

# Parish of Incarnation - Saint Gerard Majella

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Deacon Franklin Munoz

### Pastoral Team

Rev. Aloysius Enemal (In Residence)  
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

### Religious Education Office

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### Rectory Hours

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

### Incarnation Academy School

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### Pastoral Team

Rev. Augustine Ifeanyi Umeatuegbu, In Residence  
Mrs. Carmen Macchio, Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Anne Smith-Thompson, Director of Music Ministry

### Mass Times

**Monday thru Saturday:** 9:30AM (English)  
**Sunday:** 8:15AM & 11:45AM (English) 9:45AM (Spanish)  
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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, September 29, 2024



**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Saturday, Sept. 28:**

9:30 am SGM - † Open  
 5:00 pm INC - **B' day blessings to Miriam Molina**  
 In thanksgiving & for good health of  
 Nicholas Edejer  
 Intentions of America Dominguez  
 † Peggy Papas Droulias  
 † Ruby Andrade (1st dead anni)

**Sunday, September 29:**

8:00 am INC - † Cecilia Salomon & Aurelio Frias  
 8:15 am SGM - In thanksgiving to St Michael, St Gabriel  
 & St Raphael the Archangel  
 9:45 am SGM - Accion de gracias por favores recibidos-  
 Minerva Guzman & familia  
 10:15 am INC - † Cenona & Cipriano Galo  
 11:45 am SGM - **B' day blessings to Ms Yvette Hinds**  
 12:00 pm INC - **B' day blessings to Otilia Coyoc**  
 † Jose M. Rodriguez

**Monday, Sept. 30: St Jerone**

8:30 am INC - † Pacita Samson  
 9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Tuesday, Oct 01: St Therese of the Child Jesus**

8:30 am INC - In thanksgiving & for the health of-  
 Nicholas Edejer  
 9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Wednesday, Oct 02: The Holy Guardian Angel**

8:30 am INC - † Andres Pagay  
 9:30 am SGM - **B' day blessings to Joy Monsales &**  
 Thanksgiving for Joanne Monsales's  
 college acceptance  
 5:00 pm INC- CONFIRMATION

**Thursday, Oct 03:**

8:30: am INC – † Gerard Jacques  
 9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Friday, Oct 04: Feast of St Francis of Assisi**

8:30 am INC - Teresito Remota  
 9:30 am SGM - † Open

**Saturday, Oct 05:**

9:30 am SGM - **B' day bleesings to Melanie Agatep**  
 5:00 pm INC - For the healing & health of  
 Vivian Fajardo  
 † Kerry Rahaman  
 Int of Angel, Trinidad, Jose & Alberto Ferrer

**Sunday, Oct 06:**

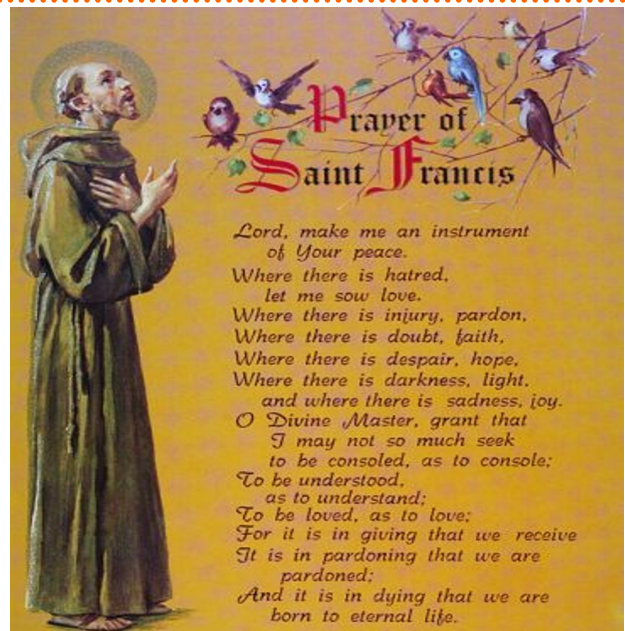
8:00 am INC - † Petrona Salomon & Flora Olazo  
 8:15 am SGM - Int of Marie Joel Jackson  
 9:45 am SGM - † Hilda de Bustos & Miguel Hidalgo,  
 Matthew Bato  
 10:15 am INC - Int of Edgar Haresco  
 11:45 am SGM - † Escolastica P. Monsanto  
 (3rd dead ann)  
 12:00 pm INC - † Jose M. Rodriguez

