

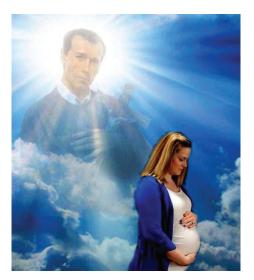
St Gerard's Enduring Popularity St. Gerard's Intercession Continues to Be Powerful Today

By Fr. Don Willard, C.Ss.R.

hy does Saint Gerard Majella still continue to be so popular today? Why is he more beloved than ever, all around the world?

I believe St. Gerard Majella, our Redemptorist missionary brother, is still popular and dear to so many today simply because he gets things done! He obtains graces and blessings. He obtains miracles from the hands of our loving God. By the power of God's love he works miracles. He is approachable because of his holiness and simplicity, because he is immediately available to us all. His gentleness and compassion are always compelling. His integrity leaves no doubt about his sanctity and closeness to the heart of God. He has a proven track record, according to innumerable testimonials that attest to the power of his loving intercession on behalf of countless people.

The intercession of St. Gerard is powerful primarily because of his faith and intimate relationship with God, which began when he was on earth for a brief 29 years, and now continues in eternity. St. Gerard's faith was biblical, which isn't so much belief in dogmatic formulations and moral maxims, as important as they are. Rather, biblical faith is a deep-seated trust in God, a God who is "known," "believed in," loved and experienced as real and trustworthy.



St. Gerard's faith, like the faith we find in the Bible, is relational, a rela-CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

Dear Friend of St. Gerard,

Happy Feast Day to all the members of the League of St. Gerard, all the Prayer Angel Friends of St. Gerard on Facebook, and all those devoted to St. Gerard Majella! May today's celebration be a special moment of grace and blessing for all who have devotion to the Mothers' Saint.

In this newsletter, you will find reflections from Deacon Brian Selsor on his mother's twelve children and decades of spreading devotion to St. Gerard. Fr. Joe Dorcey shares his thoughts about the ever-popular and growing devotion to St. Gerard, and the final article tells of the latest happenings in our ministry of promoting devotion to St. Gerard.

I send a blessing to all mothers on this Feast of St. Gerard Majella. May you be especially blessed not only this day, but every day, so that you have all the graces you need to fulfill your wonderful mission in life. Please encourage others to join the League of St. Gerard, share this newsletter with family

and friends and tell them about his <u>Website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> page dedicated to praying for and bringing hope to mothers and women who want to become mothers.

Fr. Allan Weinert, C.Ss.R Redemptorists of the Denver Province



12 Kids, 100 Grandkids, and St. Gerard

By Deacon Brian Selsor

IMy association with the Redemptorists began in 1959, when my mother Lucile Selsor began writing articles for the St. Gerard Bulletin. The St. Gerard Bulletin was a product of Liguori Publications and on the cover, above the title, were the words "The Magazine Mothers Read". But the connection really goes back to when my older brother Jerome (Jerry) was born nine years earlier. Jerry was born a "blue baby." Somehow, during in utero acrobatics he wrapped the umbilical cord around his neck and the result was a life and death situation. Mom, Dad and the whole family prayed for the intercession of St. Gerard for Jerry's recovery.

Jerry's scare at birth had a successful outcome—more than successful even, as I fondly recall giving him a birthday card for his 50th birthday. The cover of the card read; "I know you are sorry for all the things you did to me as a kid". On the inside the card went on to say, "...and I'm sorry for all the things I put in your soup!"

My mother is now 94 and has continued to maintain an affinity for all things "Redemptorist" through the years. Her devotion to St. Gerard, after Jerry's good fortune, transformed into a private crusade to spread devotion to St. Gerard. She is certain to this day that St. Gerard was responsible for Jerry's recovery and good health.

