

*Pope Francis says fidelity to promises is a masterpiece of humanity.*

*The Holy Father expressed this during his weekly General Audience this morning in St. Peter's Square, as he continued his catechesis on the family. Last week, Francis spoke about the promises parents make their children when they bring them into the world, and this week, he reflected on the promise of love and fidelity made between husbands and wives, which, he said, is the basis of all family life.*

*In his address, the Pope stressed that fidelity to a promise "one cannot buy and sell," stressing, "It is necessary to restore social honor to the fidelity of love."*

*Highlighting how the family is founded on promise, he said, "A family that closes in on itself is the death of the promise that gave it birth," for the identity of a family is a promise that expands all humanity.*

*The Argentine Pope admitted that nowadays this promise is at times called into question, and seen as somehow opposed to personal freedom.*

*The truth, however, he underscored, is that our freedom is shaped and sustained by our fidelity to the choices and commitments we make throughout life. In our daily efforts to keep our word, he told those gathered, our fidelity grows.*

*"Fidelity to promises is a masterpiece of humanity," the Pontiff underscored, noting it is a supreme expression of our dignity as human beings. "If we look at its daring beauty, we are afraid, but if we despites its courage tenacity, we are lost."*

*"There is no greater 'school' to teach us such fidelity than marriage and the family, which are, in God's plan, a blessing for our world," he said.*

*Recalling Saint Paul, the Pope noted, he tells us that the love which grounds the family points to the bond of love between Christ and the Church.*

*The Pontiff also reminded those gathered of the Synod of Bishops on the family taking place in the Vatican on the theme, "The Mission and Vocation of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World," which is in its third week and concludes Sunday. In these days of the Synod on the Family, the Holy Father called on the faithful in the Square to join him in praying that the Church will uphold and strengthen the promise of the family.*

*"Let us pray for the synod fathers," the Pope also said, "that the Lord blesses their work, performed with creative fidelity."*

**Please see volunteer sign up sheet in the rear of the church. We need your help for the bazaar on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. Any time you can give is appreciated.**

# St. Gerard Catholic Church



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## SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

*Jeremiah 31:7-9*

Responsorial:

*Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

Second Reading:

*Hebrews 5:1-6*

Gospel:

*Mark 10:46-52*

## Lectionary Readings for the week of October 25th

Monday: *Romans 8:12-17;*

*Luke 13:10-17*

Tuesday: *Romans 8:18-25;*

*Luke 13:18-21*

Wednesday: *Ephesians 2:19-22;*

*Luke 6:12-16*

Thursday: *Romans 8:31b-39;*

*Luke 13:31-25*

Friday: *Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6*

*Today's Missal*

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2015

### Mission Statement

*Called to be a People for Others*

### Vision Statement

*Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ, we strive to be active disciples, serving each other and all God's people by welcoming and embracing the enriching diversity of our community of faith.*

**Fr. Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator**

*Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man over. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling You. 'So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'Rabbuni, let me see again. 'Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And at once his sight returned and he followed him along the road. Mark 10:49-52*



**Mass Times:** Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM, First Friday Benediction after Mass  
Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 11:15 AM

**Confessions:** after weekday Masses and by Appointment

**Office Hours:** 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

**Bible Study:** Fridays 10:00 AM (Insight to the scriptures)

**Baptisms, Confirmations and Marriages:** By Appointment, Contact the office.

**Contact Us:** Phone 803 649-3203, E-Mail [stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net)

**Facebook** @stgerardaiken, **Emergency number for Father** 803 637-2027

*Father Don's address is Carter May Home/St. Joseph Residence, Room 201, 1660 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 Cell # 843 599-1620. **Call or write him please.***

*Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass. When Tuesday Mass continues on 10/27/15*



**Pray for our sick:**  
 Gary Gilbert  
 Leonard Saunders  
 Shirley Paige  
 William and Jackie Cobbs  
 Woody Alexander  
 Lena Mickens  
 Rosa Johnson  
 Brenda Ligons  
 Meg Schaeffer  
 Joe Fulmer  
 Patricia Bailey



Stewards appreciate all they have been given. Their reward is service. Their reward is the joy of knowing they are disciples building the kingdom of God as part of God's plan.

**Pastoral Council:**  
 Wayman Johnson, Chairman  
 Payson Borst  
 Jacqueline Brown  
 Fredrick Cadek  
 Nancy Durden  
 Marge Glauser  
 Janet Menefee  
 Gregory Wright  
 Joan Hesik

**Mass Intentions 10/24-10/25**  
 4:00 PM, 7:00 AM, 11:15 AM  
 Masses are said for your own personal intentions.

**The Gathering Hymn** 598 H  
*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
**The Offertory Hymn is** 495 H  
*Amazing Grace*  
**The Communion Hymn is CHOIR** 767 H  
*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*  
**Our Song of Praise is** 556 H  
*A Mighty Fortress*



**Finance Council:**  
 Robert Erikson, Chairman  
 Leon Gagnon and Anna Marie Key, Auditors.  
 Lisa Solenberger  
 Vacant

