

# 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:** Rev. Michael Hughes

**ADMINISTRATION:** Teresa Walsh

**YOUTH COORDINATORS:** Jackie Sorbilli,  
Jasmin Dindial

### PARISH OFFICE:

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TEL: 905-433-0828

Office Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri: 8:30-3:00 p.m.,  
closed from 12-1:00 p.m. for lunch  
Tues., Thurs 8:30-12:00 noon

Parish Email: [stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org)

Website: <https://stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/>

### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:15 p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASS:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 12:10 p.m.

First Friday each month 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays and Holidays 9:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the parish office to arrange.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4:00 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:

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### PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Sir Albert Love School 905-728-3971

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### FEEDER SCHOOLS:

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**ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS**

MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am + Jessie Marlin

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am + Marcey Collins

11:00am + Pat Startek

+ Michele Cavallari

+ Aurelia Ranes

For the Holy Souls listed in our  
Basket of Remembrance

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Special intentions (anonymous)

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am For Peace in the World

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:00am + Severino Pulla

Parish General intentions

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday**

12:10pm + John & Mary Serge

7:30pm + Antonio & Basila Pulla

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am Priests intentions

5:00pm + Philip & Denis Calnan

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am + Manuel & Diolinda Araujo and  
Deceased family members

11:00am + Deceased members of the  
Volpe & Braccia family

6:15pm For Our Parish Community



**THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS**  
**The Forgotten Part of the Fatima Message**

**THE PROMISE**

On December 10, 1925, Our lady promised Sister Lucia she would "...assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour mediating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation."

**HOW TO DO THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS**

There are four requirements to faithfully fulfill the five first Saturdays.

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. (separate from saying the Rosary)

During the apparition of February 15, 1926, Sister Lucia presented Our Lord the problem some people had if confessing on Saturdays. She asked Our Lord if the confession would be valid if done within a period of eight days before or eight days after the first Saturday. Our Lord answered: "Yes, it can even be within many more days, provided they are in the state of grace when they receive Me, and have the intention of offering reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

**THE INTENTION**

To console the Immaculate Heart of Mary, offer reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude of unrepentant sinners, and for peace in the world.



**ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION**

All day confessions offered on  
Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-4:45pm  
Visiting Priests assisting.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will celebrate this feast day with an additional evening mass at 7:30pm

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIME 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAYS**

The first Saturday each month, Fr. Michael will hear confessions following the morning mass from 9:30-10:00am. Please note: this is only on the First Saturday of the Month – not every Saturday.

**2022 Donations**

Please ensure donations to be credited to your 2022 Income Tax Receipt are received by the parish no later than December 25<sup>th</sup>. It is acceptable to drop off your Christmas envelope early. Any donations received after that date will be credited to the following year.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) is starting a new young adult ministry in the Durham Region. All young adults ages 19-35 are welcome to attend. Each event will be once a month and consist of a social element and time for prayer and fellowship. There is a poster at the back of the church with information as well as a sign up sheet if you would like to be on the mailing list.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Angel Basket & Christmas Hamper  
Program**



Envelopes are available for your tax deductible monetary donations. **Please include name and address on your envelopes as we do not have access to parish envelope numbers.**

**IMPORTANT:** please indicate the \$ value of gift cards. Both Store gift cards and envelopes may be dropped off at the parish office mailslot to the secure inside mailbox or returned at mass to the Basket by the Christmas Tree.



**CHRISTMAS FOOD  
DRIVE WILL RUN  
UNTIL THE  
WEEKEND OF  
DECEMBER 3RD.**

Please place all non-perishable food items at the Altar to assist with packing our Hampers for the families in need.

**Most needed food items include :**

Peanut Butter, Jam, Cereal, Soup, Beans, Canned Salmon/Tuna/Ham/Chicken, Pasta and Sauce, Rice, Canned Fruit/Vegetables, Baby Food, Tea, Coffee, Breakfast bars, Juice boxes

Of course, any food item is always welcome.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Gift cards \$25.00**

**Groceries, Gas, Walmart and Dining.**

The Knights of Columbus are starting their Christmas gift card campaign. This is an excellent way to support the Angel basket or buy gifts for family members. Cards will be sold after every weekend mass Nov 26<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$25.00. You can place the gift card in an envelope marked for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and drop off to the office mailslot, Angel Basket or in the Collection. Please help we have over 200 families to support this year.

**CHALICE**

Thank you for the sacrifices you make to help sponsor our parish children. They are always so grateful for all they receive from St. Gertrude's Parish. **Our final Chalice collection for 2022 will take place during the weekend of November 26/27.** May God bless you for your generosity.

**St. Gertrude's Children's Choir**

We hope to start the Children's Choir again in January of 2023. We practice on Tuesday evenings and sing at the 11am mass on the last Sunday of each month. If you are in Grade 3 – 8, attend St. Gertrude's and love to sing, come join us. To receive a "Parent and Child Information Package" please contact: Brian Miettinen at 905-728-8221/brian.miettinen@gmail.com or Larry Moreino at [905-723-3641/lpmoreino@hotmail.com](mailto:905-723-3641/lpmoreino@hotmail.com).

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



**December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm,**



**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
10:00am, 12:00noon**



**December 31<sup>st</sup>  
New Year's Eve 5:00pm  
11:00pm Holy Hour  
12:00am Midnight Mass**

**Solemnity of Mary  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
New Year's Day  
10:00am & 12noon**



**PARISH CHRISTMAS  
FLOWERS**

***Please complete the following and place in an envelope marked FLOWERS to donate to our Christmas Altar flowers. Thank you for your generosity.***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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