

October 5th, 2025 | The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. GERARD PARISH

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Tuesday & Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mass Times

Weekdays: 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Sacraments & Other Ministries

Confession: Contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Peter to schedule a time. Regular times are a half hour before each weekday Mass, Saturdays from 4:15–4:45 p.m. and First Fridays during Adoration from 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the parish office to request the Sacrament.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office.

Communion for the Sick: Everyone willing to take communion to family members who are homebound or sick, please contact the parish office.

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The Novena Masses and Feast of St. Gerard

Majella: Join us in prayer and celebration as we honor our patron, St. Gerard Majella. Masses will be held:

- Novena Masses: October 7th –15th at 7:00 p.m. each weekday evening
- Feast Day Mass: October 16th at 7:00 p.m., followed by a potluck fellowship in the parish hall

These days of devotion are a special opportunity to ask for St. Gerard's intercession for our parish, our families and all in need. May our time of prayer together draw us closer to Christ and strengthen our community in faith and love!

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in

Canada: The special collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada took place on September 27th and 28th. As a parish, we were able to raise \$345.00 for this special collection.

Public Rosary Rally: All are invited to a Public Rosary Rally on October 11th at 11:30 a.m.

The rally is hosted by our Household of Faith Community and will take place in front of our church. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer for conversion and world peace.

Save the Date for Our Craft & Bake Sale: The St. Gerard Ladies Group will be hosting a craft

and bake sale on November 23rd in our church basement. Table rentals are \$25.00 for a 6-foot table. If you would like to reserve a table—or know someone who might—please contact Marcella at c.mhebert87@gmail.com.

Pray the Rosary with us throughout October! Throughout the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed 30 minutes before our 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses, Monday through Friday. We are inviting parishioners to volunteer as leaders for the Rosary. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex of the church.

Upcoming Mass Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention & Requested by</u>
Oct. 4 th	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 5 th	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving – Lim family Mass Thanksgiving & birthday blessings for Halley Francisco
Oct. 6 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 7 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 8 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 9 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 10 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 11 th	5:00 p.m.	Erick Toruno † – Espinoza family
Oct. 12 th	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	50 th wedding anniversary of Victor & Cynthia Shumski Needs & intentions of all parishioners Joshua Paculaba †
Oct. 13 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 14 th	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	School Mass Joseph Obirek †
Oct. 15 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 16 th	7:00 p.m.	For our previous Pastors, especially Fr. Pierre Wood †
Oct. 17 th	7:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 18 th	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Oct. 19 th	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Santos Yamzon † - the family Mass Mass

Weekend Collections

September 20th & 21st, 2025
Offertory Envelopes: \$1,718.00
Loose Collection: \$484.25

Total: \$2,202.25

September 27th & 28th, 2025
Offertory Envelopes: \$2,120.00
Loose Collection: \$431.25

Total: \$2,551.25

We Want to Hear from You! We would like your input on the placement of the St. Gerard statue in the church. The suggestion is to move the statue to the current location of the Divine Mercy image, relocate the Divine Mercy image to where the Tabernacle is now, place the Tabernacle at the center of the church, and move the presider's chair to the left side of the altar. Please share your feedback by October 9th—either by speaking with Fr. Peter, emailing or calling the office. Your input will help us choose the best location for the St. Gerard statue.



We are in the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time! This season calls us to order and everyday holiness.

Ordinary Time is a season filled with feasts, memorials, solemnities and days of prayer that allow us to enter deeper into our own spirituality, including:

- Oct. 7th – the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
- Oct. 9th – the Memorial of St. Denis and companions, martyrs
- Oct. 11th – the Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope
- Oct. 15th – the Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church
- Oct. 16th – the Memorial of St. Marguerite D'Youville
- Oct. 17th – the Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and martyr

As we journey through Ordinary Time, let us be reminded that God's grace is present in the ordinary moments of our lives, providing us with the spiritual nourishment we need to live out our faith.

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers for the Masses on October 4th & 5th have been generously sponsored by Victor & Cynthia Shumski.

The sanctuary lamp, hosts, wine and flowers for the Masses on October 11th & 12th have been generously sponsored in remembrance of Joseph Obirek.

We are grateful for this meaningful offering, which helps to enrich the beauty and solemnity of our Sunday celebrations. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the entire parish community.

A Letter from Fr. Peter about our Mass Times

Dear Members of St. Gerard Parish,

I want to express my gratitude to the Lord for allowing me to journey with our parish community, and I thank all of you for your ongoing care and support.

After discussions with our Parish Pastoral Council, we have decided to make some changes to our Mass times at St. Gerard.

***Changes to Weekend Mass Times:**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, due to restrictions on attendance, our previous pastor added an additional Mass to accommodate more parishioners. As a result, we have been holding four Masses every weekend. With COVID-19 restrictions well behind us, our parish will be moving forward with a new Mass schedule. Beginning in November, our weekend Mass times will be as follows:

- **Saturday: 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

We believe that changing our Mass times has several positive benefits, including:

- the opportunity to meet and connect with more members of our community
- increased time for fellowship and relationship-building after each Mass
- More balanced scheduling of our choirs, altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers

****Changes to Daily Mass Times:**

In addition to our weekend changes, we want to address our daily Mass schedule. Evenings are a very active time for our parish, with regular meetings and gatherings such as the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Neocatechumenal Way, the Household of Faith, the Knights of Columbus, the Ladies' Group, El Shaddai, Couples for Christ and other parish ministries. By adjusting the daily Mass schedule, we hope to make it easier for parishioners to attend weekday Mass while also participating in these important parish activities.

Therefore, to accommodate these activities, we will move our daily Mass to **6:30 p.m., and we will not have Mass on Mondays**, starting in November 2025. We hope this new daily Mass time allows people to return home with more time for reflection and personal renewal.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make these adjustments to enhance our parish community.

Peace,



Fr. Peter Tran
Pastor of St. Gerard Parish