

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

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Jasmin Dindial

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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

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:

Visit: catholicmarriageprep.com

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Sir Albert Love School 905-728-3971

St. John Bosco School 905-743-6223

St. Kateri Tekakwitha School 905-571-1969

FEEDER SCHOOLS:

St. John XXIII Elementary School 905-723-1991

Msgr. Paul Dwyer Secondary 905-723-5255

Msgr. John Pereyema Secondary 905-432-8470

Durham Catholic District School Bd. 905-576-6150

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ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3rd

9:00am Priests intentions

5:00pm + Philip & Denis Calnan

Sunday, December 4th

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

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

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Monday, December 5th

8:00am + Manuel Fernandes & Deolinda
Araujo

Wednesday, December 7th

8:00am + Joseph Giorgio

Thursday, December 8th

**Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am & 7:30pm

Friday, December 9th

12:10pm + Jesse Marlin

Saturday, December 10th

9:00am Priests intentions

5:00pm + Connor Paul Martina

Sunday, December 11th

9:00am + Jasmina Rihar

11:00am For Our Parish Community

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)



**The Origin of the
Five First Saturdays Devotion**

On July 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared at Fatima to the three seers Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, and revealed a three part secret to them. The first part was a vision of Hell, which was so terrible that Lucy later declared that it were not for Our Lady's presence, they would have died of fright.

After the vision was over, Our Lady spoke thus: "You saw Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. If they do what I shall tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.

"The war {World War I} is going to end, but if they do not stop offending God, another even worse war will begin in the reign of Pius XI {World War II}. Behold, a night illuminated by an unknown light will be the sign that God shall give you that He is going to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, hunger, and persecutions of the Church and the Holy Father.

"To prevent it {the war}, I will come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays. If they listen to my requests, Russia will convert and there will be peace; if not, it will spread its errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecutions of the Church.

The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; and several nations will be annihilated. Finally, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph."

Knights of Columbus St Gertrude

Gift cards \$25.00

Groceries, Gas, Walmart and Dining.

Cards will be sold after every weekend mass to December 4th at a cost of \$25.00.

ADVENT PARISH CONFESSIONS

All day parish confessions will be held on

Saturday, December 10th from 9:30-4:45pm

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

If you are available and wish to assist the Society of St. Vincent de Paul with packing of the hampers please join them in the parish hall on Monday and Tuesday morning at 9am this week. Many hands make light work.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIME

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.

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

Thursday, December 8th

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

Chalice Update

Thank you for your ongoing generous support of our 4 sponsored children. Our collections average \$170 monthly and our sponsorship fess are \$168 monthly. We also send extra money for each Birthday and at Christmas. Their most recent information and photographs are posted on the Chalice notice board next to the north entrance of the Church. Christmas cards will be added as they are received. Currently they have over 4,000 children waiting to be sponsored. If you would like to purchase something from the Christmas Gift Catalogue you could call **Chalice at 1-800-776-6855 or visit www.chalice.ca**

The item, Most Needed Gift, with a minimum donation of \$10 will be matched by a generous donor as will the item, Feeding a Family of 4 for a Month, \$50. Perhaps a Christmas gift from your family might be to sponsor a child - \$42 monthly.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



December 24th
4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm,



December 25th Christmas Day
10:00am, 12:00noon



December 31st
New Year's Eve
5:00pm
11:00pm Holy Hour
12:00am Midnight Mass
Pray out the old year – pray in the new year.



Solemnity of Mary
January 1st,
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 _____

Address _____

Envelope # _____

Amount _____

2023 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available from Dec. 10th -18th for pick up and then again following Christmas. Take a box, any box. It is very important to inform the office of your new envelope number. **Please do so by completing the 'grey' envelope at the front of the box. These donations help us cover the cost of the envelopes while ensuring you are registered with the parish.**

DO NOT USE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL 2023

2022 Donations

Please ensure donations to be credited to your 2022 Income Tax Receipt are received by the parish no later than December 25th. It is acceptable to drop off your Christmas envelope early.

Any donations received after that date will be credited to the following year.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Thank you to all who donate through the Archdiocesan website by either Debit or Credit Card. The donations are sent to us twice a month. It is a new and easy way to make your donations. Please Note: Tax receipts for these donations will come directly from the Archdiocese.



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Join us on Thursdays at 7:00PM, January 19th, 2023, to March 23, 2023 at the St. Gertrude's Parish Hall – **OR** – over ZOOM. To register and purchase your Study materials (cost \$45) on Eventbrite, visit the St. Gertrude’s website and follow the links on the home page. If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please pick up a registration form at the entrances of the Church. For more information, contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com, or 905-925-9871.

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