



# 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.



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Sunday, January 5, 2025  
The Epiphany of the Lord



*O, come let us adore Him,*

*Christ the Lord!*

*In the Joy of the Christmas Season*

please join us for a

**HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
**Thursday, January 9th at 7pm at St. Gerard Majella Church.**

Our time together will include

**Sermon — 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!

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*“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*

## Background on this Sunday's Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod " The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

### *Family Connection*

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

(Loyola Press)



## *Parish Outreach Ministry*

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

To all the wonderful parishioners at St. Gerard Majella Church and the Outreach Ministry,

Our names are Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Patty Gaffney, parents to eight adult children, Charlie, Margaret, Joseph, Michael, Mary, Elizabeth, James, and Patty Rose. We have been going to St. Gerard's for forty one years as a married couple and previous to us getting married. I have been in the parish back when it first started in Fox movie theater back in the 70's with then Pastor Fr. Reehil. We were involved fifteen years with our four boys in the awesome baseball league, St. Gerard's Baseball, and spent our glory years with our growing family on those wonderful fields by our parish parking lot. My husband proudly coached for all those years and played on the men's softball too!

Three years ago we experienced a traumatic tragedy in our family and our precious thirty one year old son Joseph succumb to addiction. Our family hit really hard times and St. Gerard's was there to support us and pick us up. When times got hard with food, St. Gerard's Outreach Ministry picked us up emotionally, financially, and spiritually. Jennifer with her happy cheerful personality and giving spirit lifting us up again. Her and her wonderful volunteers have gone above and beyond to take care of our truly large family. Family is a priority in this parish and everyone there who is involved are literally the hands and feet of Jesus. Once again this year, our grandchildren who have grown to eleven and once again we have been lovingly blessed with the help here to give our children and grandchildren a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our hearts are so full. The love here in this parish is truly palpable and we are forever grateful and indebted to the beautiful community of love.

We wanted to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for all the love you have poured out on our family and our little ones, for all the joy you have lavished on us and in our children's lives. To be truly loved like this has been so humbling yet so very beautiful. To feel and see God's love from this big hearted community is overwhelming. May you all be truly bless and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

In Christ Jesus,

Our Savior and Lord,

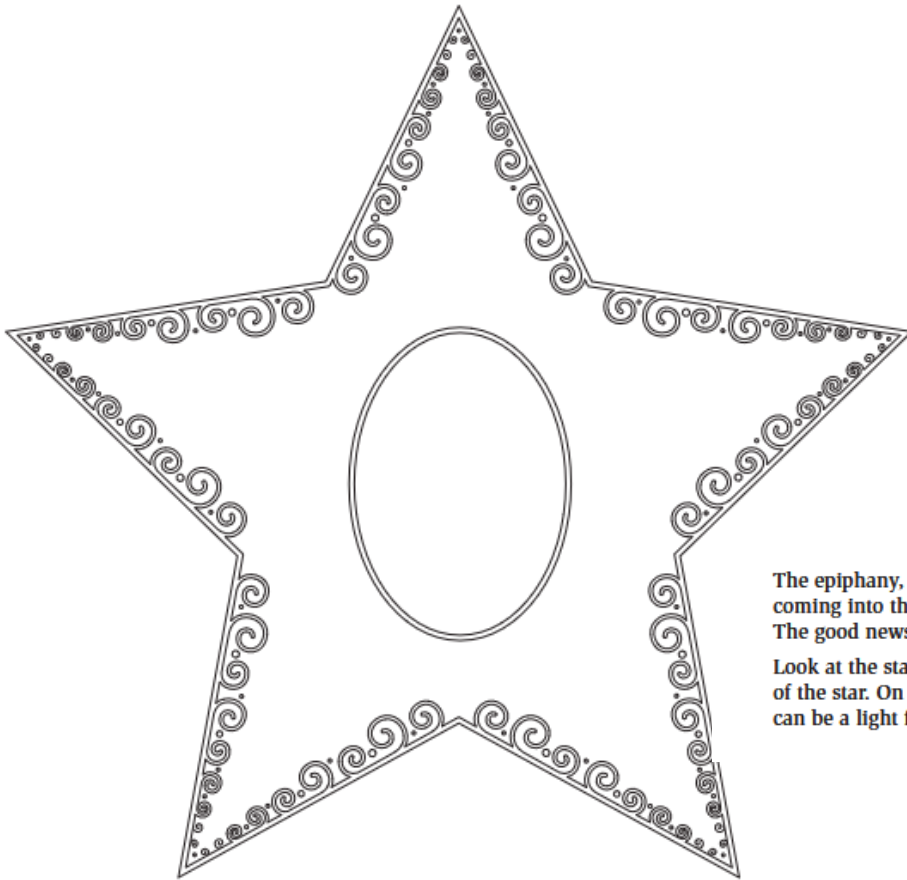
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaffney and family