**In celebration of St Francis of Assisi Feast**

The blessing of the animals will take place  
 this Sunday, October 6, 2024.  
 At the Incarnation church at 2:00 pm  
 At the San Gerardo church at 2:00 pm

**En honor a la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís**

La bendicion de los animals se efectuará este  
 domingo 06 de octubre, 2024.  
 En la iglesia Encarnacion a la 2 :00 pm  
 En la iglesia San Gerardo a la 2:00 pm



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

### **Message from our Pastor September 29, 2024**

... continuing the topic from last week....

We have to do something. Doing the “status quo” is not an option. We are not the only parish reflecting on the current challenge of mass schedule. If you remember Bp Brennan sent a letter to parishes and pastor’s last Spring. In that letter he instructed every deanery to start that conversation on that level and every parish to start that conversation on the parish level. He also ordered that 2025 mass books remain closed until he says to open it. The priests of the deanery have been praying, reflecting, and talking about this all summer. Many of our neighbors’ parishes have also decided to cut masses and combine them.

We are doing the same. I do this with hope and prayer. Changing mass times is not the end of the world, yet I know it is a habit change and in some situations means that people have to sacrifice. Sacrifice is not a bad thing; it is picking up our cross and following Jesus. I also understand that the mass schedule is the third rail of church life. It energizes but it can also electrocute. The process to change demands patience prayer and clarity.

As I mentioned last week we cannot keep doing what we are doing. At some point soon, it will just not work. We are currently a two-priest parish. We will never have more priests than that assigned again. Many parishes that have more people going to mass than we do but are already a one-man parish. The reason we have two priests is not based on language but is because we are two sites. But the time may come where that may need to change as well. Plus, what do we do when one of us gets sick, goes on retreat or vacation, or another local parish asks for help, even temporarily, whose priest is sick. This last issue has already happened recently. We made it work in the moment, but we cannot keep doing that, one day it will not work, and we will be in trouble.

#### **Here is what I propose starting January 1st , 2025.**

- Only one daily mass, not two and moving the daily mass time to 9am:
- Monday and Tuesday – 9 am Incarnation Church.
- Wednesday - adoration at Incarnation Church (no mass at Incarnation).
- Wednesday – 9 am mass at St. Gerard Majella church.
- Thursday and Friday – 9 am mass at Incarnation church.
- Saturday morning - 9 am mass at St. Gerard Majella
- Saturday afternoon mass at 5:00 pm at Incarnation Church - followed by adoration.
- First Friday of the month we will continue 7:00 pm mass at St. Gerard Majella Church

#### **After Memorial Day weekend we will change Sunday mass schedule:**

**8:15 English – St. Gerard Majella Church**

**9:45 Spanish – St. Gerard Majella Church**

**10:15 English – Incarnation Church**

**Noon Spanish – Incarnation church**

The Filipino and Haitian mass will continue as they are scheduled now, as long as the deanery and apostolate can provide priests to help us.

We need to try this first for a while and then in a year -2026 - we as a community may decide if we still need to tweak the schedule a bit more.

More on this topic next week....

Blessings Fr Gannon

Ps. I am happy to sit with anyone to explain this schedule and this need in person, but we need to do it.

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

Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Brooklyn  
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June 7, 2024

Dear Pastors and Administrators,

As you know we are coming up on the conclusion of this year's Deanery visits. Monsignor Joseph Grimaldi, your local Regional Episcopal Vicar and I have listened to your suggestions and concerns, and the conversations have personally been very encouraging to me.

As we look to the new pastoral year, I am committed to implement our Reconfiguration Process, with its three different stages throughout our diocese, in order to effectively utilize our Financial and clergy personnel resources. The purpose of the Reconfiguration Process is to strengthen the relationship that already exists among parish communities in particular areas of our diocese and to enhance the varied ministries that each parish offers, while collaborating, partnering or merging with another parish.

