

# Parish of Incarnation - Saint Gerard Majella

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## Incarnation Church

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### Pastoral Team

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Rev. Tongyang Shen (In Residence)

Mrs. Juliana Paul, Rel Ed Director  
Mr. Perry Townsend, Director of Music

### Mass Times

**Monday thru Friday:** 8:30AM (English)  
**Saturday:** 5PM (English)  
**Sunday:** 8:00AM, 10:15AM(English) 12:00PM (Spanish)  
Livestream Mass Daily on Facebook or [incarnationqueens.org](http://incarnationqueens.org)

### Religious Education Office

Tel: (718) 465-8534 Ext 23

### Rectory Hours

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 - 2:00PM  
**Thursday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
**Friday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM and 2:00PM - 4:00PM

### Incarnation Academy School

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Ms. Sandra Hidalgo, Secretary  
**School Office Hours**  
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### Pastoral Team

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Mrs. Anne Smith-Thompson, Director of Music Ministry

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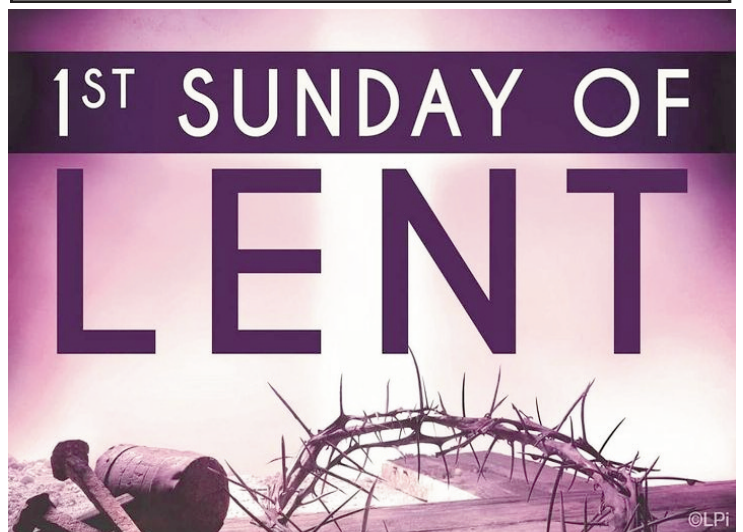
### Rectory Office Hours:

**Monday:** 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
**Tuesday:** 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
**Wednesday:** 9:00AM - 2:00PM and 3:00PM - 7:00PM  
**Thursday:** 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
**Friday:** 9:00AM - 2:00PM and 3:00PM - 7:00PM

### Masses Stream Live

From our Facebook page at 9:30 AM or [stgerardshrine.org](http://stgerardshrine.org)  
Monday thru Saturday

Sunday, February 18, 2024



**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, February 17**

9:30 am SGM - † In Thanksgiving to all Saints  
5:00 pm INC - † Andres & Natividad Pagay

**Sunday February 18**

8:00 am INC - † Open  
8:15 am SGM - † Open  
9:45 am SGM - † Open  
10:15 am INC - † Apolonia Chan  
11:45 am SGM - **Int of B' day blessings -  
Mrs. Marjory G. Dorival**  
12:00 pm INC - † Ana Justina Gonzales Rosa,  
† Laura Brito

**Monday, February 19– Presidents' Day**

8: 30 am INC - NO MASS  
9: 30 am SGM - † Roland Jackson, Sr.

**Tuesday, February 20**

8:30 am INC - † Mr. & Mrs. Harold &  
Dorothy Salmon  
9:30 am SGM - **Int of B' day blessing-  
Jacqueline C. Graham**

**Wednesday, February 21**

8:30 am INC - **Int of B' day blessing-  
Jasmine Fordan**  
9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Thursday, February 22**

8:30: am INC – † Melquiades Reniedo  
9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Friday, February 23**

8:30 am INC - † Melquiades Reniedo  
9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Saturday, February 24**

9:30 am SGM - Int of Robert & Elsy Ducles (alive),  
Regine Deverville  
† Berta Ducles  
5:00 pm INC - † Ana Justina Gonzales Rosa

**Sunday February 25**

8:00 am INC - † Open  
8:15 am SGM - † Open  
9:45 am SGM - † Open  
10:15 am INC - † Vicente Yap  
11:45 am SGM - † Jacques Ernst Phelippe Leconte  
12:00 pm INC - † Ana Justina Gonzales Rosa  
2:00 pm INC Haitian Mass

**Today' mass readings February 18th**

Gn 9: 8-15  
1 Pt 3: 18-22  
Ps 25  
Mk 1: 12-15 (23)

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**Lecturas para este domingo 18 de febrero**

Genesis 9: 8-15  
1 de Pedro 3: 18-22  
Salmo 25  
Marcos 1: 12-15 (23)



From February 14 to March 27, thirty-nine parishes throughout our diocese are taking part as designated station churches on this pilgrimage that lasts throughout the Lent.

