



St. Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours

Monday — Thursday: 9:00am-4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm Closed Friday and Saturday

Mass & Devotions

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Weekdays: 9:00am
Rosary: Monday – Friday: 8:30am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Monday - Friday: 9:30 am
First Saturday: 11:00am Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

Penance

The sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:45pm. You may call the Parish Office to make an appointment with one of the priests.

Baptism

Baptisms are typically held twice a month at 1:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to set a date. Selection of godparents should be made after speaking with one of the priests or deacons.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for your wedding at least six months in advance. No date can be set until the couple meets with a member of the clergy.

Parish Outreach Hours

Food Pantry

Tuesday: 11:30am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday: 11:30am-1:30pm & 4:30pm-5:30pm

Thrift Shop/Barn

Monday — Thursday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Donations accepted Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-3:00pm and Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm. Please refer to our website for a list of items that can be donated.

Stewardship Supper

The Thursday evening dinner is served between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. All are welcome.



First Sunday of Advent

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Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

A Message from our Pastor



This **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT** is an opportunity to reflect on the Lord's blessings to us this past year, as well as to look forward with hope and confidence. Amid life's joys and challenges, the Lord continues to bless us in so many ways. I wish to offer my thanks to our Parish Staff, Trustees and Parish Finance Council. Without their leadership, hard work and wise counsel, our parish could not flourish as a family. I am also pleased with the fresh and welcoming look of the church and rectory grounds, as we continue to make updates to our beautiful property, including at the rectory and hopefully our Thrift Store possibly in the months ahead.

Parish Financial Statement (Previous Year Comparison)

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Revenues:			
Regular Collections	\$629,145	\$663,153	\$604,261
Fund Raising	15,279	24,652	3,129
Parish Programs	314,711	318,716	278,473
Auxiliary	338,996	101,162	66,469
Interest Income	<u>141</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>175</u>
Total Revenue	\$1,298,272	\$1,107,716	\$952,507
Expenditures:			
Salaries	\$340,768	\$347,819	\$380,812
Benefits	123,319	100,760	117,919
Fundraising	0	460	0
Parish Programs	48,785	57,946	58,428
School Subsidies	24,870	72,512	70,771
Printing & Office Supplies	88,613	118,451	80,774
Auxiliary Expenses	94,929	100,453	97,228
Rectory & Household	13,794	18,500	19,705
Utilities & Maintenance	<u>189,210</u>	<u>177,647</u>	<u>209,528</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 924,288	\$ 994,548	\$1,035,165
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 373,843</u>	<u>\$ 113,135</u>	<u>(\$ 82,658)</u>
Cash Reserves:	\$ 527,783	\$ 254,702	\$ 220,625

Important points to consider :

- With regular collections having decreased, we were able to manage our costs in almost all areas except for employee benefits (insurances) which we all know increase every year.
- We received two significant gifts last year that have increased our cash reserves.
- Our cost for Utilities & Maintenance included an unanticipated expenditure for parish insurance which impacted our final standing.
- We need to bolster support in our fundraising events, particularly our Prayer Garden and our Fall Event.



O, come let us adore

Him,

Christ the Lord!

Anticipating the Celebration of the Birth of Our Savior

please join us for a

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursday, December 5, at 7pm at St. Gerard Majella Church.**

Our time together will include

**Scripture — Reflection by Father Greg —
Prayerful Meditation — Song — Benediction**

Come! Let us gather for this special time of gratitude for our invitation to be in relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!

*“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment,
there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host.
It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”
~ Pope Benedict XVI*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



“Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call.” Our Holy Father shared these words in his recent message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In doing so, Pope Francis made clear what lies at the heart of every vocation: God’s initiative. He calls. He invites. In freedom, we simply respond.

Our Religious Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre heard God’s call and responded generously. They have selflessly dedicated their lives to serving the Lord and his people. Through their devotion to Christ and greater configuration to Him in their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they have lived out their call of discipleship and service in education, healthcare, parochial ministry, and so many other apostolates.