Collaboration, partnerships, or parish mergers are taking place in many dioceses and a number of parishes share their pastor with at least one other parish with that number growing. The issues we face here in our diocese, though unique in their own ways, are similar to what is Happening throughout the country. We are one family in faith.

With this in mind, pastors in each deanery have been tasked to discuss and adjust their Mass schedules in collaboration with the other parishes in their deanery this coming Fall. You are also strongly encouraged to work with neighboring parishes outside your assigned deanery, if pastorally necessary. To that effect, I am asking that no Mass intentions be taken after June 30, 2025. It is essential that every parish share in this commitment.

You will hear more about this process in the coming months, and you are encouraged to Engage actively in the consultation opportunities at the deanery level. Please provide your thoughts and ideas to your Dean. This is an important moment for new opportunities in our diocese. It is Crucial that this process be rooted in prayer and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I ask that you be faithful to patient discernment and committed to creating a plan with your Parish Leadership, Dean and Regional Vicar that will set the roadmap for the future vitality and vibrancy of all our Parishes in Brooklyn and Queens.

Thank you for your cooperation as we embark in this new phase of reconfiguration in our diocese. Be assured of my continued prayers for each of you and parish communities.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Brooklyn.

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

### **Mensaje de nuestro párroco 29 de septiembre de 2024**

... continuando con el tema de la semana pasada...

Tenemos que hacer algo. Mantener el “status quo” no es una opción. No somos la única parroquia que reflexiona sobre el desafío actual del horario de misas. Si recuerdan, Bp Brennan envió una carta a las parroquias y párrocos la primavera pasada. En esa carta, instruyó a cada decanato que iniciara esa conversación en ese nivel y a cada parroquia que iniciara esa conversación en el nivel parroquial. También ordenó que los libros de misas de 2025 permanezcan cerrados hasta que él diga que los abran.

Los sacerdotes del decanato han estado orando, reflexionando y hablando sobre esto durante todo el verano. Muchas de las parroquias de nuestros vecinos también han decidido recortar misas y combinarlas. Estamos haciendo lo mismo. Lo hago con esperanza y oración. Cambiar los horarios de misa no es el fin del mundo, pero sé que es un cambio de hábito y en algunas situaciones significa que las personas tienen que sacrificarse. El sacrificio no es algo malo; es tomar nuestra cruz y seguir a Jesús. También entiendo que el horario de misas es el tercer riel de la vida de la iglesia. Da energía pero también puede electrocutar. El proceso de cambio exige paciencia, oración y claridad.

Como mencioné la semana pasada, no podemos seguir haciendo lo que estamos haciendo. En algún momento pronto, simplemente no funcionará. Actualmente somos una parroquia de dos sacerdotes. Nunca volveremos a tener más sacerdotes asignados que eso. Muchas parroquias tienen más personas que asisten a misa que nosotros pero ya son una parroquia de una sola persona. La razón por la que tenemos dos sacerdotes no se basa en el idioma sino en que somos dos sitios. Pero puede llegar el momento en que eso también deba cambiar. Además, ¿qué hacemos cuando uno de nosotros se enferma, se va de retiro o de vacaciones, u otra parroquia local pide ayuda, incluso temporalmente, cuyo sacerdote está enfermo? Este último problema ya ha sucedido recientemente. Lo hicimos funcionar en el momento, pero no podemos seguir haciéndolo, un día no funcionará y estaremos en problemas.

#### **Esto es lo que propongo a partir del 1 de enero de 2025.**

- Solo una misa diaria, no dos, y trasladar la hora de la misa diaria a las 9:00 a. m.
- **Lunes y martes:** 9:00 a. m., Iglesia de la Encarnación.
- **Miércoles:** adoración en la Iglesia de la Encarnación (no hay misa en la Iglesia de la Encarnación).
- **Miércoles:** misa a las 9:00 a. m. en la Iglesia de San Gerardo Majella.
- **Jueves y viernes:** misa a las 9:00 a. m. en la Iglesia de la Encarnación.
- **Sábado por la mañana:** misa a las 9:00 a. m. en San Gerardo Majella
- **Misa del sábado por la tarde** a las 5:00 p. m. en la Iglesia de la Encarnación, seguida de adoración.
- **El primer viernes del mes continuaremos con la misa de las 7:00 p. m. en la iglesia St. Gerard Majella**

#### **Después del fin de semana del Día de los Caídos, cambiaremos el horario de la misa dominical:**

- **8:15 - en inglés: Iglesia St. Gerard Majella**
- **9:45 - en español: Iglesia St. Gerard Majella**
- **10:15 - en inglés: Iglesia Incarnation**
- **12:00 - en español: Iglesia Incarnation**

Las misas para la comunidad filipina y haitiana continuarán como están programadas ahora, siempre y cuando el decanato y el apostolado puedan proporcionar sacerdotes que nos ayuden.