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

To help promote and drive participation in the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage from February 14th to March 27th, we have created a series of marketing assets that can be downloaded by clicking the link below. This Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage allows people to visit different parishes and experience the church's beauty and that community's beauty. For more information on this event, please visit: [dioceseofbrooklyn.org/lent](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/lent)

Here are graphics for you to use to promote the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage in your parish:

1. Put an ongoing ad that has been supplied in your parish bulletin (through March 27th)
2. Post the supplied graphic on your social media feeds

Create interest and excitement with your parishioners by inviting all to take part.

[dioceseofbrooklyn.org/ParishAssets](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/ParishAssets) USE LINK TO ACCESS THE PROMOTIONAL DIGITAL ASSETS

If you have any questions or issues with accessing the files, please don't hesitate to reach out with your inquiries to [events@desalesmedia.org](mailto:events@desalesmedia.org)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Gibino  
Vicar for Evangelization and Catechesis

## ***INCARNATION - ST. GERARD MAJELLA***

### **Message from our pastor February 18, 2024**

Just before I went away on vacation for a week, the Vicar sent us an update as to where the parishes merging process stands that I want to share with everyone. Bishop Brennan created a task force in the diocese whose mission is to present him with options about mergers. Every deanery was asked to submit models to the task force about parishes within said deanery to merge. In some cases, like ours, it is only two parishes merging. But there can be more, sometimes three or even more than three parishes proposed to merge throughout the diocese.

Based on all that is going on throughout the Diocese, Bishop Brennan decided that if only two parishes are merging their names will remain with a hyphen between as the new name. If there were more than two parishes then that new parish would need a name change.

The Regional Vicar for our area of Queens, Fr John Costello, and the bishop's office, told me that our official new name will be **Incarnation-Saint Gerard Majella**.

I can already hear people's questions about this; and questions are healthy and good. But, let me try to answer some of those questions here.

#### **-What about the Shrine status of St Gerard, are we losing that?**

No! We are not losing the Shrine status. However, that status has always been a spiritual status given by the diocese as we are the first church in the USA named after St Gerard. It was never a legal or corporate name. So, yes, the spiritual status and all that comes with it will remain in place.

#### **-Why is Incarnation first?**

The reason Incarnation is first is because it is about the life of Jesus. There is a hierarchy of names in the church. Names that have to do with the person or life of Jesus always come first, titles or events in the life of Mother Mary come second, St Joseph third, names of the Apostles and Gospel writers come next, and saints come after that. We always put Jesus first and follow him.

#### **-Why so fast?**

Well like most things in the world it is hurrying up and waiting. We have been in this process for three years and conversations about this merger date back to before locking down in my appointment as pastor/administrator of both parishes. Honestly, it has been a long ride with difficulties, twists, and turns. I do know that we must be a recognized spiritual parish, which is also recognized by the diocese and Rome, before the corporate structure can be started with Albany and the US government. With the above questions asked and answered we do have more news.

The bishop has also decreed that the canonical founding of the new parish will be on February 15th, 2024. The civil creation of the parish will follow a few months later after the lawyers do their process with Albany and the US Government to get us a new EIN number and tax-exempt number so we can have a checkbook and be a civil corporation.

There are still some steps to be taken in this process; most of which are internal administration steps. Therefore, I would like you to thank my rectory staff ahead of time for all the work, meetings, and process that they will have to do over the next few months. And I ask everyone to be patient with the office and with me as in this part of the merger process the office and I will be consumed with meetings, paperwork, audits, archives, and the like to get everything done correctly, and in the timeframe given by the diocese.

As I get updates and instructions from the Diocese, I will share them, for now pray, praise the Lord, give witness, and be patient.

God bless you.

