

# St. Gertrude's Parish

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*St. Gertrude's Parish is a believing community committed to manifesting Christ's love through celebrating the sacraments, sharing Gospel values, serving one another and all who hunger for Jesus.*

**PASTOR:** Reverend Paul Magyar

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN:** Reverend Jean-Marie Beaublanc

**ADMINISTRATION:** Teresa Walsh

**YOUTH MINISTER:** Renee Lynn Maloney

## PARISH OFFICE:

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Youth Minister: [st.gertrudes.ym@gmail.com](mailto:st.gertrudes.ym@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m. (Children's Liturgy), 6:15 p.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday to Saturday 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Celebrated during our 5pm, 9am or 11am Weekend Masses

Please call the parish office to arrange.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

12 months advanced notice required

Preparation course is a prerequisite

## PARISH SCHOOLS:

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**ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS**

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † Margaret Potocnik

5:00pm † Josephine Gallop

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

9am † Bruno Greco Sr.

11am † Tina DeBrito, Kell Bennett,  
Jim Luciuk

6:15pm Our Parish Community

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † John McAuley

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Intentions of Karen Burnside

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † John, Teresa & Steven Olik

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † Antonio & Basila Pulla, Daniel McAvoy  
Parish General intentions

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

12:10pm † Sebastiano (Sam) Ruscica

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am † Margaret Potocnik

5:00pm † Lindsay Martin

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

9am † Francisco Dias

11am † Saverio Colasuanno, Daniel McAvoy  
Beatification of the Servant of God,  
Alphonsus Lambe

6:15pm Our Parish Community

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
**THE MASS**

Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? In this 5-part study, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us Thursdays, February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.. There is no charge to attend. The optional but recommended Study Guide is \$30.

For more information or to register contact:

Beth Cook 905-925-9871 [bethcook905@outlook.com](mailto:bethcook905@outlook.com)

Diana Scahill 905-723-0794 [dscahill9@gmail.com](mailto:dscahill9@gmail.com)

Registration available weekends after all Masses, through the parish website or at parish office.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE**

*Please be generous to our monthly maintenance collection (blue envelope) to help cover parking lot maintenance during the winter months. The weather has required that we salt regularly and this is a huge expense. Thank you as we strive to keep our parish property safe of all.*

***Monsignor John Pereyema Catholic Secondary School Parent Information Night*** for all grade 6 and grade 8 students and their parents on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The grade 8 parent session begins at 7pm in the Secondary gym and the grade 6 parent session begins at 7:15pm in the Intermediate gym. Join us for a short presentation followed by a variety of activities throughout the school. It is also an opportunity to meet teachers, tour the school, find out about the grade 9 program or win a prize.

**ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS.** Please ensure you have submitted the initial deposit envelope which helps to cover the costs of our envelopes and most importantly identifies to the parish office your 2018 envelope number.

**REMINDER:** Confirmation Retreat dates for those students registered in our Program Sat. January 20<sup>th</sup> or Sat. 27<sup>th</sup>. Text Renee at 905-442-9010 with any questions.

Who loves Winter?  
It's only 65 more sleeps till Spring!





**FAMILY PASTA DINNER & SHOW**

**Sat. February 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Hosted by Our Youth Ministry Team**

**Funds raised in support of the  
Creation Bus Tour Pilgrimage**

*Bring your family for a fun evening and enjoy some great pasta dishes. Local youth will showcase their art throughout the hall and provide musical entertainment.*

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**World Day of Migrants and Refugees –**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is “Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees”. In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that “**every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age...**”

**Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – February 11, 2018 - 3 p.m.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2018 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11 at Blessed Trinity Parish (3220 Bayview Ave - North York). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

**FAMILY OF FAITH UPDATE**

In December 2017 we received our parish distribution from the Family of Faith program. Our parish share was **\$15,644.99**. As per Archdiocesan policy 50% is automatically used to pay down our parish debts and the other 50% is held in an investment account at the Diocese. Therefore our 50% (7,822.50) for debt was applied by the Archdiocese to our two existing loans as follows:

**Capital campaign loan \$3,911.25**

**Chancery Loan \$3,911.25**

*(parish share of family of faith campaign costs).*

Thank you to those who are keeping up their pledges to the Family of Faith and we encourage those that have not been able to do so to please begin your pledges when you can.

**Loan Balances owing as of**

**December 31, 2017:**

Capital campaign loan \$ 359,088.75

Chancery loan \$ 66,180.80

**ONE MORE YEAR OF OUR LOAN  
INTEREST FREE PERIOD**

We had been granted two years (2017/2018) of interest free for our outstanding Capital campaign loan. During the first year, we saved \$12,655.31 in interest and the payments were applied directly to the loan balance. We now have one more year to take advantage of this. PLEASE review your finances and if you are able to make a contribution to our debt in 2018 it will greatly benefit the parish in its effort to pay off this outstanding debt. It is in our best interest to pay down the loan as quickly as possible before we once again face interest charges on the remaining balance a year from now.

Thanks to your donations, fundraising events, family of faith campaign and interest free period, we were able to pay off **\$100,911.25** during the year 2017 and with your help we are hoping to accomplish this or more again during 2018. Donations may be made each month using the gold colored envelope in your box, or by using the envelopes provided on the bookcases. PAG (monthly automatic bank withdrawals) are also set-up through the office. If you prefer to make a one-time donation please do so. All donations are much appreciated. Please refer to the chart on the back wall to keep progress of where we are at with the loan balance.



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