

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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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:

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ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, April 3rd

8:00am + Avelino & Brizida Desousa and
Deceased family members

Wednesday, April 5th

8:00am + Antonio Dias

Please see Holy Week Schedule

The parish office is closed
Good Friday and Easter Monday



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 (no children's liturgy)
Please note: no 6:15pm mass on
Easter Sunday night



**Jesus,
I Trust In You!**

Sister Faustina wrote in her Diary: *"The Lord told me to recite this chaplet for the nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday. Then he told me: By this novena I will grant every possible grace to souls"* (II, 197)

In preparation for the Feast of Mercy we will recite this chaplet as follows:

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

- Day 1 Good Friday at 2:30pm
- Day 2 Holy Saturday at 3:00pm
- Day 3 Easter Sunday after 9am Mass
- Day 4 Easter Monday after 9am Mass
- Day 5 Easter Tuesday after 9am Mass
- Day 6 Easter Wednesday after 8am Mass
- Day 7 Easter Thursday after 8am Mass
- Day 8 Easter Friday after 12:10pm Mass
- Day 9 Easter Saturday after 9am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

April 16th at 2:30 – 3:30pm
Benediction, Chaplet



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

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Amount \$

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.

The Easter collection supports the needs of our Parish.

CWL NEWS

Next meeting: Tuesday April 18th

Rosary at 6:30pm.

Meeting 7:00pm with guest Alys (Regional Chair)

7:30pm special presentation as listed below:

The Alzheimer Society of Durham Region will be presenting:

Dementia Friendly Community Training

All parishioners and friends are invited to this free presentation. Refreshments available following the presentation.



**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.

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.

From the commentary on the psalms by Saint John Fisher, bishop, and martyr:

Our high priest is Christ Jesus, our sacrifice is his precious body which he immolated on the altar of the cross for the salvation of all men.

The blood that was poured out for our redemption was not that of goats or calves (as in the old law) but that of the most innocent lamb, Christ Jesus our Savior.

The temple in which our high priest offered sacrifice was not one made by hands but built by the power of God alone. For he shed his blood in the sight of the world, a temple fashioned by the hand of God alone. This temple, however, has two parts. The first is the earth, which we now inhabit. The second is as yet unknown to us mortals.

Christ first offered sacrifice here on earth, when he underwent his most bitter death. Then, clothed in the new garment of immortality, with his own blood he entered into the holy of holies, that is, into heaven. There he also displayed before the throne of the heavenly Father that blood of immeasurable price which he had poured out seven times on behalf of all men subject to sin.

This sacrifice is so pleasing and acceptable to God that as soon as he has seen it he must immediately have pity on us and extend clemency to all who are truly repentant.

Moreover, it is eternal. It is offered not only each year (as with the Jews) but also each day for our consolation, and indeed at every hour and moment as well, so that we may have the strongest reason for comfort. That is why the Apostle adds: *He has secured an eternal redemption.*

All who have embarked on true contrition and penance for the sins they have committed, and are firmly resolved not to commit sins again for the future but to persevere constantly in that pursuit of virtues which they have now begun, all these become sharers in this holy and eternal sacrifice.

Saint John sets this before us in these words: *My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin. But, if anyone does sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One, and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for these of the whole world.*

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