

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## St. Gerard Majella

**Feast Day: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**



**St. Gerard Majella**

St. Gerard Majella, religious, is the patron of expectant mothers. He was born at Muro, Italy, in 1726 and joined the Redemptorists at the age of 23, becoming a professed lay brother in 1752. He served as sacristan, gardener, porter, infirmarian, and tailor. However, because of his great piety, extraordinary wisdom, and his gift of reading consciences, he was permitted to counsel communities of religious women.

This humble servant of God also had the faculties of levitation and bi-location associated with certain mystics. His charity, obedience, and selfless service as well as his ceaseless mortification for Christ, made him the perfect model of lay brothers. He was afflicted with tuberculosis and died in 1755 at the age of twenty-nine.

This great saint is invoked as a patron of expectant mothers as a result of a miracle effected through his prayers for a woman in labor.

Prayer: O Great Saint Gerard, beloved servant of Jesus Christ, perfect imitator of your meek and humble Savior, and devoted Child of the Mother of God: enkindle within my heart one spark of that heavenly fire of charity which glowed in your heart and made you an angel of love. O glorious Saint Gerard, because when falsely accused of crime, you did bear, like your Divine master, without murmur or complaint, the calumnies of wicked men, you have been raised up by God as the Patron and Protector of expectant mothers. Preserve me from danger and from the excessive pains accompanying childbirth, and shield the child which I now carry, that it may see the light of day and receive the lustral waters of baptism through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Office Address:

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Calgary, Alberta T3A 5Z6

### Office Hours:

Monday: 8:30am–4:30pm  
Wednesday to Friday:  
8:30am – 12:00pm  
Phone: 403-275-6500  
Fax: 403-275-6507

### Website:

[www.stjohnsparish.ca](http://www.stjohnsparish.ca)

### Weekday Masses:

Tues – Friday Mornings:  
9:00am Mass  
Celebrated at the Office  
Chapel

### Evening Mass: Tuesday

6:00 pm Reconciliation  
6:30 pm Rosary  
7:00 pm Mass  
Held at Sandstone Valley  
Ecumenical Centre.

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am  
10:30am  
12:00pm  
Reconciliation –  
Saturday: 3:30pm  
All weekend Masses are  
held at: **SVEC - Sandstone  
Valley Ecumenical Centre  
(1100 Berkshire Blvd. NW)**

Secretary: Rena Maurer [office@stjohnsparish.ca](mailto:office@stjohnsparish.ca)

Sacramental Preparation Coordinator: Shannon Martel [sacramentalprep@stjohnsparish.ca](mailto:sacramentalprep@stjohnsparish.ca)

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK OF OUR PARISH  
IN YOUR PRAYERS



**SPECIAL INTENTION**  
**Vera Lebsack**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**  
That their souls may rest in peace in heaven.  
**Let us pray to the Lord.**

**Thank you for your Support!**

Weekly Offerings for Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

General Collection: \$ 2,081.38

Pre-authorized Payment: \$ 650.00

**Total collection: \$ 2,731.38**

Cost to operate our Church  
each week (2011 Budget): \$ 3,692.30

**Deficit this week: \$ 960.92**

World Mission: \$ 10.00

Building Fund: \$ 230.00

Together in Action (ABA): \$ 15.00

**Mass Attendance: 504**

**Need Volunteers for Hospitality**

We are in urgent need of volunteers for Hospitality  
for the 12:00pm mass.  
No one has signed up for this yet.

**Knights of Columbus**



- We are offering the Store Card Program, please  
help by purchasing these cards after every mass.

Please be mindful and not park your vehicles along the  
Fire Lane Curbs or in the priest & Handicap Reserved  
Parking spaces. We ask you to please respect the parking  
laws and avoid parking in these areas for the safety of  
all. There is ample parking in the Calgary Transit lot right  
next to our church.

**SACRAMENTS DATES AND MEETINGS**



**Baptism Preparation:**

First Saturday of every month, 9:00am - Parish Office. Please call to  
make arrangements.