Having already borne six children, with six more to come, my mother took it upon herself to pass out devotional material to whoever would take it. Since Mom doesn't quite remember everything she did, I called Aunt Bea, one of her remaining siblings – she



was one of ten children – and asked her what she recalled about Mom's efforts. Aunt Bea, the youngest of the ten, recalls Mom giving her a medal of St. Gerard when she was expecting her first child. There was a whirlwind of babies born during the baby boom, and it quickly became part of the culture to invoke St. Gerard.

Aunt Bea recalls how widely known devotion to St. Gerard was in the community of pregnant mothers. Even non-Catholics sought his intercession. Mom recalls how risky things were for

Popularity continued

tionship built on mutual love. It is covenant love, not based on manipulation or self-interest, but rooted in mutual and communal commitment. When we seek God's favor with biblical faith, we are not trying to manipulate God, which would be impossible anyway. No, when we seek blessings, graces and miracles it is because of our relationship in covenant love: "You shall be my people and I will be your God" [see Exodus 6:7; Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 11:4 and 31:33; Ezekiel 36:28]. With biblical faith we trust in a God who always cares deeply about us, and especially when we are in great need.

We too are invited and called to live this kind of faith: belief and trust built

mothers and children in those days. During Mom's next pregnancy (that of my brother, Tim) a well-intentioned nurse held my mother's legs together for four hours so she wouldn't give birth until the doctor got there! Thank God my mother and my brother did not suffer any life-threatening or longterm effects! For anyone who questions to whom Mom gives the credit for that, Tim's middle name is Gerard!

Mom also sadly recalls calling upon the intercession of St. Gerard during the abortion debates in the 1970s. She told me my older sisters attended the "Rock" High School (which was part of a parish that is still run by the Redemptorists today) because of her fondness for St. Gerard. I think it's fair to say that her articles written in my name for the St. Gerard Bulletin in the early 1960s were the high point of her love for St. Gerard.

Fast forward to today. Mom has over one hundred descendants and the families routinely ask for the intercession of St. Gerard because of Mom's efforts (at any given time there are as many as five expectant mothers). At 94 she can't recall exactly how she came to have devotion to St. Gerard during Jerry's birth but she knows it was because of a Redemptorist and Mom still lives in the shadow of the Redemptorist's Liguori Publications just south of St. Louis. Because of Mom, our family continues to enjoy healthy children though her beautiful and wonderful devotion to St Gerard, which still extends to all things **Redemptorist!**

not on creedal statements about God, but on a real relationship with the living God who is worthy of our trust. Our loving God reveals himself to us. And we have learned to place our trust in this God, even on the darkest days and in the most difficult times. This is the God of St. Gerard Majella. This is our God too.



Will you also be a friend and prayer angel of St. Gerard? Please pray with the community for all the intentions.

Rapid Growth of Saint Gerard Devotion

By Fr. Joseph Dorcey, C.Ss.R.

ix years ago the Redemptorists of the Denver Province, through its Office of Mission Advancement, made a very conscious decision to promote devotion to St. Gerard Majella as The Mothers' Saint. More recently, a renewed and concerted effort was made to increase this devotion. In order to do this, more attention was given to the Website, Facebook page and Newsletter. Additionally, the headquarters of the League of Saint Gerard was moved from Liguori Publications in Missouri to the provincial offices in Denver, Colorado.

The Mothers' Saint-St. Gerard Majella, C.Ss.R. website was recently had a complete makeover. It is now more user-friendly and all parts of the site are more readily accessible for computers, tablets, and smart phones. The site, a prayer community dedicated to mothers, features:

Information about St. Gerard Majella; (2) The League of Saint Gerard and how to join (2) the growing <u>Facebook</u> prayer community and how to participate (2) current and past editions of the League of Saint Gerard electronic Newsletter (2) a place to light a virtual Prayer Candle (2) the Saint Gerard Novena and Prayer Booklet (2) wonderful Testimonials (2) a page of Helpful Resources on prayer, marriage, family planning, catechesis, evangelization, adoption, and pro-life activities

he triannual publication of the League of Saint Gerard Newsletter occurs during Lent, on Mother's Day and on the October 16th Feast of St. Gerard. It features articles regarding St. Gerard himself or some aspect of his life and spirituality, updates about the work of spreading devotion to him, and much more. This readership of this electronic publication, has grown by over 50% in the past year.