We are grateful for the countless ways they have served and ministered among us, and we are grateful for their witness to us! As you prayerfully reflect on how your life has been touched by the ministry and witness of our consecrated religious men and women, I would ask that you consider making a gift to the Religious Retirement Fund. In the name of our dedicated and faithful Religious Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your generosity! May God to bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend John O. Barres

Religious Education

2024 Class Masses

Sunday, December 8	10:00	Level 7 Commitment Mass
	12:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class
Sunday, January 12	10:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class
	12:00	Level 8
Sunday, January 26	10:00	Level 3
	12:00	Level 7

Parent Meetings and Retreats

December 4th-Level 8 Student/Sponsor Night at 7pm

December 14th-Level 1 Family Advent Retreat at 11am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent I will spend a few extra minutes in prayer today.	2 I will do my work well today and with joy for God.	3 St. Francis Xavier I will obey my parents, my teachers, and others in charge of me.	4 I will do some work for my parents to help them rest after a day of work. I will work hard today and do my best.	5 I will be a peacemaker today in school and at home.	6 St. Nicholas I will donate like-new toys and books I've outgrown to needy families.	7 St. Ambrose I will eat more of what is good for me today and less of what is not.
8 Second Sunday of Advent I will secretly do a kind act for someone.	9 Immaculate Conception of Mary I will honor Mary in a very special way today by being cheerful.	10 Our Lady of Loreto I will try to be more thoughtful of others.	11 I will find a quiet place and sit for a few minutes, just letting God love me.	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart.	13 St. Lucy I will try to show special love for someone who seems unhappy or lonely.	14 St. John of the Cross I will be satisfied with the things I have instead of asking my family for more.
15 Third Sunday of Advent I will try to be patient today.	16 I will thank God for all he gives to me.	17 I will work hard today and do my best.	18 I will keep calm and not lose my temper when I am pushed or treated rudely.	19 I will make a special effort to be kind to those I find it hard to like.	20 I will be helpful at home these last days before Jesus' birthday.	21 St. Peter Canisius I will speak kindly to all I meet today.
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent I will be kind in a special way to someone I do not like much.	23 I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not want to do.	24 I welcome Jesus with great love and offer him all the good acts I have performed and the prayers I have said during Advent.	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!			
ADVENT 2024 <i>May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.</i>				LOYOLA PRESS. A JESUIT MINISTRY <small>Copyright © LOYOLA PRESS.</small>		

Parish Outreach Ministry

“Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.”

Welcome Friends Free Curbside Meal Program

Monday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Christ Episcopal Church
127 Barnum Avenue, Port Jeff Village

Tuesday: 1:00 – 1:30 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
390 Patchogue Rd. (Rt. 112), Port Jeff Station

Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

Thursday: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Doors Open at 4pm Sit Down Only between 4:30pm and 5:30pm

St. Gerard Majella Church

Friday: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
Corner of Main St. and South St., Port Jeff Village

The poster features the RISE Above Suicide logo at the top. Below it, the title "SUICIDE PREVENTION" is written in large, bold letters, followed by the slogan "TALK SAVES LIVES". A central graphic shows two hands holding a heart. To the left, a list titled "WHAT WILL I LEARN?" includes: 1. RISK FACTORS AND THE "PATHWAY" TO SUICIDE, 2. WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE, 3. HOW TO ASK SOMEONE ABOUT SUICIDE, 4. HOW TO LISTEN ACTIVELY AND OFFER HOPE, 5. HOW TO CONNECT THE PERSON TO HELP, and 6. HOW TO MAKE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND BUILD A SUPPORT TEAM. To the right, a box titled "WHEN IS IT?" specifies: "JANUARY 30TH, FROM 7:00-8:00PM AT ST. GERARD RC CHURCH, 300 TERRYVILLE RD., PORT JEFFERSON STATION". Below this, another box states "ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE" and "JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT HOW EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US HAS THE ABILITY TO SAVE A LIFE. IT DOESN'T TAKE AN EXPERT TO PREVENT SUICIDE." At the bottom, a green banner reads "SUICIDE PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU!". An illustration of three people sitting on a bench is also present.

