

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

APRIL 9 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

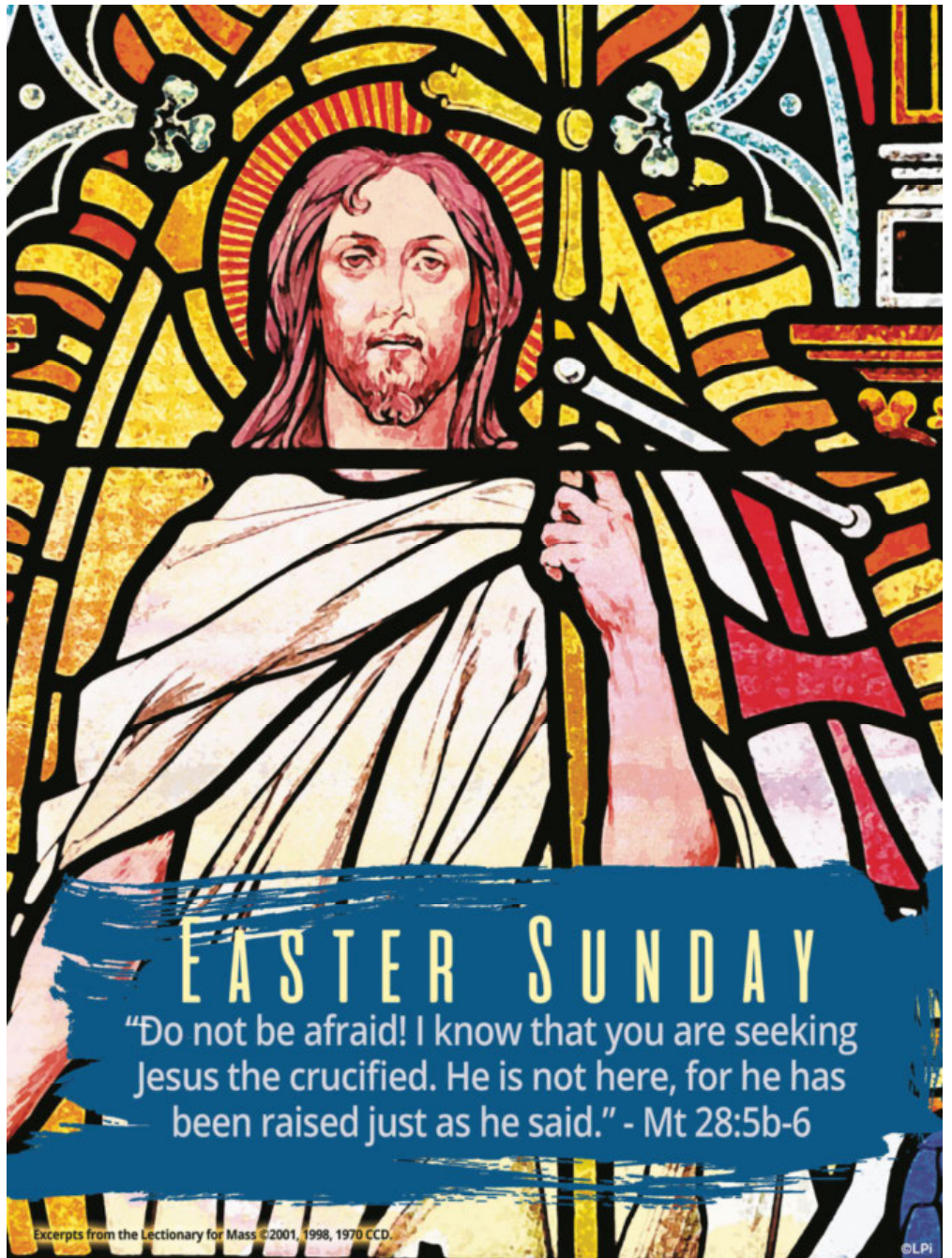
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



# EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." - Mt 28:5b-6

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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**APRIL 10 – APRIL 14**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Robert McGrath**

Requested by  
St. Gerald Parish

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Frank Adams**

Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Gina Bonacchi Hспен**

Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Friday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp,  
Trayer, Robrecht**

**and Goderman Families**  
Requested by C. Kemp

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 16, 2023

5:00 PM	April 15	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Robert Retelle</b> Requested by Mary Retelle	Lectors	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	April 16	Fr. Kris
For <b>Nathan Steele</b> Requested by Flora Rossi	Lector	Paulette Mullin
10:15 AM	April 16	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Gina Bonacchi Hспен</b> Requested by Bonacchi Family	Lector	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	April 16	Fr. Kris
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector	Jeff Antoun

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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## Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Kim Weigold

Marie Bolivar

Barbara Seabolt

Maria Rea

Kimberly Plonka

**Wishing you a  
Blessed Easter Season!**

**Fr. Kris Nowak  
and the St. Gerald Staff**





# Easter Vigil Readings

## READING I

**Gn 1:1, 26-31A**

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth." God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## READING II

**Ex 14:15—15:1**

The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. And you, lift up your staff and, with hand outstretched over the sea, split the sea in two, that the Israelites may pass through it on dry land. But I will make the Egyptians so obstinate that they will go in after them. Then I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and charioteers. The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I receive glory through Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers."