St. Gerard Majella-The Mothers' Saint Facebook page has grown from around 5,000 to over 40,000 Likes in the last two years. Over three-quarters are women, with those who are entering the height of their child-bearing years (ages 25-34) being the largest group. His worldwide devotion includes hundreds and thousands of followers from countries like the Philippines, the USA, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Nigeria, Australia, Malaysia, Canada and the United Arab Emirates.

Our Facebook Community Offers Support and Prayers

In the Facebook community, posts and prayer topics include the gift of motherhood, safe deliveries, couples struggling with infertility new mothers, single mothers, teenage mothers, and many more. Special Prayer Angel among the Friends of St. Gerard join on Facebook to pray for couples preparing for and celebrating marriage, couples and parents experiencing difficulties in their relationships, illnesses and losses.

Each day three or four special requests are also posted for community support and prayer. Received through private messaging and posted with the permission of the sender, Redemptorist Fr. Joe Dorcey administers the page and keeps contact through over 500 private conversations each month. These provide an opportunity for greater evangelization, educating people about the teachings of Christ and the Church, and offering advice, counsel and words of hope and encouragement.



Rapid Growth continued

A year ago, the League of Saint Gerard, which had its home at Liguori Publications for more than 70 years, was transferred to the provincial offices in Denver, Colorado. As part of the transfer, Liguori Publications sent a list with 13,643 names of people who had enrolled in the League. 800 more people have joined the League since it moved to Denver. New enrollees are sent a certificate of membership, along with a St. Gerard medal (with Our Mother of Perpetual Help on the other side), a prayer card and a copy of the St. Gerard Novena and Prayer booklet.

On Thursday, September 17th, a simple shrine in the chapel of the Denver provincial offices was blessed by our provincial superior, Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R. The shrine includes a statue of St. Gerard and the Enrollment Book. You can also view a video of this blessing here. Every Wednesday the Eucharist is celebrated in this chapel for all the members of the League of Saint Gerard and all their intentions, and for all the intentions received by the Redemptorists.

All those devoted to St. Gerard are asked to help promote devotion to St. Gerard as the Mothers' Saint in your families and among your friends, in your parishes and, at all moments and at every opportunity. Together let us promote Saint Gerard Majella and make him available to the whole world as the Mothers' Saint, a true heavenly friend of all mothers.



Almost every day we get messages from people giving witness to St. Gerard Majella's powerful intercession: overcoming infertility, receiving the gift of motherhood, getting through a difficult pregnancy, a safe delivery, a healthy baby, a relationship restored, healing and health recovered, to name a few. We want to share a sample of these messages here because they inspire three things we all desperately need: faith, hope and love.

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM GRACE LAURETA

I would like to share the very good news of having a happy and healthy little baby boy and also a safe and easy pregnancy and delivery. This is just what I prayed for, through the intercession of Saint Gerard, to dear Jesus and Mama Mary. On April 21st, I safely delivered my beautiful baby boy. Through-



out my pregnancy, I followed Saint Gerard and prayed the novena in his honor. I have been constantly calling him and asking him to intercede with the Blessed Mother and Jesus, and while we were at the delivery room, that the doctors hands be guided. Miraculously, I was very calm about the whole procedure, despite the doctors' previous concerns that it might be a little complicated, since it is my fourth C-section. I would like to please share the picture of my beautiful baby and my praise and thankfulness to Jesus and Mama Mary to the God the Father through Saint Gerard's intercession. It is an honor to be a proof of Saint Gerard's miraculous intercession. I actually had a novena booklet from a long time ago, given to me by my mom (who passed away last January), as I was having some sort of issues with my eldest child (now 17). For some reason I didn't had the chance to go through the prayer booklet until I came across the Facebook page of Saint Gerard when I was pregnant. I started reading the novena prayers of Saint Gerard, not only for me and my then unborn, but also for my eldest, with

whom the novena booklet was originally intended. With all my faith, I believe that the recent changes my eldest had been showing is also through dear Saint Gerard's intercession to Jesus, Mama Mary and God the Father. So, there is so much for which I must give thanks!