Food Pantry Needs

Granola Bars
Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Chicken
Jelly
Soup
Shampoo/Conditioner
Feminine Products
Razors
Shaving Cream
Soap
Laundry Soap
Toothpaste
Deodorant

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
American Red Cross - LI: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-SUICIDE
Response Crisis Center: 631-751-7500 (Suicide Hotline)
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200
Conexión Linea de Crisis (M-F: 5-10 PM) 631-751-7423V
Victims Information Bureau (Advocacy, Counseling): 631-360-3606
Women's Services (Town of Brookhaven): 631-698-2074

Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of December 2 – December 8

Monday, December 2

9:00am Helen Handley

Tuesday, December 3

9:00am Joan Petschauer

Wednesday, December 4

9:00am James Dooley, Joan Marie Tamburello,
Iris Caceres

Thursday, December 5

9:00am Thomas DuBritz

Friday, December 6

9:00am The Intentions of Susan Polchinski

Saturday, December 7

5:00pm Frank Hickey, Robert Kelley, Edward Peiliker,
Lorraine Kneessy, Robert Ziegler

Sunday, December 8

8:00am Andrew Carnegie

10:00am The Living & Deceased Members of St. Gerard's
Knights of Columbus

12:00pm Jessica Ippolito



Fr. Francis

Fr. Greg

Fr. Greg

Fr. Vitus

Stewardship Report

Last Week's Collection - \$8,294.00

Weekly Memorials

***Our Sanctuary Candle has been lovingly donated
in honor of:***

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Prayers for the Sick

All the sick and residents of Atria, St. Joseph's Village Woodhaven Adult Home & Nursing Home & Jefferson's Ferry, Luke John Carusillo, Erin Whitehead, Sandy Barrios, LouEllen Klints, Arline Guma, Charles Ricottone, Ted Claesen, Connie & Frank Biscardi, Ronnie Pryor, Vinnie Surwilo, Barbara Klein-Croner, Jack Grob, Robert Mutschler, Joan Francavilla, Michael Fucito, Nancy Mulvihill, Angel Rivera, Roger Russell, Paul Csorba, Judith Montesuco, Joe DiPrima, Barbara Lambert, John MacKinnon, Tony Loiacone, Mario Cappilieri, Vincent Ricottone, Dale Beck, Marie Bilbao, Patricia Murray, Ericka Medrano, Leonardo Alfuate, Donald Derham, Joanne Dorvil, Gregory Litterello, Kristine McDonald, Jeannette, Frank Perugini, Thomas Hayes, Pina Carpitella, Brian Moore, Baby Paul Donnelly, Daniel Dinan, Anthony Paletto, Jaclyn Lin, Mary Louise Delano, Jean Maglione, Brenda Fort, Michael Maglione.

We pray for all recently deceased,
may they find eternal rest and joy.



Please stop by our Prayer Corner near Reception to borrow books and CDs on many Catholic topics to deepen your faith formation and spiritual life.



Knights of Columbus

**YOU ARE BORN A MAN
YOU BECOME A KNIGHT!**

Scan with phone camera!

YOU ARE CALLED! JOIN TODAY!

Free 12 Month Membership

Visit
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Use Promo Code
BlessedMcGivney

To learn more please call Peter Santoro 631-457-9973

Columbiettes

We are an organization of women from all backgrounds united by our Catholic Faith, the love of family, our country, and our commitment to helping others. If you would like to join, please contact Jennifer at 631-473-2900.

Our Parish Mission Statement: Formed by God’s word and nourished at the Eucharist, we strive to be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ by handing on the Catholic faith to our families and community and serving those in need.

OCIA Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult thinking of becoming part of the Catholic community and completing your sacraments? Contact Deacon Frank at deaconfrank@stgmajella.org or 631-473-2900.

Facebook.com/stgmajella/

Instagram.com/sgmparish

Facebook.com/SGMthriftshop/

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[YouTube Channel-St. Gerard Majella Parish](https://YouTube.com/St.GerardMajellaParish)

**WE INVITE YOU TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY
WITH OUR PARISH**

Are you new to our parish? Have you been participating in our parish but never registered? Do you need to update your contact information or add a family member?

Both registration or family update forms are available in our church office 631-473-2900 or on our website: www.stgmajella.org



Breaking Open the Word

Reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of the Liturgy. Here's the Gospel for next Sunday. How does this Gospel touch your life?

