

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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SACRISTAN & PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Lisette Romero

PARISH OFFICE:

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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:

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St. John Bosco School 905-743-6223

St. Kateri Tekakwitha School 905-571-1969

FEEDER SCHOOLS:

St. John XXIII Elementary School 905-723-1991

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ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25th

9:00am

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

Sunday, March 26th

9am + Francisco Dias

11am

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

Monday, March 27th

8:00am + Ramiro & Lory Ribeiro

Wednesday, March 29th

8:00am Intentions of Mark Smegal

Thursday, March 30th

8:00am

Friday, March 31st

12:10pm + Virginia Vallen & Kay

Saturday, April 1st

9:00am + Severino Pulla

5:00pm + Helen Feeney



Sunday, April 2nd

9am For Our Parish Community

11am + Marcelle Copus

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)



Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00pm
Followed by Mass at 7:30pm

EASTER TRIDIUM SCHEDULE



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th

7:30pm Mass Of The Lord's Supper
Adoration to 10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm
7:00 pm Stations

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th

2:30pm Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, April 9th

9:00am, 11:00am

Please note: no 6:15pm mass on
Easter Sunday night

CARDINAL COLLINS RETIREMENT

We extend our sincere gratitude to Cardinal Collins for all his hard work and his full-hearted dedication as Shepherd of our Archdiocese for these past 16 years. We wish him well in his retirement from administrative duties at least and pray for his good health and continued blessings upon his pastoral initiatives during this next period of His life. God Bless You.

Archbishop of Toronto.

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as our next Archbishop of Toronto. Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome for Bishop Frank Leo taking place Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering – 7 p.m. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall.



EASTER FLOWERS

Each year our Easter flowers cost roughly \$1,000.00. To donate please use this form and place in an envelope. We look forward to our Easter Altar as it springs to Life.

Name _____

Envelope # _____

Amount \$ _____



EASTER FOOD DRIVE

As Easter approaches we reach out to those in need in a special way.

We appeal to you to support our Easter food drive as you have done so generously in the past. Food needs are: non-perishable goods, such as canned soups, peanut butter, beans, vegetables, fruit, pasta, pasta sauces, Kraft dinner, fish; cereals, rice, fruit juices, baby foods, tea, coffee.

Food items may be placed at the front of the church each weekend until Easter Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity. Envelopes for monetary donations are located on the entrance bookcases.

GROCERY/GAS GIFT CARDS

Available after mass from the Knights of Columbus. These \$25.00 cards are a wonderful idea to donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist with their work helping the community in need.

The Holy Thursday Collection

will be donated to the poor through Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children, 1258 Lakeshore Rd East, Mississauga ON L5E 1E9

The Good Friday collection is for the Needs of the Holy Land.

Easter collection supports the needs of our Parish.

SHARELIFE PARISH GOAL \$45,700.00

Please remember all cheques are made payable to St. Gertrude's Parish.

Online donations may also be made directly through the website (archtoronto.org) for the Archdiocese of Toronto and please choose St. Gertrude's Parish to add to our parish goal total.

2nd Collection – April 30th

3rd Collection – June 4th

Toronto Retrouvaille Weekend

Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Retrouvaille is for couples whose marriage needs a tune up or even a major overhaul. It is Catholic in origin and outlook but open to people of all faiths. It begins with a weekend experience and continues with a series of follow up sessions.

CONTACT: Registration Couple

PHONE: 437-234-5610

WEBSITE: <http://torontoretrovaille.com>

Cardinals Burke and Müller Denounce German Synod Debacle On Same-Sex Blessings

Cardinals Raymond Burke and Gerhard Müller have openly condemned the decision by the German Synodal Way assembly to begin officially “blessing” sexual relationships between persons of the same sex.

The recent gathering of the Synodal Way concluded with 176 out of 202 participants voting in favor of offering blessings for same-sex couples in Catholic dioceses.

Cardinals Burke and Muller reprovved the German bishops in an interview on EWTN's “The World Over with Raymond Arroyo.” “It is absolutely blasphemous to make a blessing about those forms of life which is, according to the biblical and the ecclesial doctrine, a sin because all forms of sexuality outside of a valid matrimony is sin and cannot be blessed,” Muller said.

Last year, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith restated the Church's long standing doctrine on the sacrament of marriage, writing that “the Church does not have, and cannot have, the power to bless unions of persons of the same sex.”

Pope Francis had previously expressed concern that the Synodal Way process was “very, very ideological” and “made by the elites” but has not commented yet on the move with same-sex blessings.

“There must be a trial and they must be sentenced,” Muller added, “and they must be removed from their office if they are not converting themselves and they are not accepting the Catholic doctrine.”

Burke said that the German synod is using the Church to promote an agenda rather than to preach the Gospel:

These are human inventions, human ideologies that are being pushed and the Church is being used. And what it does is it renders the Church then into some kind of a human agency, almost like a government agency that's being manipulated to foster certain programs and certain agenda. And so we need to wake up to what is happening.

Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, TX has also denounced the synod's actions in a tweet: *The president of every Bishop's Conference around the world should denounce the schismatic vote of the 38 German bishops who have voted to bless same sex unions. We must speak out and call them to return to Catholic teaching. They have hardened their hearts to the Truth.*



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