**Sunday Offering October 18th**  
 Collection \$1,967.00  
 Needed \$2,612.00  
 Over \$645.00  
 Attendance 126

*Stewardship a way of life*

**Lay Ministers**

	<b>Saturday October 31</b>	<b>Sunday November 1</b>	<b>Sunday November 1</b>
	4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:15 AM Mass
<b>Lector:</b>	Diane Begic	Denise Gelinas	Richardean Paige
<b>E E Minister:</b>	Pam Ziomek	Roger Gelinas	Mary Rose
	<b>Saturday November 7</b>	<b>Sunday November 8</b>	<b>Sunday November 8</b>
	4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	1:15 AM Mass
<b>Lector:</b>	Joan Hesik	Mary Kay L'Esperance	Sheila Wagner
<b>E E Ministers:</b>	Barbara Dixon	Gerard L'Esperance	Jacqueline Brown
<b>Refreshments November 1</b>	<b>Counters November 1</b>		
Shirley Paige/Anna Marie Key	Open		



**Dinner & Dance Fundraiser**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a steak dinner and dance on November 7/2015, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus home on 1003 Spaulding Drive in Aiken. The meal will consist of a ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, bread, and dessert. Music will be provided by a local DJ, and a silent auction will also be held at the dinner. The dinner and dance will cost \$20 per person. All money raised will go to the Columbus H.O.P.E. Foundation to support the Special Olympics in Aiken. Tickets can be bought from the following Knights: Randall Brown - 803-292-1353, Steve Graft - 803-640-2178, Greg Wright - 803-641-7354, Mark Krajc - 803-507-7521



St. Gerard will have a table for baked goods at the Fall Festival on Nov. 7. Since all monies collected will be pure profit for the church, we are asking everyone to contribute a baked item or two. Goodies may be dropped off the day before the festival from 2:00 - 4:00 or on the morning of the festival. If these times are not convenient, please call Judy Riley @ 642-2540 or Nancy Durden @ 215-8008 to make other arrangements.

The Salvation Army needs help at the shelter on Park Ave. They are losing older people that have been helping with serving lunch. We already have at least one parishioner helping. Please if you have the time to help call Rose at 641-4149 or call Mary Welsh at 648-2140. Feed God's children.

**Volunteer Corner**

Thanks to all those that are on the bazaar committee and the folks helping with the rectory. Thanks to Dennis Hoo Chung.

If you know of someone that needs The Blessed Sacrament brought to their home or hospital please call the office.

There has been a resignation from the finance council. We need another member. Please contact us if you are interested.

**Need a Car? "05" PT Cruiser**  
 Call Richardean 803 648-0500

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
 Friday, November 6, 2015  
 Four Person Captain's Choice  
 9:00 am Registration ~ 10:00 am Shotgun Start  
 Pine Ridge Golf Club, Edgefield, SC  
 Lunch and Prizes  
 \$50.00 per person ~ Lunch only - \$12.00  
 For more information call St. Mary's C.C. -803-637-6248  
 Paula Ford - 803-442-3324  
 Rocco and Mary Benedetto - 803-637-6699

**Bible Study, Fridays at 10:00 AM**  
 We want to buy new vestments for servers but I need sizes. Please get with me about the servers sizes.

**Black Catholics' Heritage Celebration, "An Advent Gathering of the Faithful"**  
 December 12, 2015 Columbia, SC  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2015 Diocese of Charleston Office of Black Catholics' Heritage Celebration. Our guest homilist and keynote speaker at this year's celebration will be the Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Other highlights of this special day will include a discussion on Bishop Edward Braxton's document "The Racial Divide in the United States: A Reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015" led by the Honorable Arthur C. McFarland, a panel discussion on the World Meeting of Families and the papal visit. There will also be a separate youth track. Follow this event and others on the web at [sccatholic.org/ethnic-ministries](http://sccatholic.org/ethnic-ministries)

**Have you ever contemplated a devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, The Little Flower, Patroness of Humility, Doctor of the Church?**

On Nov. 13-15th, 2015 the Charleston Theresians are sponsoring the USA Theresian National Conference "Faith on Fire" here in Charleston at the Charleston Marriott, 170 Lockwood Boulevard, 29403. Hear wonderful speakers who will, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, fill you with joy and love. Enjoy beautiful music and join us in meaningful prayers and Holy Mass on Sunday. There will also be a Silent Auction. Registration is \$275. Includes Friday Reception, 3 Meals + Banquet and Registration Fee. If interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy Dornetto at: Email: [kathy3of6k@gmail.com](mailto:kathy3of6k@gmail.com) or call 843-696-4912. Deadline for Registration is Oct. 11th.

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**Hospital Visits:** If you or a loved one is in Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC) please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church ( name & room number), call-St.Gerard at 649-3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: [stgerardscatholi@Atlanticbnn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@Atlanticbnn.net).

**In Harms' Way:** Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners currently serving in harms' way: James Ligon, Robert McHugh, Jacob Hershey, and James Rossini. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.