

St. Gerard Catholic Church



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Aiken, SC 29801
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The Epiphany of The Lord January 3, 2016

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

I wish to thank all members of the finance and parish councils and all who donated their time, talent and treasure to and for the benefit of St. Gerard's. You have made my administrating of the two church's much easier and more successful these past months. I am looking forward to working with and ministering to you in this new year.

I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr. Emmanuel Andinam

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Sirach 24:1-4, 8-12

Responsorial:

Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Gospel:

John 1:1-18

Today's Missal

Lectionary Readings for the week of January 3, 2016

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6;

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10;

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18;

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4;

Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13;

Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21;

John 3:22-30

The Word was the real light that gives light to everyone; he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had come into being through him, and the world did not recognize him. He came to his own and his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believed in his name who were born not from human stock or human desire or human will but from God himself. The Word became flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that he has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John witnesses to him. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me has passed ahead of me because he existed before me.'

John 1:9-15



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

Facebook @stgerardaiken,

Emergency number for Father 803 637-2027



Pray for our sick:

Gary Gilbert
Marge Glouser
Leonard Saunders
Shirley Paige
William and Jackie Cobbs
Woody Alexander
Lena Mickens
Rosa Johnson
Brenda Ligon
Joe Fulmer
Patricia Bailey
Shirley Acosta

This month, on the first Sunday, we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy and support St Gerard Parish.



Mass Intentions

4:00 PM for The Dixon & Zelder Families From: Ron & Barb Dixon,
7:00 AM Mass will be said for your own personal intentions.
11:15 AM for the soul of Stephen Yanak From: Leah Yanak

The Offertory Hymn is 78 M
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
The Gathering Hymn 276 H
The First Noel (Verses 1-2-3)
The Communion Hymn is 273 H
We Three Kings
Our Song of Praise is 276 H
The First Noel (Verses 5 and 6)



Sunday Offering December 27, 2015

Collection Not Available
Needed \$2,612.00

Attendance 62
Christmas 146
Stewardship a way of life

Lay Ministers

	Saturday January 9	Sunday January 10	Sunday January 10
	4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:15 AM Mass
Lector:	Diane Begic	Mary Kay L'Esperance	Richardean Paige
E E Ministers:	Jerry Schaeffer	Gerard L'Esperance	Jacqueline Brown
	Saturday January 16	Sunday January 17	Sunday January 17
	4:00 PM Vigil Mass	7:00 AM Mass	11:15 AM Mass
Lector:	Joan Hesik	Denise Gelinis	Sheila Wagner
E E Ministers:	Jerry Schaeffer	Roger Gelinis	Jeanette Coleman
Refreshments January 10	Counters January 10		
Marge Glauser/Matt Fitzpatrick	Nancy Durden/ Open		



Pastoral Council:

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

Finance Council:

Robert Erikson,
Chairman
Leon Gagnon and
Anna Marie Key,
Auditors.
Lisa Solenberger
Art Wagner

Volunteer Corner

Invitations for the catered supper, at 6:00 PM on 1/15/16, have been mailed. Please RSVP by the 7th so we can have the proper amount of food.

There will be no week day Masses during the week of January 11th. Father will be at the convocation in Myrtle Beach, SC. Please pray for a safe trip.

Light up someone's life, Donate Blood
The Gift of Life.

The Knights of Columbus need you to
Help save local lives!

Shepard Community Blood Center will conduct a Blood Drive
At Saint Mary Help of Christian Church
On Fairfield Street.
Saturday, January 30th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and
Sunday, January 31st from 7:45am -2:00 pm

Many things in this world can wait

But a transfusion of blood to a dying patient cannot.
Donate Blood so that others may live.

Will you Choose 2 Give?
THE NEED IS CONSTANT.
THE GRATIFICATION IS INSTANT.

GIVE BLOOD Thank You.

Donors should drink plenty of water prior to donating!
You will need a picture ID, driver's license, or donor card to donate.
Each donor will receive a T-Shirt and a
Free Lipid Profile after your 3rd donation in a calendar year

**No Smart Phone...
No Problem!
Call 1 (712) 832-2674**

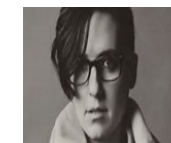
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Begin 2016 with Praise,
Worship and Eucharistic Adoration Featuring
Audrey Assad

Free of Charge Live Praise and Worship Concert

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
4921 Columbia Road
Grovetown, Georgia

7:00 PM, Friday January 8th
Following Daily Mass at 6:00 PM



We still need one more person from each Mass to be responsible for the care of the church linens. This would mean that each person would have two months responsibility. We must have these items cleaned and available for Mass. Thank you

Show your thanks for all your blessings by giving back. Sign up this holiday season to become an ACTS volunteer. ACTS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve in our Resale Store and Client Room assisting clients with their clothing vouchers. Shifts are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Commit to as few or as many hours and/or days as fit your schedule. It's not only rewarding but fun, as well! Just e-mail us at volunteer@actsofaiken.org, or call 803.649.3800 for more information.

Our Lady of The Valley still needs food donations. All food collected here at St. Gerard is donated to OLV. Please continue to be generous.

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

Bible study on Fridays at 10:00 AM

The next Finance Council meeting is 19 January at 5:30 PM, parish council meeting is at 6:30 PM.

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.

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.

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 stgerardscatholic@atlanticcbbn.net.

A prayer service will be held for Shirley Acosta this Sunday(1/3/16), from 6 PM till 9 PM. The location is Shellhouse Funeral Home on Hayne Ave. In Aiken. On behalf of the family, I urge you to attend and support Frank and the families.

Sr. Catherine Mare Lowe, the administrator at Our lady of the Valley Catholic Center, thanks St. Gerard Catholic Church for the assistance received this past year. We have helped supply food for individuals and families in crises. Sr. Catherine wishes The St. Gerard family Merry Christmas and a Blessed Holiday Season.

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass.

COLLECTION FOR ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE RECTORY

As you know, our Rectory is in the process of being renovated. This work has been on-going for the last six month. The goal is to be done early next year. Upon the completion, there will be many items needed to furnish the rectory, such as furniture, kitchen items, linens, towels, etc. Donations for these items are needed. If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope and put it in the collection basket. Please indicate on the envelope "Donation for Rectory Items". If you want to designate what your donation should be used for, please note that on the envelope as well. No donation to small. Thank you for your support of our parish community.

CONSIDER A TAX DEDUCTABLE YEAR END DONATION TO ST GERARD

As Christmas approaches, we ask that you remember St Gerard in your holiday plans. While shopping for gifts and gatherings with loved ones, please consider setting aside part of your budget to support St Gerard with a tax-deductible charitable donation. If you read the Sunday offering section of the bulletin you will notice that our collections are often below what the parish needs. Now is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him through His Church with a special year-end gift. Your generous, tax-deductible donation to St Gerard enables us to continue to be a vibrant and active parish and be a community that supports itself. Any amount you can share will be greatly appreciated!