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FROM IJEOMA AND CHARLES FOR BABY CLARET

With so much joy in my heart, I bring you good news. The Lord has answered our prayers. My wife has safely delivered a bouncing baby boy. His name is Claret. They have already been discharged from the hospital. On behalf of my entire family, I am using this medium to express my sincere gratitude to all of you, for all your prayers for my wife throughout her pregnancy. I am very



grateful to you. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to strengthen all of you in body and in spirit to the glory of His name.

ANONYMOUS

Good day all. I would just like to inform and thank you all for your never-ending prayers. I just had my pregnancy test this morning in our house and it was indeed POSITIVE, after almost three years of waiting. The Lord God has already blessed us. May, 2015 is indeed a blessed month for us. My husband and I are very happy. Thank you so much for your support. Also, St. Gerard, thank you for your intercession. I joined this group last year and now I know I am truly blessed. Again I am asking you to continue to pray for me and my baby's safety until the day of delivery, which is soon. God's plans are the best. Indeed, God is truly the giver of life. I am also praying for all the wives who wish to conceive soon and are patiently awaiting God's plan. Thank you, thank you, thank you so much. Praise and goodness to everyone, in Jesus' name with much love and thanksgiving

CAROLINE MACK

I am so thankful for this page. I asked for prayers when we were trying to conceive last year and then asked for prayers of thanksgiving in the next month when we were able to conceive! We are now just 10 days away from the delivery of our little girl! I have to have a C-Section for the third time. I would like to ask for prayers to keep me and our baby girl safe through this delivery. That she and I will remain healthy until she arrives. Also that she will be healthy upon arrival. Thank you and God Bless!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER FROM VANESSA & MICHAEL

Good day. I just want to thank you all for your prayers. I gave birth to my second baby last April 28, 2015. I delivered her normally. Thank you very much St. Gerard for interceding for us. God be with us all. Please post this as a thanksgiving prayer and please include the name of my husband, Michael. Thank you very, very much. God bless you too.

AN ANONYMOUS THANKSGIVING

Dear St. Gerard, I would like to give you thanks for the safe delivery of our sweet angel, Aliyah Marie. She was born on 5/27/2015 and she is completely



Prayer to St. Gerard

Beloved St. Gerard, on this day when we recall how you ultimately surrendered your entire life completely to God and commemorate your entrance into our heavenly home, we celebrate your feast, your definitive passage through death to the fullness of life.

We seek your blessing, especially for all mothers, mothersto-be and those longing to be mothers. Please intercede and obtain for all mothers the graces they most need at this moment, to persevere in living their motherly vocation, with loving arms and hearts, patient love, quiet joy and undying hope. Amen.



healthy. We are eternally thankful to our Lord, Jesus Christ and to St. Gerard for his powerful intercession. Our baby girl was miraculously conceived after nine years of trying and being told we would never be able to conceive and that adoption was our only option. Our faith in our savior, Jesus Christ, remained strong, hoping for the miracle of a healthy little baby and through prayer and faith, our little girl has come into this world. Thank you for all the prayers. God always listens and so often grants us the desires of our hearts!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER FROM NOR AND RON



Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ for praying for us. I have delivered a healthy baby boy last May 28th. We were safe all throughout the labor and delivery. I ended up having a C-section but we are very thankful for God's loving arms as He once more extended them to us. To God be the glory for our little angel, Ron

Dominic. May God guide us and give us the strength so that we can lead Ron Dominic to a Christ-filled life. Thank you, St. Gerard, and thank you God. Amen.

