

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*In today's gospel, Jesus tells us, **HE IS THE WAY** and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, May 4**

8:30 a.m. - People of St. Gerard Parish

**Tuesday, May 5**

8:30 a.m. - Rosena & Stephen Verhoff +  
Clarence Helmig +

**Wednesday, May 6**

8:30 a.m. - Robert & Eloise Maag +

**Thursday, May 7**

8:30 a.m. - Robert Ellinger +

**Friday, May 8**

8:30 a.m. - Jeff Geise +

**Saturday, May 9**

8:30 a.m. -  
5:00 p.m. - Bob Mack +  
Gene & Emilie Hullinger +  
Barb Daley +  
Living & Deceased of the McCormick Family

**Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena  
11:00 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, May 3**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Online only)  
9:00-10:30 a.m. - NO RCIA classes in the Cafeteria  
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes CANCELLED  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
April, 3rd week On-line: \$ 2,029.00	\$ 9,859.25	\$ 7,265.00
# of Envelopes	220	105
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 462,049.46</b>	<b>\$ 447,104.00</b>

**During this time of uncertainty, we ask that you please continue to support St. Gerard Church by sending in your weekly offertory donations, signing up to give online or consider giving a monthly donation. Thank you.**



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:**

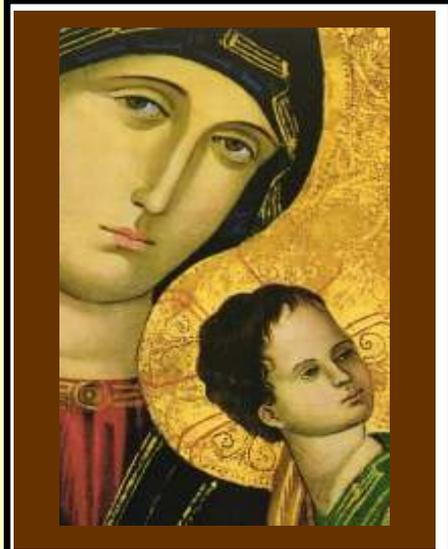


**Deacons:**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**ST. GERARD PRAYER REQUESTS:**

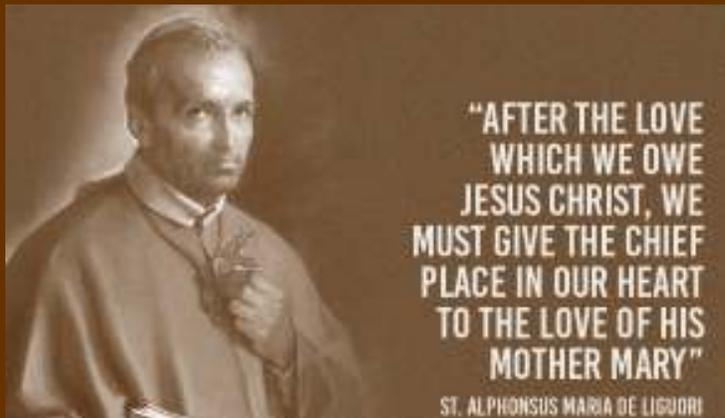
Requests for prayers can be emailed to: [stgprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stgprayerchain@gmail.com) or called into the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.



The Redemptorists have a special devotion to the crib of Bethlehem, the cross of Calvary, the Eucharist and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The Redemptorists asked Pope Pius IX for permission to move the ancient icon to their new church, San Alfonso, which was built on the location of the icon's earlier home. The Pope granted permission and told the Redemptorists to "make Her known throughout the world" under the title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The order continues to this day to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother under this title.

The icon is an ancient Byzantine icon and has been accompanied by many miracles. In the ancient world, icons were much more than beautiful images, they are full symbolism and are meant to connect us directly with God.



**MOTHER'S DAY CARDS:**

Mother's Day cards are available on the tables at the church exits. There is a beautiful card to give to your mother, as well as an envelope for your donation to the Novena of Masses that will be offered for all mothers ~ both living and deceased. Please return your donation to the parish office. Thank you.

**ST. GERARD FESTIVAL:**

Please note that the date for our annual parish festival has been changed. Due to COVID 19, we have scheduled our festival for July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd. If anything changes, we will let you know.

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYER:**

Just a reminder that our church is open from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday for Individual Private Prayer.

**VIDEO STREAMING:**

Is your family taking advantage of watching Mass online with us? We hope your family is joining us and participating in the Mass. Our webcam is on 24 hours a day.

**FACEBOOK:**

Social media is so important at this time in our lives. If you have not checked out our Facebook page, please do! Just look up St. Gerard Church and be sure to like us! Brother Dan shares a beautiful daily reflection each day on our facebook page. You will also find and updates concerning St. Gerard on this page.

**ONLINE GIVING:**

On-line giving is a great alternative to using your envelopes. It's easy to sign-up and you can do so by going to our website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the on-line giving tab.

**\*\* Please note that the Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.\*\***

**ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

**PLEDGES TO DATE**

Amount Pledged: \$984,638.52  
Amount Paid: \$855,527.68

Outstanding Balance:  
\$129,110.84

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

Only \$15,361.48 to go before we reach our goal!

*Thank you to those who have sent in their envelope or dropped them off to the Parish Office. We have also had a nice increase of parishioners sign-up for online giving! We greatly appreciate it!*

**If you would like to mail in your offertory contributions, please send them to:**

**St. Gerard Church  
1307 N. Main St.  
Lima, OH 45801**

**A PRAYER DURING COVID 19:**

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God, You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

**May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.**

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

**Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.**

You comfort us in times of fear,

**May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.**

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

**May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.**

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,  
**May we be led to share what we have with those in need.**

God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

**May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.**

Amen.

*Prayer: Linda Jones-CAFOD*



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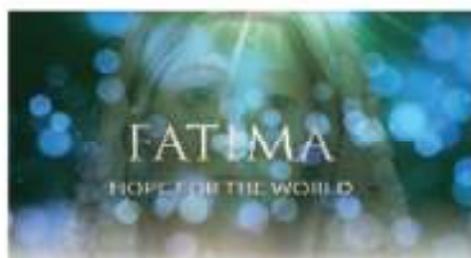
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## May 2020 Liturgical Calendar

- 5/1 Saint Joseph the Worker**  
**Watch:** On Pilgrimage with Father Emil Kapaun  
**Listen:** Saint Joseph - Patron of the Universal Church
- 5/2 Saint Athanasius**  
**Listen:** Lessons from the Early Church Fathers  
**Listen:** Holiness is Always in Season
- 5/13 Our Lady of Fatima**  
**Watch:** Fatima - Hope for the World  
**Listen:** Fatima - Living the Message  
**Kids:** Brother Francis - The Rosary
- 5/14 Saint Matthias**  
**Listen:** Acts of the Apostles  
**Listen:** The Apostle's Creed
- 5/22 Saint Rita**  
**Watch:** Saint Rita of Cascia - A True Story  
**Pray:** Novena of Surrender (Start today to finish on Pentecost!)
- 5/24 Ascension of the Lord**  
**Pray:** Sunday Mass  
**Watch:** Shade the Series  
**Study:** Why Believe? - Volume 2, Chapter 15
- 5/26 Saint Philip Neri**  
**Watch:** True Reformers - Saint Philip Neri  
**Read:** The Life of Saint Philip Neri
- 5/31 Pentecost**  
**Pray:** Sunday Mass  
**Watch:** The Wild Goose with Father Dave Pivonka  
**Study:** Lectio: Evangelization

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