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD swept the sea with a strong east wind throughout the night and so turned it into dry land. When the water was thus divided, the Israelites marched into the midst of the sea on dry land, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left.

The Egyptians followed in pursuit; all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and charioteers went after them right into the midst of the sea. In the night watch just before dawn the LORD cast through the column of the fiery cloud upon the Egyptian force a glance that threw it into a panic; and he so clogged their chariot wheels that they could hardly drive. With that the Egyptians sounded the retreat before Israel, because the LORD was fighting for them against the Egyptians.

Then the LORD told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may flow back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and their charioteers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea flowed back to its normal depth. The Egyptians were fleeing head on toward the sea, when the LORD hurled them into its midst. As the water flowed back, it covered the chariots and the charioteers of Pharaoh's whole army which had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not a single one of them escaped. But the Israelites had marched on dry land through the midst of the sea, with the water like a wall to their right and to their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel on that day from the power of the Egyptians. When Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore and beheld the great power that the LORD had shown against the Egyptians, they feared the LORD and believed in him and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for he is gloriously triumphant; horse and chariot he has cast into the sea.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Reading III

**Is 55:1-11**

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

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# Easter Vigil Readings - Continued

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### READING IV

**Ez 36:16-17A, 18-28**

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their conduct and deeds. Therefore I poured out my fury upon them because of the blood that they poured out on the ground, and because they defiled it with idols. I scattered them among the nations, dispersing them over foreign lands; according to their conduct and deeds I judged them. But when they came among the nations wherever they came, they served to profane my holy name, because it was said of them: "These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave their land." So I have relented because of my holy name which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they came. Therefore say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: Not for your sakes do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which you profaned among the nations to which you came. I will prove the holiness of my great name, profaned among the nations, in whose midst you have profaned it. Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes, careful to observe my decrees. You shall live in the land I gave your fathers; you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### EPISTLE

**ROM 6:3-11**

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### GOSPEL

**Mt 28:1-10**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you." Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**Did you know that Easter Sunday is only the beginning of the season?**

**Easter is a feast that lasts for 50 days,  
from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost.**

# Easter Sunday Readings

## READING I

**ACTS 10:34A, 37-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## READING II

**COL 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Or

**1 COR 5:6B-8**

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## ALLELUIA

## GOSPEL

**JN 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

## Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

**Easter symbols are all about life. The lilies that bloom radiate living beauty. Easter eggs symbolize the life that breaks out of the tomb. The Easter candle burns brightly as a sign that light conquers darkness, a light that brings life to all. Water is needed by every living thing. Even secular symbols like rabbits and chicks point to abundant life—recall the phrase, "they multiply like rabbits," used to describe a proliferation of life.**

**The cross that graces so many Easter cards as well as the Easter candle itself, also reminds us that Easter is about death and transformation. The symbols of life have within themselves the power of death. The lily gives up its bloom and the plant dies back retreating into the bulb that nourished it. The egg pours out its life and the shell is left behind. The fire that is contained in the Easter candle can just as easily roar into a refining conflagration. Water, which all life needs, can also destroy. And the cross at its inception was an instrument of death and hardly a symbol of life.**

**This is the hard truth of the Easter message. Life comes at a price, and eternal life at the costliest price of all: the death of the only-begotten Son. Christ's death brings life, and is so radically transformative that even the very instrument of his death is seen today as a sign of life for all. The newly baptized are sealed with a cross of chrism on their forehead, a fragrant transformation of the ashes that graced us all at the beginning of Lent. The newly baptized died to sin in the bath of water and rose to life in Christ, and the rest of us renewed our baptismal commitment to follow Christ faithfully through life. This Easter day is a celebration and a commitment, a promise to leave the past behind and to walk in the newness of life.**



# Remembered this Easter Season



## *In Memory of:*

## *Remembered by:*

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Norma E. Bazzett	Robert J. Bazzett
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Jerry Kasinec	Diane Petter
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Jean Legowicz	Caron Kott
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### **EASTER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Good and gracious heavenly Father,  
we come before you on this Easter Sunday  
with full and grateful hearts for the gift  
of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us  
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,  
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess  
belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have  
yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We  
ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.



# Upcoming Events

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING AT ST. GERALD

On Thursday, April 27, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Social Hall, an officer from the Farmington Police Department will be here to give a presentation on how to react if there is an emergency situation at church. All who take an active role here at the parish are invited to attend this meeting. Your knowledge may save a life! Please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 if you would like to attend.