AN ANONYMOUS THANKSGIVING

Thank you for the safe, natural delivery of our gorgeous baby boy. He is absolutely perfect. We embark on our journey home from the hospital tomorrow and couldn't be happier. None of this could have been possible without our belief in the intercessory prayers of St. Gerard Majella and the followers on this page for what was a difficult complicated pregnancy. Thank you all. Amen

TESTIMONY FROM ALLISON

Please read my amazing testimony! After years of infertility and two ectopic pregnancies, and then being told by numerous doctors that we could never conceive a child naturally, I prayed to St. Gerard for nine days. The first time I prayed with so much faith that if God should say Yes, then our prayers will be answered and if God says No, then I trust his decision. I felt such a huge weight was lifted off my shoulders, for the first time in ten years I was at complete peace with not having any children. And then I conceived that very month. My doctor could not believe it, because of the problems with my tubes. I had an excellent pregnancy and gave birth to a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby boy in July, 2004. We tried to conceive again on and off for the next few years, but with no luck at all. A year and a half ago I prayed the 54-day Rosary Novena and the Untier of Knots novena specifically for a baby girl and three months later I found out I was

pregnant and six months later gave birth to a 6 lb. baby girl! Truly amazing. I think it is important to say that the two times my prayers were answered were the only two times I prayed and didn't doubt. I had 110% faith that my prayers were heard and I honestly left it all up to God. Many previous times I would pray and end my prayers with doubts, no faith, etc.

MARTY HANIG BUSCHER

I have so much faith in St. Gerard! I have introduced him to many friends and I could go on and on about the miracles he has performed for them. We lost our first baby and a friend enrolled me in The League of St. Gerard and we were blessed with a beautiful, healthy baby the following Christmas Day! I received a relic of St. Gerard from a dear priest friend that I cherish! God Bless, through the intercession of St. Gerard.

A THANKSGIVING FOR BABY JACOB FROM MARISOL AND PAUL

Hi. I just want you to know that everything went fine and my baby Jacob Noli Jorge and I are doing well, but still in the hospital. Thank you very much for all your prayers and may God and Saint Gerard Majella continue to guide and bless us all.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER REQUEST FROM LINH GEE

Hello! I'm very happy to announce that through the intercession of St. Gerard and our Blessed Mother, Mary, I am pregnant with my second! Thank you so much for praying for me before. I know that it is through prayer that God listened to me. I now ask that you pray for me to have a healthy baby and a safe pregnancy. Thank you again and God bless!

THANKSGIVING FOR JACE DANIEL

Thank you, Saint Gerard, for your intercession. I safely delivered a healthy 7.2 lb. baby boy on July 6, 2015 at 5:45 a.m. We named him Jace Daniel. Thank you Jesus for your loving grace and mercy.



GRATITUDE FROM DENISE CUNNINGHAM

I just wanted to thank you for all your prayers for me! My little miracle is now nine months old! She is healthy and prefect. Through the love and grace of St. Gerard, my life has changed forever! I will be eternally grateful. All my

love to the St. Gerard prayer community. I will continue to pray for all your members and their intentions... I have been truly blessed and hope others can retain their faith and accept that God will only send us on the path that is right for us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! God bless you all.

THANKSGIVING FROM AVE MARIA & MARK

This is my four-month old, second baby girl, Noah Mari (which means – comfort from the sea of bitterness). I came to know about Saint Gerard on Facebook. From then on I



started to ask for his intercession since I had complications in my pregnancy. I had preterm labor contractions in my 33rd week, so I was advised to have complete bed rest until the baby reached 37 weeks. I had to stop teaching to save

this cutie. We waited seven years for her. With God's grace and St. Gerard's intercession, I managed to have a normal delivery, despite undergoing labor pains for 27 hours. She was on medication for three days since there was no growth in her blood culture. I continue to pray and ask his intercession, that my baby will continue to have good health. You may post my testimony as my way of thanking God for His ultimate love and mercy.