Fr. Gannon

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AT 7:30 PM**

## **INCARNATION - ST. GERARD MAJELLA**

### **MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO PARA EL 18 DE FEBRERO**

Antes de que yo me fuera de vacaciones por una semana, el Vicario nos mandó una actualización acerca del proceso de unión de las parroquias Encarnación y San Gerardo de Majella, que deseo compartirles a ustedes.

El Obispo Brennan creó un comité de trabajo en la Diócesis, cuya misión es presentarle a él opciones sobre la fusión de parroquias. A cada Decanato se le pidió someter modelos acerca de fusión de parroquias en su propio territorio. En algunos casos, como el nuestro, solo son dos las parroquias que se van a unir, pero puede haber más, algunas veces tres o más que se propone fusionar a través de la Diócesis.

Basados en todo lo que está sucediendo en la Diócesis, el Obispo decidió que si son solamente dos parroquias que se están uniendo, ambos nombres deben conservarse con un guion en medio de los dos nombres. En caso tal de que hubiera más de dos parroquias, la nueva parroquia recibiría un nuevo nombre. El vicario regional de nuestra área de Queens, el Padre John Costello y la oficina del Obispo, me informaron que el nuevo nombre oficial será Incarnation-Saint Gerard Majella.

Ya me parece estar escuchando algunas preguntas de la gente sobre esto. Las preguntas son buenas, y bienvenidas. Pero permítanme contestar aquí algunas de esas preguntas:

**¿Se perderá el estado de San Gerardo como santuario?** ¡No! No lo perderemos, porque siempre ha sido un estado espiritual dado por la Diócesis, al ser la primera parroquia en los Estados Unidos en haber tomado el nombre de San Gerardo y nunca ha sido un nombre legal o corporativo. De modo que este estado espiritual y lo que conlleva permanece igual.

**¿Por qué Incarnation va primero?** La razón es porque es sobre la vida de Jesús. Hay una jerarquía de nombres en la Iglesia. Los nombres que tienen que ver con la persona o vida de Jesús van siempre primero, títulos o eventos en la vida de la Virgen María van de segundo, San José va de tercero, los nombres de los apóstoles y los evangelistas van después, y por último los santos. Siempre ponemos a Jesús primero y lo seguimos.

**¿Por qué tan rápido?** Así como la mayoría de las cosas en el mundo, es afanarse y esperar y, nosotros hemos estado en este proceso por tres años y conversando sobre esta fusión desde antes de que yo fuera nombrado párroco/administrador de ambas parroquias. Honestamente, ha sido un largo camino con dificultades, giros y vueltas. Sé que debemos ser reconocidos como una parroquia espiritual tanto en la Diócesis como en Roma, antes que la estructura corporativa pueda ser iniciada en Albany y ante el gobierno de los Estados Unidos.

Respondidas las anteriores preguntas, tenemos nuevas noticias: El Obispo también decretó que la nueva parroquia fuera establecida canónicamente el 15 de febrero del año, 2024. Unos meses más adelante seguirá la creación civil de la parroquia, una vez que los abogados hagan su proceso con Albany y el gobierno de los Estados Unidos para obtener un nuevo número de identificación y de excepción de impuestos del empleador, para que podamos tener una chequera y ser una corporación civil. Todavía quedan otros pasos a seguir en este proceso, la mayoría de los cuales son administrativos. Por eso quiero que agradezcan al personal de la parroquia por su trabajo, reuniones y el proceso que tendrán que llevar a cabo en los meses siguientes. Y le pido a cada uno de ustedes que sea paciente con el personal de la oficina y conmigo en esta parte del proceso de fusión, en que tendremos reuniones, mucho papeleo, auditorias, archivos, y el deseo de hacer todo correctamente en el tiempo dado por la Diócesis.

Cuando tenga las actualizaciones e instrucciones de la Diócesis, las compartiré. Por favor, ahora les pido que recen, alaben al Señor, den testimonio y sean pacientes.

¡Que Dios les bendiga! P. Gannon

## ***INCARNATION - ST. GERARD MAJELLA***

### **INCARNATION – ST. GERARD MAJELLA**

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Congratulations on planning the Baptism of your child! Thank you for making us part of this celebration!