### SAVE THE DATE

for something a little bit different!

### St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023 Power Lab

Where Jesus Gives us the Power  
June 27th-29th  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM



Songs

Drama

Crafts

Healthy Snacks



### SPRING INTO ACTION...

### IT'S TIME TO DO THE CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP.

Everyone is invited to help with the St. Gerald Grounds Clean up, including teens and adults looking for Community Service hours.

Come join us on Saturday, April 29th at 10 AM or Rain Date on May 6th. The sign up sheet is located at the main and side entrance of the church.

If these dates do not work for your schedule, feel free to contribute any work at your leisure. This allows everyone an opportunity to help out.

#### Areas of need:

- ◆ Trash pick up along perimeter fence line
- ◆ Cleaning up garden beds and raking leaves from under bushes
- ◆ General pick up of branch and twigs
- ◆ You can bring your own rake, or use one of St. Gerald's

Lawn bags are needed for refuse. Please place your bag donation in the designated box near the Parish Office entrance.

Thank you for keeping St. Gerald a beautiful place to visit and worship. *The St. Gerald Gardening Team*

### Spring Ladies Day Out

**St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center**  
23333 Schoolcraft Road, Detroit, MI 48223  
Monday, May 1st  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
\$35.00 per person

Spend a day retreating from the stresses of life! Associate Director of Ministry and Spiritual Director Faith Offman will be your guide for this day of refreshment and renewal. The day will include music, prayer, and opportunities for "alone time" with God. Weather permitting, there will also be time to go for a relaxing walk throughout our property, as well as time to utilize our Prayer Labyrinth. A hot lunch is included!

To register, visit our website at [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) or call (313) 535-9563.

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

*“When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.” (Mark 16:9)*

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it’s simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, **“out of whom he had driven seven demons.”**

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary’s past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn’t seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don’t. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

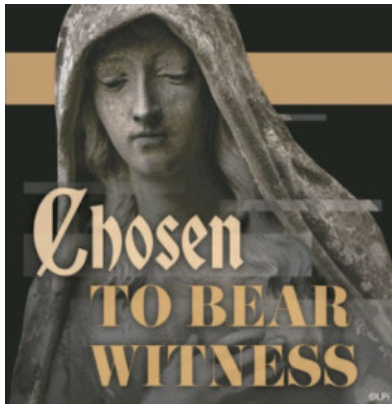
At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God’s name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won’t live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, “What difference does Easter make anyway?” Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference.

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**WHY MARRY IN A CHURCH?**

**Question:**

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

**Answer:**

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church’s tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPi



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FULL INITIATED  
Barbara Jean Solanus Fitzgerald**

Congratulations to Barbara who was received into the Roman Catholic Church by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 PM Mass.  
Barbara received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during our joyful celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection.



**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Come to Christ**

Life is perhaps God’s greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn’t take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN**

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at:

[stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com)

and their name will be added to our prayers.

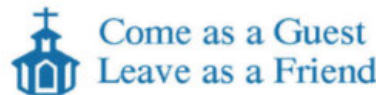
**LIBRARY REMINDERS . . .**

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also, make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well.

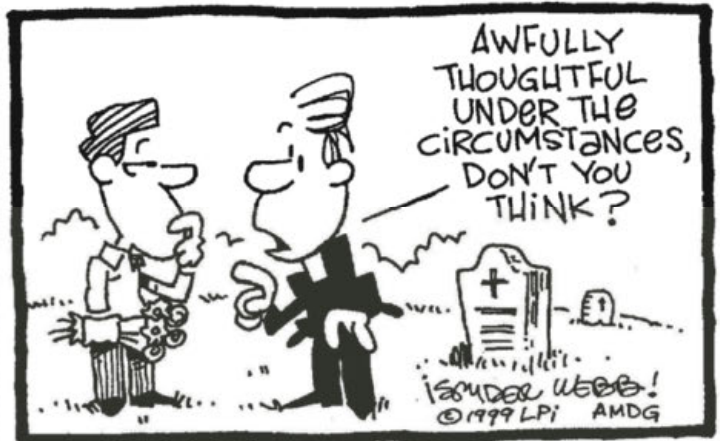


**2022 St. Gerald Contribution Statement**

If you need a copy of your 2022 contribution statement from St. Gerald, please send your request to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Thank you!