Necesitamos probar esto primero por un tiempo y luego en un año -2026- nosotros como comunidad podemos decidir si aún necesitamos ajustar el horario un poco más.

Bendiciones, Padre Gannon

Ps. Estaré encantado de sentarme con cualquiera para explicarle este horario y esta necesidad en persona, sientanse libres de venir a hablar conmigo; pero necesitamos hacerlo.

Más sobre este tema la próxima semana...



*INCARNATION - ST. GERARD MAJELLA*



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30th**

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**October 26 at Saint Gerard Church  
November 23rd at Incarnation Church**

**Please contact Mrs. Denise Das at  
saintgerardm@gmail.com, 718 - 468- 6565 or  
718 - 465 – 8534 for the pre- baptism class.**

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**Las proximas fechas para bautismos este 2024:**

**Octubre 26 en la iglesia San Gerardo  
Noviembre 23 en la iglesia Encarnacion**

**Favor contactar la Sra. Denise Das al:  
saintgerardm@gmail.com, 718 - 468 - 6565 or  
718 – 465 - 8534 para la clase pre-bautismal.**

**GIRL SCOUTS  
FRIDAYS at INCARNATION  
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in LOWER CHURCH  
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for more info  
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Comenzando a las 11:00am  
MECESITA tener identificacion**

**Wednesdays, Adoration**

**after 8:30 am mass to 1:00 am**

**at Incarnation Church**

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Bishop’s Prayer for Vocations** Almighty God, we turn to you at this hour with all our hearts. Hear our prayer as we ask for an increase of Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life to serve your Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

May we always have the ministers we need to stand at Your Altars, administer Your Sacraments, and lead Your People on the path to Heaven.

We pray that we will always be attentive to Your Call and that if today we hear Your Voice, we may not harden our hearts; rather, that we have the courage to respond with generosity.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

—Bishop Robert J. Brennan

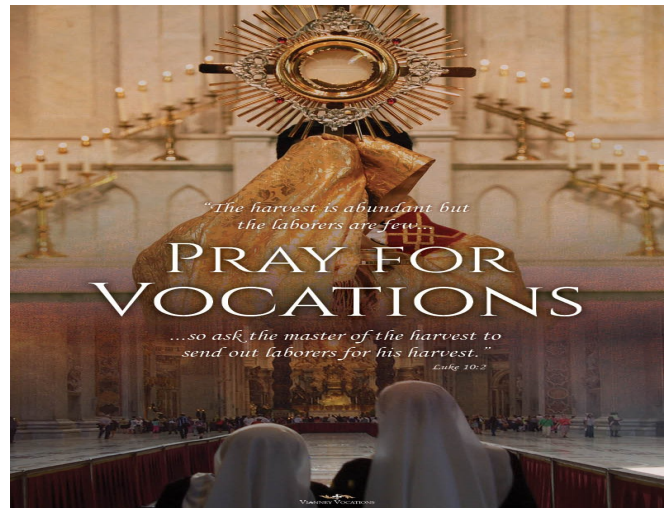
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Brooklyn Diocese Bishop’s Prayer for Vocations



**Today’ mass readings Sept. 29**

Nm 11: 25– 29

Jas 5: 1- 6

Ps 19

Mk 9: 38– 43, 45, 47-48 (137)

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**Lecturas para el domingo 29 de setiembre**

Numeros 11: 25- 29

Santiago 5: 1-6

Salmo 19

Marcos 9: 38– 43, 45, 47-48 (137)



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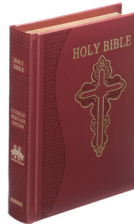
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