#### **Baptism Guidelines for Infants**

- Parents are responsible for bringing their child to the Sacrament of Baptism as soon after birth as possible. Except in case of necessity, the church is the usual place of baptism.
  - In order that a child be baptized, it is necessary that the parents' consent, or at least one of them, or someone legally standing in their place, and that there is reasonable hope that the child will be brought up in the Catholic Faith.
  - Child must be 6 years or younger.
  - The parent(s) need to contact the office and register the child at least two months before the baptism. Also, the Birth Certificate of the child and the name of the Godparent(s) are required at the time of registration.
  - Parent(s) and godparents not a member of this parish must have the name and address of the church they attend.
  - One Godparent is sufficient to sponsor a child, but no more than two (2) will be recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. If two godparents are chosen, they must be male and female.
  - If a couple is chosen as the Godparents, they **MUST** be married by the Roman Catholic Church.
  - In order for someone to be eligible as a godparent they must be chosen by the parents, have the ability and the intention to fulfill the role, be at least 16 years of age, **and be a confirmed Roman Catholic**, who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist, is leading a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith (including Marriage) and will be a good role model for the one being baptized, and be neither the father nor the mother of the child. We need the **CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE**.
  - Godparents must have the dates and the name(s) of the church(es) where they receive their sacraments. It is desirable that the parents provide us the same information about themselves.
- \*\*A baptized person who belongs to another Christian community may be admitted only as a “Christian witness” (not a godparent), provided that there is at least one Roman Catholic godparent who fulfills the above criteria. A nonbaptized person cannot be a witness (Code of Canon Law, cc. 872-874; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1255).**
- Parents and Godparents must attend a pre-baptismal class that is generally held on the third Saturday of the month.
  - Parents and godparents are earnestly invited to offer a donation to the Church on the day of the Baptism. Use the special envelopes made available for such purposes.
  - Baptisms are celebrated according to the following schedule: last Saturday of the month. As we are two churches we alternate the baptisms as follows: one month at Incarnation and the other at St. Gerard Majella.
  - Parent(s) and godparents must be physically present on the day of the Baptism.

Infant Baptisms are celebrated once monthly (except during the season of lent). To prepare for your child's Baptism, please call the office at (718) 465-8534 or email [bookkeeper@incarnationqv.org](mailto:bookkeeper@incarnationqv.org)  
One parent should contact the office at least two months before the baptism with the birth certificate and the names of the godparents, who must be Catholics in good standing, who are confirmed and are at least 16 years old.

#### **Baptism (for children 7 years of age & older)**

The child must be registered in our regular CCD program. After two consecutive years of formation, he/she will be baptized and receive the other sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Mrs. Juliana Paul or Mrs. Carmen Macchio our religious Education directors at (718)465-8534 or (718) 468-6565

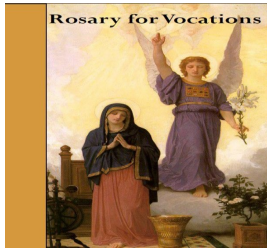
**Requirements: Birth Certificate Registration with CCD Attend classes and Mass weekly**

#### **Baptism (for adults)**

The adult must be registered in our regular RCIA program. After two consecutive years of formation, he/she will be baptized and receive the other sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact our office at (718) 465-8534 or email [bookkeeper@incarnationqv.org](mailto:bookkeeper@incarnationqv.org)

**Requirements: Birth Certificate, Registration with RCIA Attend formation meetings monthly and Mass weekly.**

## INCARNATION - ST. GERARD MAJELLA



The Holy Rosary is an ancient form of prayer in the Church that dates back to the early Middle Ages. Through this meditative prayer, we join our prayers with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary in asking God for what we need. It is a powerful prayer, indeed.

Below is a set of **scripture-based** mysteries to assist those who pray to focus their prayer of the Rosary for the intentions of Vocations in the Diocese of Brooklyn. As you pray and meditate on the mysteries, please remember to pray for those who hear God's call to service in the Church as priests, deacons, bishops, consecrated men and women and holy husbands and wives. Pray that you know your own vocation and follow it with generosity and joy.

And finally, know that in making this prayer your own you are united not only with Mary and the angels and the saints, but with fellow believers everywhere.

### Pray the Master of the Harvest to send laborers into His vineyard!

Click on the *mysteries* to download.