**Baptism:**

Celebrated on the 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of each month, at either the  
Saturday 5:00pm Mass or the Sunday 9:00am & 10:30am Masses.

**Reconciliation:**

Tuesday 6:30PM – St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish or by  
appointment.

**Marriages:**

Please contact the office at least one year in advance to make  
arrangements.

**RCIC/RCIT/RCIA:** Please call the office for further information.

**SACRAMENT EVENT SCHEDULE**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**Ceremony:** November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 7:00pm-8:30pm at St.  
John's Parish.

**CONFIRMATION**

**Session 1 – Church Ministries:** October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
7:00pm-8:00pm at Church Gym at SVEC – Sandstone  
Valley Ecumenical Centre.

**Session 2 – Service Project:** November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.  
7:00pm-8:00pm at Church Gym at SVEC – Sandstone  
Valley Ecumenical Centre.

**Session 3 – Rosary:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 6:00pm-  
7:00pm at Church Gym at SVEC – Sandstone Valley  
Ecumenical Centre.

**Session 4 – Reconciliation:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
6:30pm-8:30pm at St. John's Parish.

**Rehearsal:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. 7:00pm-8:00pm at  
Ascension Parish.

**Ceremony:** February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 7:00pm-9:00pm at  
Ascension Parish.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**Parent Meeting and Registration:** March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
7:00pm-8:00pm at St. John's Parish.

For details contact **Shannon Martel**, Sacramental  
Preparation Coordinator at:  
[sacramentalprep@stjohnsparish.ca](mailto:sacramentalprep@stjohnsparish.ca) or call the office  
Tuesday - Friday, 9:20am - 11:20am.

**Congratulations for Baptisms**

**Last weekend:** Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: Zachary,  
Vanessa;

**This weekend:** Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: Kayley,  
Alexander, Brady, and Cole.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Catholic Women's Convention. October 26 – 30, 2011.** In beautiful Banff National Park. Information is available at: [www3.telus.net/convention2011/RC/](http://www3.telus.net/convention2011/RC/)

-**Visiting Jesus in the Holy Land:** Holy Spirit Parish will be organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from March 13-25, 2012, to trace back the steps in the life of Our Lord Jesus, from Nazareth and Bethlehem to Golgotha. We celebrate Mass at the Mount of Beatitudes, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, take a swim in the Dead Sea and visit the town of Simon Peter. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 403-251-3381 or e-mail to: [pilgrimage@holyspiritparish.net](mailto:pilgrimage@holyspiritparish.net). The pilgrimage will be led by Father Jack. **Information evening: October 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Jubilee Room at the Holy Spirit Church.

-**Concert for Acadia Place Helping End Family Homelessness, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:30 p.m. at Symons Valley United Church (38 Kincora Rise NW)**  
**Ticket Prices:** ONLY \$25.00 per person. **PURCHASE TICKETS Online at:** [involve.calgaryhomeless.com/events/acadia-place-concert](http://involve.calgaryhomeless.com/events/acadia-place-concert) or by contacting Gillian at 403.237.6456 or [gillian@calgaryhomeless.com](mailto:gillian@calgaryhomeless.com) **DONATE AUCTION ITEMS** 50 more items needed for the silent auction. **Please help us!** Call Sharyn at 403 262 2921 ext223 or [sbrown@calgaryhomeless.com](mailto:sbrown@calgaryhomeless.com)

- The community of **St. Paul's Catholic Church in Airdrie**, would love to invite members of **St John the Evangelist's Parish** to come and join us for the celebration of **Fr. Andrew Pyon's 25th anniversary** as a Priest, The Celebration will take place on Friday October 28th. Here is the program:

**5:00PM:** Mass at St. Paul's Catholic Church - Presider Fr. Andrew Pyon (1305 Main Street, Airdrie, AB, T4B 1C5)

**6:00PM:** Reception at the Town and County Centre (275 Jensen Dr. NE, Airdrie, AB)

**7:00PM:** Supper at the Town and County Centre (275 Jensen Dr. NE, Airdrie, AB)

All those interested in attending, please, RSVP before October 17, 2011 to Lino Ramirez by phone: 403-980-8036 or by email at [Lino.M.Ramirez@gmail.com](mailto:Lino.M.Ramirez@gmail.com) Note: there is no cost for attending the event. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