THANKSGIVING FROM GENEROSE

Thank you, St. Gerard Majella, for your prayers. I delivered a baby boy. His name is Julevir. God bless us all.

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FROM JENNIFER AND CHRISTOPHER

Dear St. Gerard Majella, this message of gratitude is a bit delayed, and for that I apologize. Throughout last fall, we lit candles and prayed novenas for your intercession and we received a precious gift – two, in fact. My husband and I welcomed healthy twin boys on January 12, 2015. They were born at 39 weeks, weighed over 6 pounds each, and all three of us were healthy and safe through the pregnancy and delivery process. Our fears of preterm birth and delivery complications never came to be. Your presence was with us throughout our 24 hours in the hospital as a St. Gerard medal was around my neck the entire time. To this day, I still wear it and my boys will grab it when they nurse. I know they feel the special comfort it brought me through those many months of trying to keep them inside me and growing. Your intercession led to two beautiful additions to our family and we will be forever grateful to you. We will continue to pray for your intercession for others, that they too may experience the joy we have in our home now. As parents who have suffered four miscarriages and the death of an infant, we know their pain, but even more, we know the power of your intercession with God. St. Gerard, please continue to watch over our family and those who need your continued intercession. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FROM ROTCHIE

I am thankful for the wonderful blessings of the Lord, especially the blessing of motherhood. Being a mother is not easy but a blessed profession founded in love. After signing up for the League of St. Gerard Majella a few weeks ago, all I hoped for was to be included in the prayers and to be able to pray for others. But these came in the mail today (certificate, novena booklet, prayer card and medal). Thank you! Thank God for bountiful blessings! Please include me in your prayers too. I am almost on my 38th week with my third child. I will be due in a few more weeks.....In my life I have learned that praying for others is the best prayer. May our generous heavenly Father continually bless you and may the cloak of Mama Mary wrap you all with more love and care. Thank you for allowing mothers and everyone else who needs hope, love and prayers to have an avenue through social media to share and find comfort. God bless!

THANKSGIVING FROM JING DOHINA

You can share my story if you believe it will help others. My husband and I had no problem conceiving our son. It

was a miracle to me. However, we had some issues during my pregnancy. From 20 weeks on, I wore my St. Gerard medal and prayed for his intercession for my baby boy. During labor, I brought his statue into the delivery room and focused on it while pushing. My sweet boy was born with the cord wrapped around his neck and not breathing.



I believe, without a doubt, that St. Gerard's intercession saved my son. When he was four days old, I took him to the shrine of St. Gerard in Newark and had him blessed on the feast day of St. Gerard. He was the youngest baby there! We are now trying for our second baby and it has not proven as easy. We've had medical intervention. Please pray for us, that we may continue to raise our family in God. I know with prayer and faith and the intercession of St. Gerard, our prayers will be answered. Thank you!

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER FROM KAREN

This is my new baby, Inigo. Thank you, St. Gerard Majella, for our healthy baby. I'm very happy. Thank you, thank you very much for all the prayers.

THANKSGIVING FROM MARY AND HER HUSBAND

My husband and I want to thank St. Gerard and everyone in this group who prayed for us. After many years of trying for a baby, we are so happy to introduce our son, Brendan Gerard (photo)! We will keep all of you in our prayers. Thank you! We feel really blessed!

