has not been a lifelong commitment. The example of Jesus teaches us that we are called to act with compassion and love in our relationships with all, and especially when people are hurting because of difficulties in their relationships. Most importantly, we remember that when marriages thrive, it is a sign of God's grace at work.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Read today's Gospel, Mark 10:2-16. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honor our commitments to one another. Pray together Saint Ignatius of Loyola's prayer, the Suscipe (pg. 4).

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## Children's Liturgy

October children's liturgy days will be October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the 11 AM Mass.

A reminder that increased child involvement at the Sunday 11 AM masses will start October 6<sup>th</sup> and take place every Sunday even if there is no Children's Liturgy scheduled. Opportunities for children include a coin donation drop at the Altar during the Offertory hymn, joining hands at the Altar during the "Our Father" prayer, and playing instruments at the front of the church during the closing hymn. This is for children of any age. Please welcome and encourage your child to participate. Come up to the Altar with them the first few times if needed. We look forward to seeing your children engaging in the Mass!

We need VOLUNTEERS! Please email [prost.litz@hotmail.com](mailto:prost.litz@hotmail.com) if you are interested but missed the volunteer training sessions.

### \*\*\*\*Liturgical Ministries Workshop\*\*\*\*

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to 9pm or Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am to noon.

For all current ministers as well as those who would like to find out more about becoming a Lector, Minister of Holy Communion, etc. Childcare will be provided.



### REGISTER TODAY FOR THE EXCITING BIBLE STUDY!

Registration forms are available on the table in the Welcome Area.

- Single - \$60
- Couple with one set of materials - \$75
- Couple with two sets of materials - \$100

**First session begins THIS WEDNESDAY**



### News from the CWL



- November 5 General Meeting following 7pm Mass
- November 10 CWL Ministry Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. Please contact Deanna/Christine if you are available to volunteer for one of the ministries.
- December 4 Christmas Social. More information at a later date.



### News from the Knights of Columbus



- October 8 General meeting-after Mass
- October 18 Family prayer – 7.00
- October 19 Parish Family yard cleanup – 9.00  
All who need help with your fall yard cleanup please call Arnel at 306.620.9613
- October 20 Parish Brunch – after each Mass

If you are interested in joining the Knights, please call Tom @ 306.728.8664 More info: [www.kofc-2031.ca](http://www.kofc-2031.ca)



### Pope Francis on the Prayer of the Rosary

"The prayer of the rosary is, in many ways, the synthesis of the history of God's mercy, which becomes a history of salvation for all who let themselves be shaped by grace. The mysteries we have contemplated are concrete events by which God's intervention on our behalf develops. Through prayer and meditation on the life of Jesus Christ, we see once more His merciful countenance, which he shows to everyone in all the many needs of life.

Mary accompanies us along this journey, pointing to her Son Who radiates the very mercy of the Father. She is truly Hodegetria, the Mother who points to the path we are called to take in order to be true disciples of Jesus. In each mystery of the rosary, we feel her closeness and we contemplate her as the first disciple of her Son, for she does the Father's will."

— Praying of the Rosary for the Marian Jubilee, Oct. 8, 2016



### A Suitable Partner

By St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word ezer is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as "helper" or "helpmate," thus making the woman an addition to the man. The lectionary translates the word as "suitable partner," emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as "alone." A common meaning is "separated from," implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus' interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today's readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

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## Christmas in November Update Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Preparations for St. Gerard's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas in November Raffle and Bake Sale are underway. Raffle tickets will be available before and after masses starting October 12<sup>th</sup>. This year there will be 7 baskets for raffle, each valued at over \$200.

Cabbage rolls, perogies and spring rolls will be available as will a delicious choice of freshly prepared jams and jellies.

Parishioners are asked to donate a pan or 2 of squares or 1 or 2 dozen cookies to support this worthwhile event. Bakers wishing to provide fresh homemade baked breads or buns can also support our parish. Details for item drop off will be provided at a future date.

Our next planning event will take place Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Lower Level. Please use the EAST entrance.

### Suscipe, the Radical Prayer St. Ignatius Loyola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace,  
that is enough for me.