- Come to the Mountains **Joyful Bearers of Good News.** This is the **Western Conference of Catholic Religious Educators** and will be held in Banff **Nov. 10-13, 2011.**

This conference is open to everyone and is an opportunity for those attending to live and learn the Gospel in a supportive and nurturing faith community. For more information please check the website: [www.calgarydiocese.ca](http://www.calgarydiocese.ca)

- **FCJ Christian Life Centre**, invites your friends and family to a Benefit Concert on **November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:30pm** with Folk Singer Barry Luft. The concert will be held at: FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219 – 19 Avenue SW, Calgary, AB. \$20.00 Adults, \$10.00 Children (age 12 – 16 years), No Charge (under 12 years). Call 403-228-4215 for tickets. Check our website at: [www.fcjsisters.ca/fcicentre](http://www.fcjsisters.ca/fcicentre)

## Today's Reading: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, God tells Cyrus, "I call you by name." I once walked into a church just after Easter and saw a huge banner bearing the words, "Barbara, I have called you by name." My heart skipped a beat! I later learned that "Barbara" was that year's sole RCIA candidate, but for a brief moment the message was mine. God had singled me out! What would he ask of me?

In today's gospel, Matthew tells a story which had political implications in Jesus' time. In an attempt to trap Jesus, the Pharisees questioned whether or not the Jews should be paying taxes to their Roman conquerors. Surely whatever he replied would offend someone. However, Jesus calmly told them: Give God what is God's due and give Caesar what is his due. Jesus' message could be similarly interpreted for our time. We are called to love, honour and obey God, our Creator. We are also meant to have our feet firmly planted in the world we live in, gifting other with our love, care and compassion.

God does not call to us with messages splashed across banners. God speaks to us in the silence of our hearts, inviting us to be God's presence in our families, parishes and communities. If we listen, we will often hear God call us by our name.

*Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC*

**Living in the Spirit**, is having a Mixed (both Men and Women) retreat on the weekend of **November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Mount St. Francis retreat centre in Cochrane.**

Our Retreat master will be **Fr. William Monis**, associate pastor of **Ascension Parish**, he will be assisted by **Deacon John Hagan at St. Luke/ St. John parish.**

The theme of this silent retreat is: **"Anointed for Service."**

We can only accommodate up to 50 people, so please register soon.

Registration costs \$30.00 Call Patrick and Doreen Coffey at **403-281-6025**, or Vivvian Hilterman at **403-286-9364.**

Your cost for accommodations and 6 meals is \$175.00 for the weekend payable directly to Mount St. Francis during your stay.

## MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Fr. Luciano will be leading a Married Couples Retreat at Mount St. Francis in Cochrane on Saturday, December 10th, from 9:00am to 5:30pm. Daycare services will be provided by students from our parish. Registration is \$30.00 and includes lunch. To sign up, please contact Rena at St. John's Parish Office or sign up on the sheet provided on the Welcome Table after Mass.

## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Donation Envelope #521 and St. John's Envelope #73 User**

If you are the owner of the above Donation Envelopes, can you please contact the secretary, Rena, at St. John's office as soon as possible. If we do not have your name – we will be unable to give you a tax receipt for your donations. Thank you.

## **Children's Liturgy Schedule**

**Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> (10:30 a.m.):** We welcome all preschool to Grade 2 children to attend.

# Ministry Schedule

October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Day and Time	Eucharistic	Altar Server	Hospitality	1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector
Saturday 5:00pm	Ed D.	Joey C. Mark H.	TBF TBF	Donna H. Ed D.
Sunday 9:00am	Shannon C.	Austen K. Ethan K.	TBF TBF	Scott T.
Sunday 10:30am	Melissa R. Jim D.	Tyler C. Grace C.	TBF TBF	Annette M.
Sunday 12:00pm	TBF	Mason O. Jamie P.	TBF TBF	Jan P.

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