# Religious Education

## 2024 Class Masses

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
Saturday, February 1	5:00	Level 5
Sunday, February 2	10:00	Level 4
Sunday, February 9	10:00	Level 8 Investiture Mass
	12:00	Level 2 & Sacrament Prep Class
Sunday, March 2	10:00	Level 7
	12:00	Level 1 – Followed by Lent Retreat



The epiphany, or showing, of Jesus teaches us that Jesus' coming into the world was important to the whole world. The good news of Jesus Christ is meant for everyone.

Look at the star below. Attach a photo of yourself in the center of the star. On the five points of the star, write five ways you can be a light for others. Decorate and display your star.

## *Mass Intentions and Presider Schedule for the Week of January 6 - January 12*

**Monday, January 6**

9:00am The Intentions of Thomas DuBritz

**Tuesday, January 7**

9:00am Andy Francisco Estevez

**Wednesday, January 8**

9:00am Fr. R. Michael Reid, Connie Calderone,  
Agaton Panopio

**Thursday, January 9**

9:00am Carmelina Nicoletti

**Friday, January 10**

9:00am Thomas, Mary & Adriana DuBritz

**Saturday, January 11**

5:00pm Kevin Witt, Josette Kalpakoff,  
the Intentions of the Finning Family

**Sunday, January 12 (The Baptism of the Lord)**

8:00am The Intentions of Joseph DiPierno

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

12:00pm Yolanda Cannizzo



Fr. Greg

Fr. Matthew

Fr. Matthew

Fr. Greg

### **Stewardship Report**

Last Week's Collection - \$8,203.00

Previous Week's Collection - \$9,618.00

Christmas collection-\$16,995.00

### **Weekly Memorials**

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### *Prayers for the Sick*

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We pray for all recently deceased,  
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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](mailto:deaconfrank@stgmajella.org) or 631-473-2900.

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**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](http://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?**

***January 12, 2025***

### ***The Baptism of the Lord***

***Lk: 3-15-16, 21-22***

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

### ***Reflection Questions***

- What is the difference between John's baptism with water and Jesus' baptism with the Spirit and fire?
- How does Jesus' divine affirmation during His baptism impact our understanding of His identity and mission?
- How does the account of Jesus' baptism inform our understanding of the significance of our own baptism?
- Jesus' baptism and the stunning confirmation of the Father inaugurated Jesus' public ministry.
- The Holy Spirit, prayer, and assurance of God's love were the fuel that powered Jesus in his ministry. If Jesus in his humanity needed this, how imperative is it for us?
- After Jesus was baptized, the Father's voice was heard that He was indeed the beloved Son with whom the father is well pleased. In faith, we also believe that after our own baptism, we become sons and daughters of God and then we become heirs of the Kingdom. It is for us that Jesus came to earth because God loves us so much (John 3:16) and after accepting Him as our Lord and savior through baptism, we too are beloved. Isn't it wonderful therefore that whenever we feel hopeless and abandoned, we always remember that have a Father who will never leave us and who will always love us despite our sinfulness? Don't we also desire to love Him back and to strive to make our life pleasing to Him?

### 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:

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### Al-Anon Meetings

At Al-Anon Family Group meetings, the friends and family members of problem drinkers share their experiences and learn how to apply the principles of the Al-Anon program to your individual situations. Our parish offers meetings every Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am.