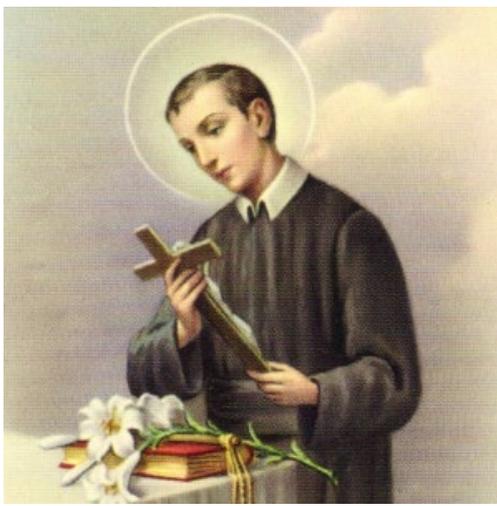
Canada Needs Our Lady  
Public Square Rosary

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
12noon  
City Centre Park

### FINANCIAL REPORT TO SEPT. 30, 2024

Offertory Collection in September	\$24,329.97
Prorated year-to-date offertory budget	\$212,250.09
Actual year-to-date offertory revenue	\$212,962.96
Offertory Collection Surplus @ 09/30	<b>\$712.87</b>

Welcome to **Somi Paul** who is the new Caretaker at St. Gerard!



**ST. GERARD**  
**(Our Parish Patron)**  
**FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 16**

St Gerard Majella, “the Mothers’ Saint”, was an Italian Redemptorist lay brother whose intercession led to the miraculous healing of a mother near death from childbirth.

Gerard Majella was born in 1726 in Muro, Italy to a large but poor family.

His father died when he was twelve years old, and his mother sent him to his uncle to learn to be a tailor like his father was.

Gerard was devout as a young man and eventually worked for the bishop of Lacedonia. He fasted and prayed constantly and gave generously to the poor.

He wanted to be a Franciscan (Capuchin), but they rejected his application due to his poor health. He persevered, and at age 23 he joined the Redemptorist as a lay brother.

As a Redemptorist, he did many different jobs, whatever was needed, no matter how humble.

God gave him miraculous gifts of levitation, bilocation, and the gift of reading souls.

Near the end of his life, he dropped his handkerchief and a girl picked it up. She tried to return it to Gerard, but he told her to keep it because she may need it some day. Years after Gerard’s death, the girl grew up, got married, and became pregnant, but she went into early, painful labor and her baby’s life was in danger. She begged for Gerard’s handkerchief to be given to her, and when it was, her pain subsided and the baby was born healthy.

Our patron saint, St. Gerard, died October 16, 1755 at the age of 29. He had lived for six years a Redemptorist lay brother.

Because of the countless miracles people received through Gerard’s prayers, the Church began the canonization process soon after his death.

St. Gerard Majella was beatified on January 29, 1893 by Pope Leo XIII and canonized as a saint December 11, 1904 by Pope Pius X. St. Gerard Majella is the patron saint of childbirth, children, pregnant women, mothers, falsely accused people, good confessions, lay brothers, the Pro-Life movement, and unborn children.

## The Holy Rosary

For centuries, the Holy Rosary has been a treasured devotion in the Catholic Church. A deeply contemplative prayer, the Rosary contains a summary of the Christian faith in language and prayers inspired by the Holy Scriptures. When praying the Rosary, Catholics recall the most important events in the lives of Jesus and His Blessed Mother Mary. These events are called "Mysteries" and are divided into four groups of five decades: the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. Each decade consists of one "Our Father", ten "Hail Mary's", and one "Glory be to the Father".

## How to Say the Rosary

1. Begin on the Crucifix and say the "Apostle's Creed".
2. On the first bead, say one "Our Father".
3. Say one "Hail Mary" on each of the next three beads.
4. Say one "Glory Be to the Father".
5. At the beginning of each decade, announce the Mystery to be contemplated. For example, the first Joyful Mystery is "The Annunciation". After a short pause for reflection, say one "Our Father" on the large bead.
6. Recite ten "Hail Mary's" on the ten smaller beads, followed by one "Glory be to the Father". An invocation may be added after each decade.
7. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same manner until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group is said.
8. Conclude by saying the "Hail Holy Queen". At the end of the Rosary, the "Prayer to St. Michael" or some other Marian prayer is recited.



5th  
Mystery

## The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Fatima Prayer

This prayer is an example of an invocation that may be said after each decade and was requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy".

4th  
Mystery

## Hail Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

3rd  
Mystery

2nd  
Mystery

## Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

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