**EASTER**



**Evangelization**

"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family." *Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



**KNIGHTS CORNER**

The St Gerald's Council 13673 supports clergy, seminarians as well as other charities. Members attend monthly meetings and volunteer for fundraisers. General membership meetings are the first Tuesday of every month and Officers meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Activities include Parish pancake breakfasts, *Keep Christ in Christmas* sales, Tootsie Roll Drive and other Parish events. If you are 18 years old or older and would like to help support St. Gerald Parish and the Knights of Columbus, please contact Rich Smith at pollygirl219@aol.com.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

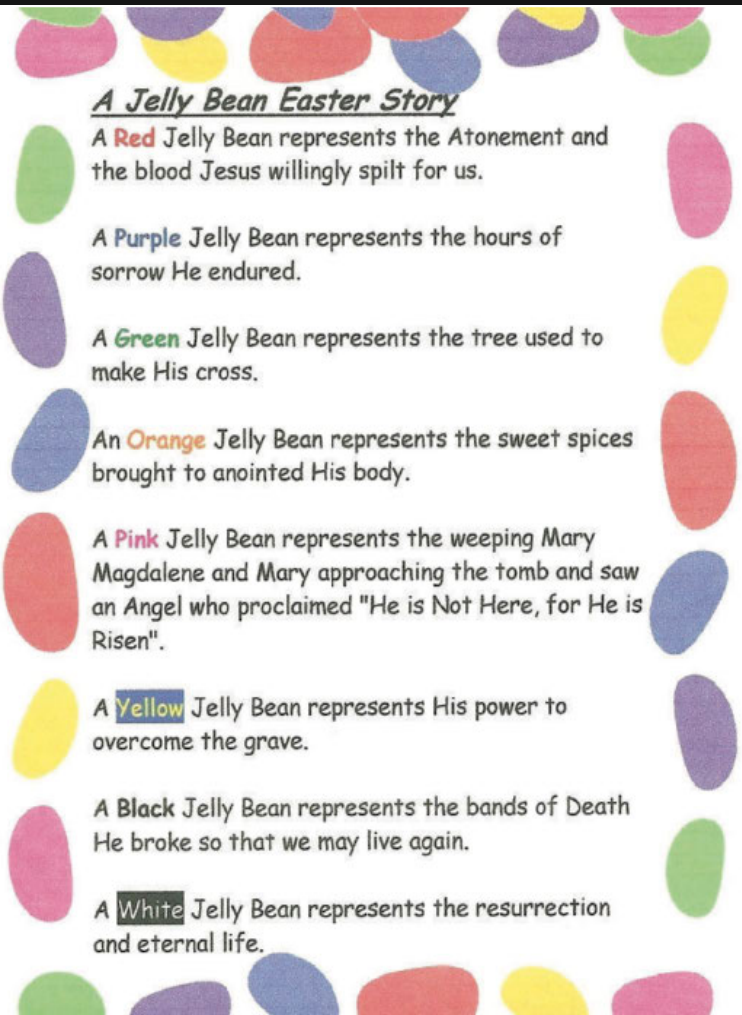
At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located in the hallway rack in the education section of the building and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door.

Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**FEELING ILL?**

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill.



***A Jelly Bean Easter Story***

A **Red** Jelly Bean represents the Atonement and the blood Jesus willingly spilt for us.

A **Purple** Jelly Bean represents the hours of sorrow He endured.

A **Green** Jelly Bean represents the tree used to make His cross.

An **Orange** Jelly Bean represents the sweet spices brought to anointed His body.

A **Pink** Jelly Bean represents the weeping Mary Magdalene and Mary approaching the tomb and saw an Angel who proclaimed "He is Not Here, for He is Risen".

A **Yellow** Jelly Bean represents His power to overcome the grave.

A **Black** Jelly Bean represents the bands of Death He broke so that we may live again.

A **White** Jelly Bean represents the resurrection and eternal life.

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Office Hours**

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

**STAFF**

**Parish Office (248) 477-7470**

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant ..... x 212  
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

**All other offices dial (248) 476-7677**

**Christian Services**

- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator ..... x 204  
Cell: 313-205-8633  
Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com

- St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220

**Education**

- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education ..... x 201  
Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

**Music Ministry**

- Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com

**Worship Ministry**

- Norma Battel ..... x 202  
Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry**

- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

**Maintenance**  
Tom Kruger

**Accountant**  
Kim Shepard

**SACRAMENTS**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

**Sacrament of the Sick:**  
Please call the office.

**Baptism:**

Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

**Matrimony:**

St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

**Registration of new members:**

Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

**RCIA:** Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!**

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.



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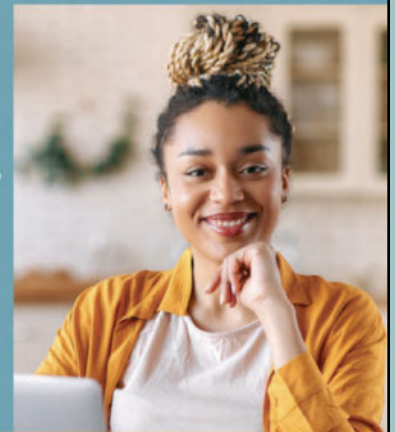
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