

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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PARISH OFFICE:

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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 Pereyma Secondary 905-432-8470

Durham Catholic District School Bd. 905-576-6150

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ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14th

5:00pm † Joseph Pezzarello

Sunday, January 15th

9am Intentions of Diana Scahill
And Melissa Baker

11am † Lois Martin
† Severino Pulla

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Monday, January 16th

8:00am NO MASS

Wednesday, January 18th

8:00am + Natalia Mariano

Thursday, January 19th

8:00am + Doug Thompson & Girls
For all who have left the Church

Friday, January 20th

12:10pm Intentions of Pat & Liz Belgrave on
their 50th wedding anniversary

Saturday, January 21st

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

Sunday, January 22nd

9am + Natalia Mariano

11am † Lois Martin
† Joseph & Helen Giorgio

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Dear Parishioners:

Our thanks to Pat & Liz Belgrave, PJ Corrigan, Maria Araujo, and Phillip Madden for the beautiful job they did in setting up the Crèche, trees and decorations for Christmas. Thank you to all our ministries, ushers, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and musicians who shared their special talents to give St. Gertrude's parish family a special and memorable Christmas season. Special thanks to the families who donated our poinsettia's; our Christmas Altar was beautiful. Thank you to our very faithful volunteer maintenance staff Guy and Blair Desjardins who work tirelessly keeping our parish clean and tidy and in great working order. Thank you to Teresa in the office for coordinating all of the above. We thank you, our parishioners, who came out in faith to share that faith with each other by celebrating the mysterious and wonderful truth.

Fr. Michael



LECTIO: Salvation, New Life in Christ

Join us for a captivating Bible Study on Salvation

In the Nicene Creed, Catholics confess that Jesus came down from heaven “for us men and for our salvation.” But what does “salvation” mean?

In this remarkable 10-part video study program, Scripture scholar and theologian Michael Patrick Barber provides a thorough, deeply Catholic, and deeply biblical, answer. Based on the best-selling book *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know*, this video study program is inspiring, engaging, and accessible to anyone. Cost for both the Study Guide and Dr. Barber's book is \$45.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION

PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00pm

To be held in the Church

All parents of children registered in our first communion preparation program are asked to attend this meeting. The second workbook will be handed out and any questions or concerns answered. If you have not yet picked up your child's passport please do so after mass.

WINDOW AND LEAF DEDICATIONS

We currently still have a few windows available for purchase. We are offering these at 10% off during the months of January, February and March.

Large \$4,500.00, Small \$1,500.00

Leaves will cost \$450.00

We are also offering the leaves on our Tree of Life for the same 10% off during this period.

This is a great time to order and would make a wonderful gift for someone this time of year.

Please email the parish office for more information.

All proceeds will now be directed to payment of the new furnaces and future large expenses of the church.

2023 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES

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.

REGISTER FOR PAG

Anyone wishing to join the PAG (pre-authorized giving) donation method beginning for 2023 can pick up forms on the bookcases or email the office for a copy. You will require a VOID CHEQUE to begin. Bank withdrawals occur on the 20th of each month.

This method serves to ensure regular donations for the parish even when you are unable to join us, greatly helping us meet our financial needs.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS. You should receive yours in the mail early February.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

We are sending out a request for Confirmation parents or parishioner volunteer facilitators to assist with our new focused "Chosen" confirmation program. The program will begin on Friday, January 27th from 7:00-8:30pm. We will watch a video and facilitators will lead candidates with provided questions and answers. The volunteer screening process is required.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We plan to launch our Children's Liturgy program at the 11:00am Mass beginning February 12th. We appeal for volunteers to make up 4 teams which will assist on a rotating schedule. Volunteer screening is required.

TRUE DEVOTION WORKSHOPS FOR

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This is based on St. Louis Marie de Montfort's True Devotion and is being conducted by Mr. & Mrs.

David Campbell of the Heralds of the Gospel.

Please keep an eye out for more information on the program which will begin early March.

It will run on Saturday mornings, each session being 2 hours long. The program will run for

approximately 8 weeks (depending on weather, if we need a snow day). It will end with a Consecration Mass on Saturday, May 13th – Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima

Participants are asked to make a donation to the Heralds of the Gospel once the course is completed. I would ask you to be generous according to your means.

DCDSB Kindergarten Registration

Opens January 12, 2023

Begin your child's faith-filled journey at the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)!

Your child must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 1/Junior Kindergarten **or** 5 years of age by December 31, 2023 to register for Year 2/Senior Kindergarten.

Complete your online registration by visiting dcdsb.ca/Kindergarten

Marriage Sunday 2023

A special archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica at 2:30 p.m. with His Excellency, Bishop Vincent Nguyen. All married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2023 are welcome to attend the Mass to honor their fidelity and faithfulness. All those not able to attend in person are encouraged to join the celebration via livestream.

CWL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, January 16th beginning with Rosary at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

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