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

*The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Reflection Questions

- Which part of John's message did you, or do you, need to realize the most – the message that forgiveness is available to everyone, or the message that repentance is needed by everyone? Why?
- John the Baptist was a bit of an outcast - he was raised in the desert, ate locust and honey, and wore a camel-hair garment. Why do you think God chose someone like John to be Jesus' forerunner?
- Think about the training grounds God has taken you through to prepare you to do His will. What do you notice about those circumstances and how they have prepared you to do God's will?
- What would have happened if John would have so pursued a perfect social identity that it eclipsed God's plan for his life?
- In what ways are you too dependent on what others think and say about you? How could that hinder you from fulfilling God's will for your life?
- Ask the Lord this week to make a straight path for His work in your heart this season.

ALTAR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Would you like to make a donation towards our Altar Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or for a special intention? Please fill out the form below and drop it off in the office with Jackie or in the collection box along with your offering. The names will be printed in the Christmas bulletin, so please print clearly.

Altar Christmas Flowers Form

Donation made in memory of:

or

For the intention of:

Your Name:



Give the gift of a Catholic education this Christmas season!



- ★ Since 2005, more than \$34 million in scholarships provided
- ★ Approximately 25,000 students served
- ★ 35 Catholic elementary schools in network

"We are sincerely grateful, humbled and excited to commence this Catholic education journey with my daughter. Our hopes for her would not be possible if it were not for this award!"

- THF 24-25 Scholarship Recipient

To make a tax deductible donation, please mail your check to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation II, Inc. at the address below with "Church Bulletin" in the memo OR scan the QR code to donate online:



www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553
516-745-7611

The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic elementary schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

Weekly Memorials Available

Would you like to have a loved one remembered? Give thanks for one of God's many Graces? Or offer up a prayer for someone in need? Please consider a Weekly Memorial. These are Memorials that are dedicated for an entire week, running from Monday to Sunday. Memorials are listed each week in the parish bulletin. Please contact our parish office to reserve a memorial for your intention. Memorials are available for:

Bread & Wine (\$30) Sanctuary Lamp Candle (\$20)

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MONDAY

09

DECEMBER

11am Rosary
11:30am Mass
1:30pm Conference
3pm Chanting of the Litany of Our Lady

258 Eastport Manor Rd Manorville, NY

A Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath

The liturgical year begins with Advent, a word derived from Latin that means "coming." During Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, and we look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. Enjoy this prayer with children or your family as you light the Advent wreath candles.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. As we light the candles of this wreath, May its growing brightness remind us of the approaching nearness of your Son So that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mark Your Calendars!



**The Thrift Shop &
Barn Will Be OPEN
Saturday, December 7
10am-2pm**

**Great BRAND NEW gift items
& Stocking Stuffers Available
at Fantastic Prices!**

PLUS...

**Make sure to stop by the Parish Hall
for the St. Gerard Majella Church
Annual Christmas Festival**

Saturday, December 7 11am-7pm

& Sunday, December 8 9am-2pm

Vendors - Crafts - Raffles - Snacks & More!

St. Gerard Majella Church *Christmas Festival*

300 Terryville Road, Pt. Jefferson Station

Saturday, Dec. 7th - 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 8th - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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- UNIQUE HOLIDAY CRAFTS
 - SPECIALTY VENDORS
 - PHOTOS WITH SANTA & KIDS CRAFTS & GAMES
 - RAFFLES (2:00 PM SUN. DRAWING)
 - JEWELRY
 - RELIGIOUS ITEMS
 - KIDS SHOPPING WITH FREE WRAPPING
 - LITTLE BIT OF CHRISTMAS

KID's SUNDAY SPECIAL: Breakfast snacks with Santa - 11:00 AM

Light Meals and Snacks Served + Desserts & Candy

FOR INFORMATION CALL ST. GERARD'S AT: 631- 473-2900



Keep Christ in Christmas, Knights of Columbus - **Poster Contest**

Cash Prizes in each of 3 divisions (Grades K-2, 3-5, 6 -8)

Poster due by December 5th (drop off in St. Gerard's Office or with your Religion Teacher - **MUST** be submitted with entry form, which is available from the reception desk or your teacher)

More details on Entry form

Questions? Contact Bill Carriero at carrierowj@gmail.com

Sock Religious Parish Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Purchase items through their website using a special code and our Parish will get 50% of the proceeds.