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- We provide financial support to assist new mothers in need through the ASAP program
- We provided scholarships to graduating seniors
- We service the food pantry with a multitude of food, Back to School, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Drives (totaling close to 6,000 pounds of food)
- We started the Brookhaven Animal Shelter Drive and donated five SUV's worth of supplies and \$1,000 in gift cards (Again, thank you all for your generous donations)
- We provide support to the needs of the Parish by ushering, lecturing, being Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and helping with the Soup Kitchen on Thursdays
- We hold numerous fundraisers to help support the financial endeavors of the parish along with raising funds to donate back to the community and various organizations in need
- We cook a nutritious meal for 65 Residents of Hope House on a monthly basis
- We have raised funds to help grant children in shelters a Christmas wish in the Christmas Magic Fundraiser
- We took part in assembling 50,000 meals to support hunger

If you are a male 18 years of age or older, please consider joining our Brotherhood. We are ordinary men looking to do extraordinary things.

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3. HOW TO ASK SOMEONE ABOUT SUICIDE
4. HOW TO LISTEN ACTIVELY AND OFFER HOPE
5. HOW TO CONNECT THE PERSON TO HELP
6. HOW TO MAKE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND BUILD A SUPPORT TEAM



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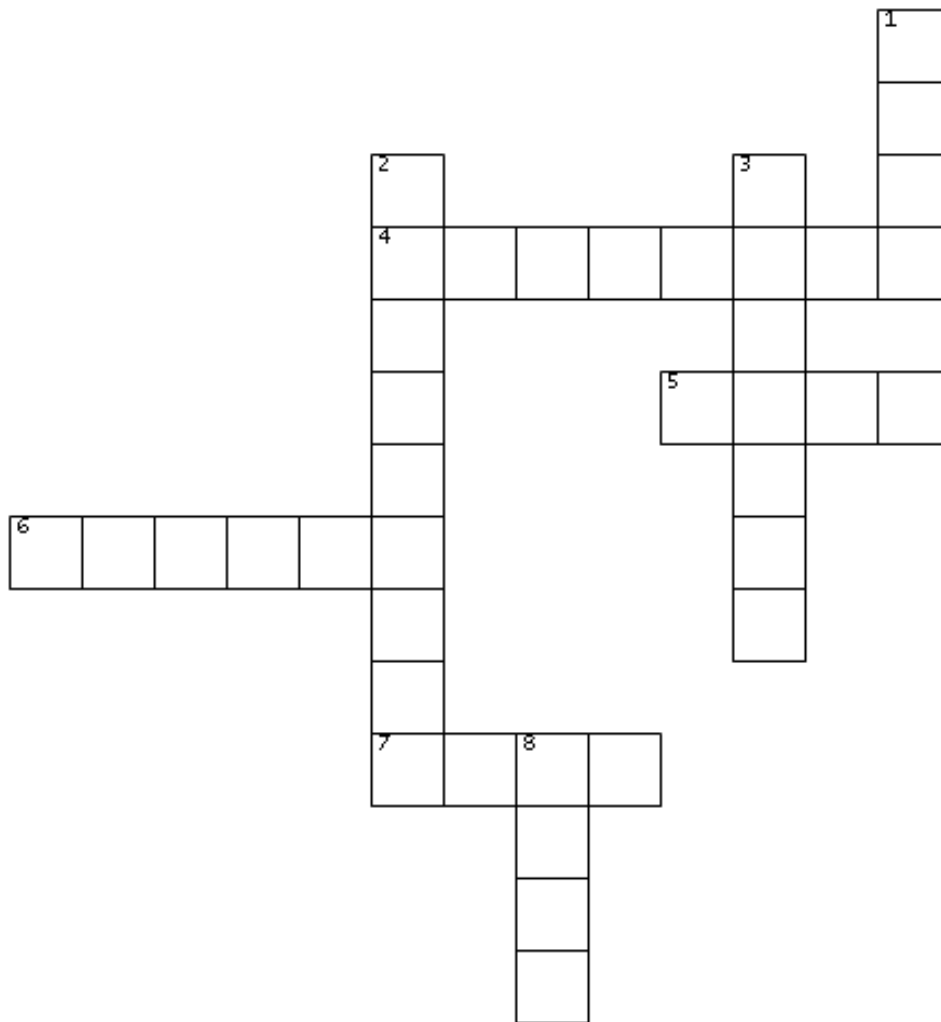


### ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE

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**SUICIDE PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU!**