THANKSGIVING FROM JOAN

It's been four months since I asked Saint Gerard's intercession for a healthy and safe delivery of my second child and, as always, he didn't fail me. I would like to thank everyone for all your prayers and Saint Gerard for his constant protection. I am living proof that he is always there when we need him the most. As for that, I would like to share my second baby, Maria-Angela, who was born at only 32 weeks, way too early to be delivered actually. But miraculously and surprisingly, when she was delivered, she was already doing well, like a normal baby, despite being delivered prematurely. She wasn't even put in the incubator, as she was doing as



well as a normal baby at that time of birth, much to the surprise of the maternity staff. We are very thankful always to Saint Gerard for protecting my baby and for this miracle. Maria-Angela came out healthy and normal and is now a very happy 4.5 month old baby. Here is a picture taken

of how she looks right now. Thank you once again. Never lose faith, there's always a miracle in the end. I will always be grateful for the beautiful blessings God has given us and for the protection that Saint Gerard Majella bestowed on us. May my testimony inspire others to never lose faith. You may use my story as well as the picture of Maria-Angela. Thank you so much! Please continue pray for us.

TESTIMONY AND THANKSGIVING FROM PATRICIA SCHILLING

In 1962 my husband was taking a pharmacy test and I asked St. Gerard to help him pass the test. I promised I would name my son after him. As it turned out my husband

passed his test and I have a son named Patrick Gerard, who is now 51 years old. I also have three other children that St. Gerard brought safely to us. Thank you, St. Gerard!

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM GERICA

Good day. I just want to send a thanksgiving message to Saint Gerard Majella, the Mothers' Saint, our Lord God, our Blessed Mother Mary and also to all the Prayer Angels of this page. I gave birth to my daughter on August 1, 2015.



Thank you, Saint Gerard, for interceding for us. My daughter is healthy. Thank you so much God for giving me the opportunity to be a mother for my beautiful princess. Please continue to pray for my baby, for us to be healthy and safe always. Thank you, Prayer Angels! May God grant all your hearts' desires. Have faith!

A THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM LISA

Thank you, St. Gerard, for the safe delivery of my daughter, Leigha. Please bless my wee family.

A THANKSGIVING TO ST. GERARD FROM JOYCE

Thank you Saint Gerard – The Mother's Saint, our Lord Jesus Christ and Mama Mary for healing my son, Joaquin Matthias Lorenzo. He was born premature at seven months, stayed in the NICU for two months and was breathing with the help of a ventilator for a month. Through your intercession, St. Gerard, he was able to survive and surpassed all his medical struggles. Thank you also to our dear Prayer Angels here on this page who offered prayers when my friend requested on my behalf, three months ago. Truly, nothing is impossible with God.

THANKSGIVING FROM KAYE

I'm just here to share the picture of my adorable son, Gavin. I just want to say 'thank you' for all the prayers, offered from the very start, since I asked for a baby until I got pregnant and when I asked prayer for a safe delivery. Now here he is, a five-month old, healthy baby boy. Again, thank you for everything. You can post the picture of Gavin. I want the world to see and to know that I have received the best blessing anyone could have. Again, I want to say 'thank you' and I hope you will still pray for us.



THANKSGIVING FROM CHRISTY

Rejoice and praise God with us and for us. I sent a prayer request in January and today I share the testimony of our son, Emmanuel, who came two days ago. I pray that his coming will bring hope and lasting joy to those who seek the fruit of the womb. Amen

AN ANONYMOUS THANKSGIVING

I just want to give thanks to Saint Gerard Majella for his intercession throughout my pregnancy. I prayed to Saint Gerard every day to keep our wee baby and me safe and on Monday, September 14th, at 11:27 a.m. we were blessed with the most beautiful baby boy, who we've named Charlie. Saint Gerard was a constant source of strength for me and my family throughout my pregnancy and delivery and we are so grateful for his intercession and to have been blessed with such a beautiful baby. We will continue to pray

to St. Gerard and for all those who need his prayers. I will thank him every day for this most precious gift.

THANKSGIVING FRON VIANEY AND LUIS

I want to share a picture of our amazing miracle! Thank you to all who prayed for us before and during our pregnancy. We have been blessed by this amazing little boy, who will be four months old on Monday. We are so thankful. God is good! Thank you!