More details to follow on how you can support us with this fundraiser!!



Santa's Helpers Needed!

**Please Help The Outreach Department
Add A Little Sparkle To The Holidays
For Those In Need.**

*Because Little Details Make All The Difference,
We Will Be Collecting NEW:
Rolls of Christmas Gift Wrap
Scotch Tape * Bows * Gift Bags*

**After All Weekend Masses Through December 15th
And in the Lobby During Office Hours
*Thank You For Your Generous Support!***



5 Ways to Jump-Start Your Faith This Advent

By Saint Mary's Press

Is your faith feeling a bit . . . stale? Has it been awhile since you've connected with God? Consider a jumpstart!

1. Be intentional about paying attention! Consider and become aware of what pops up in your day. How might God be getting your attention? What affirmations, blessings, graces come into your day? What inner nudging, or movement, is the Spirit within initiating? Here are some ways God may get your attention:

- A student says something to you that soothes your soul or provides the direction you need, as if they know your situation
- A cool breeze rustles the leaves along your walk
- Goosebumps
- A kindness shown to you that was unexpected
- An opportunity presents itself to respond or to help one another
- Any one of the fruits of the Spirit that show up in the moments of your day, in each situation: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.



2. Be grateful! Start your day by identifying 3 things for which you are grateful and share that with God in prayer. Lather, rinse, and repeat at day's end! Do this for each day of Advent, committing to an Advent calendar of gratefulness.

3. Review and reflect on your day. Take 10 before sleep! Follow this simple process each night. This is a version of the five-step Daily Examen that St. Ignatius practiced:

- Become aware that you are in the presence of God. Ask God to accompany with you in a reflective walk through your day.
- Review the day with gratitude. For what are you thankful? What did you receive? What did you give?
- Pay attention to your emotions. What did you feel today? St. Ignatius reminds us that our emotions help us to detect the presence of God. What might God be trying to tell you through your emotions? What might God be asking you to do because of what you've felt? God may show you ways you fell short. Where is forgiveness needed? How might you choose to grow?
- Choose one feature of the day and pray from it. Pay close attention to what bubbles up. Is there an area in your life or a relationship that need attention? Is there a situation at work, within your family, or within yourself that could use some care? Ask God for the grace to respond to it in love and commit to a plan. Allow for a free-flowing prayer—whatever bubbles up—of praise or gratitude, bringing another's needs before God, or asking for forgiveness and the grace to do and be better.
- Look forward to tomorrow. Ask for what you need. How are you feeling about tomorrow? Talk with God openly and honestly. Don't hold back. Ask God to light your way, giving you understanding and hope!

4. Select a moment of your day and commit to living it by seeing through the eyes of Christ, loving through the heart of Christ, responding through the hands of Christ. St. Theresa of Avila reminds us that, "Christ has no body, now, but yours." Make room in your life to reflect and do God's work by forgiving and loving. God depends on each of us, to whom his Spirit has been given, and within whom the Spirit lives. Start small. Maybe it's while you're getting things (and little things) ready to go in the morning or for bed in the evening, or while out getting groceries or running errands, when you connect with your spouse during the day, or during a meeting. It's during some time for yourself.

5. Allow yourself to enter the experience of prayer – with your whole self – whenever you pray, whether that's at the start of the day, during mealtimes, in your own personal prayer time, or at Mass. How do you do that? Take all your worries, hurt, joys, hope, broken relationships, gratitude, anger and pray with and through it. Find good posture for prayer. Feel yourself in that posture. Sing. Pray aloud. Pray within. Surrender it all to God and pay attention to how God responds! God gives his whole self for us in Jesus. Let us give our whole selves back, in gratitude and love.

BONUS STEP: Plug into a community of faith: Your parish, a group of parents, or friends who value and nourish their faith. None of us can walk this journey alone. God gives us many people to accompany us on our journeys. Don't isolate. Plug in!

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

First Sunday of Advent

O P Q B J B H S W A R I Y Z X S P Y I R
 R D J P S H J Q S J M C N X W A T W T X
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WORD LIST

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