# Sunday Gospel Activities



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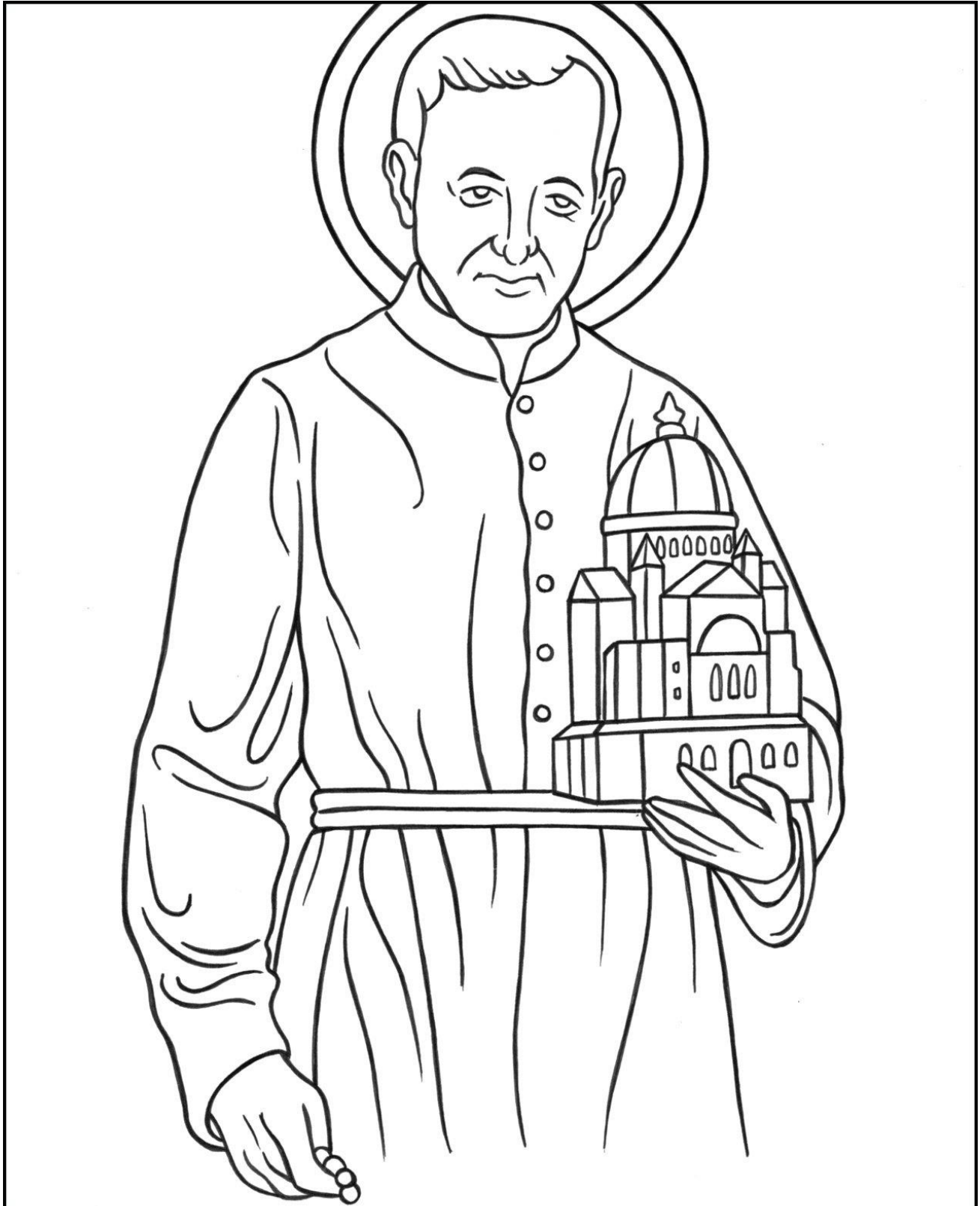
4. the feast we celebrate today
5. what the three kings followed to find Jesus
6. another word for honor
7. another name for the three kings

## DOWN

1. the mother of Jesus
2. the city where Jesus was born
3. today's Gospel writer
8. a gift given by the Magi



# Sunday Gospel Activities



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