[Joyful Mysteries](#) – Mondays, Saturdays, Sundays of Advent, and Sundays from Epiphany until Lent

[Glorious Mysteries](#) – Wednesdays, and Sundays throughout the year

[Sorrowful Mysteries](#) – Tuesdays, Fridays, and daily from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday

[Luminous Mysteries](#) – Thursdays throughout the year

### ROSARIO VOCACIONAL



El Santo Rosario es una antigua forma de oración en la Iglesia que se remonta a la Alta Edad Media. A través de esta oración meditativa, unimos nuestras oraciones a las de la Santísima Virgen María para pedirle a Dios lo que necesitamos. De hecho, es una oración poderosa.

A continuación se muestra un conjunto de misterios basados en las Escrituras para ayudar a quienes oran a enfocar su oración del Rosario por las intenciones de las Vocaciones en la Diócesis de Brooklyn. Mientras oras y meditas en los misterios, recuerda orar por aquellos que escuchan el llamado de Dios al servicio en la Iglesia como sacerdotes, diáconos, obispos, hombres y mujeres consagrados y santos esposos y esposas. Orad para que conozcáis vuestra propia vocación y seguidla con generosidad y alegría.

Y finalmente, sepa que al hacer suya esta oración, se une no sólo a María, los ángeles y los santos, sino también a los hermanos creyentes en todas partes.

¡Ruega al Dueño de la Mies que envíe obreros a Su viña!

Haga clic en los misterios para descargar.

**Misterios Gozosos:** Lunes, Sábados, Domingos de Adviento y Domingos desde Epifanía hasta Cuaresma.

**Misterios Gloriosos:** miércoles y domingos durante todo el año.

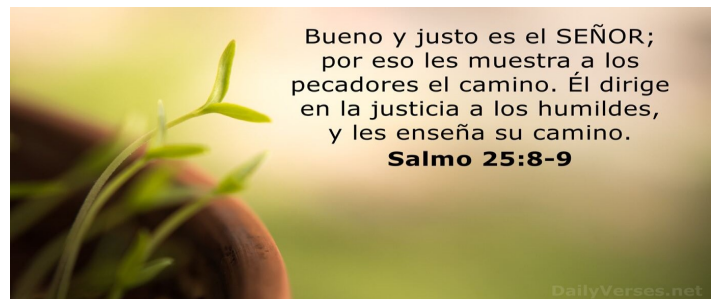
**Misterios Dolorosos:** los martes, viernes y todos los días desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta el Domingo de Pascua.

**Misterios Luminosos:** Jueves durante todo el año.

Due to the Lenten season that begins next Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday; the Incarnation and Saint Gerard Majella Churches will not be celebrating **Baptisms** during the months of February and March.

The next date will be in April. We will keep you informed.

Debido a la temporada de Cuaresma que comienza el próximo miércoles, 14 de febrero, Miércoles de Cenizas; las Iglesias Encarnación y San Gerardo Majella no estarán celebrando **Bautismos** durante los meses de febrero y marzo. La próxima fecha será en abril. Les mantendremos informado.



Bueno y justo es el SEÑOR;  
por eso les muestra a los  
pecadores el camino. Él dirige  
en la justicia a los humildes,  
y les enseña su camino.

**Salmo 25:8-9**

### VIA CRUCIS

TODOS LOS VIERNES DE CUARESMA

EN LAS IGLESIAS ENCARNACION &

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## Adoracion al Santisimo junto al grupo de Oracion "JESUS ESTA VIVO".

Cada primer viernes del mes, comensando  
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Lugar: Iglesia San Gerardo Majella.

Todos estan invitados



ADORACIÓN  
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SANTÍSIMO  
SACRAMENTO

Dediquemos un  
minuto de oracion por las  
vocaciones. Recemos el  
Santo Rosario a nuestra  
Madre Maria para que les  
ayude a obtener fuerzas y  
devocion.

"ORAD UNOS POR OTROS,  
PARA QUE SEÁIS SANADOS."  
- Santiago 5:16



**REZA por mí**

## Mass Intention Book 2024

The Mass Intention books 2024 for  
Incarnation Church and Saint Gerard  
Majella Church are open.

Please , BRING, SEND, OR EMAIL your mass  
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rectory and online.

Grupo Legion de Maria " Maria Reina de los Apostoles"

Les invita a unise a ellos todos los martes a las 7:30 pm

En el centro de acogida de la SGM.



LA LEGION DE MARIA JUNTO AL GRUPO CARISMATICO  
DE LA IGLESIA ST GERARDO QUIERE INVITARLES A QUE  
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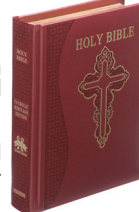
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