

# 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

**LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT & SACRISTAN:** Lisette Romero

## PARISH OFFICE:

690 King St. East, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1G5  
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., Sat. 8:30 a.m.  
Friday 7:00 p.m.  
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](http://catholicmarriageprep.com)

## PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Sir Albert Love School	905-728-3971
St. Kateri Tekakwitha School	905-571-1969
Durham Catholic District School Bd.	905-576-6150

[www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca)

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 905-431-1796

## PASTORAL REFERENCE LETTERS FOR SCHOOL

Must be registered for at least 12 months and attending Mass each Sunday and supporting the Church and its mission.  
Volunteering helpful.



**ST. GERTRUDE OUR PATRONESS**

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30am + John Mercer, John Kearney

5:00pm + Deolinda Araujo & Antonio Amadeu

#### Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

9am For Our Parish Community

11am + Joseph & Evelyn Bonnici, Achilles Medati  
Deceased members of the  
Farrell & McAvoy families

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

#### Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Intentions of Beth Cook

#### Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Intentions of Laura Brown

#### Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Intentions of Beth Cook

#### Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> FIRST FRIDAY

7:00pm + Severino Pulla, + Durvalena DaSilva

#### Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30am

5:00pm + Living & deceased members of Raponi Family

#### Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

9am For Our Parish Community

11am 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving  
For the Knights of Columbus

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)



### PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Gertrudes Knights of Columbus are preparing an afternoon of fun and festivities on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1-4 p.m. in the parish hall. Santa Claus will meet

with all the children in attendance.

### Durham Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19 - 35) "Winter Donation Drive & Skating"

#### Almsgiving // Fellowship // Social

Join us on **Saturday, Dec 2nd at 3:30pm** at Delpark Homes Centre 1661 Harmony Rd N. We will be going skating and collecting winter clothing to donate to The Refuge. If there is interest, we will be concluding with a dinner social. For more information or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at [sngoh@archtoronto.org](mailto:sngoh@archtoronto.org) or 416.599.7676

### CWL Memberships

**Due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 cost \$40.00**

Payment preferred by cheque.

Payable to "St. Gertrude's CWL".

Please place in the Sunday offertory basket or through the mail slot at the office.

### CWL Christmas Luncheon:

Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at the Portly Piper, corner of Wilson & King. If you wish to attend, please call Brenda 905-723-6027 by November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ring in the New Year 2024!

### St Gertrude's Knights of Columbus

#### New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

December 31, 2023, in the parish hall.

Expect good food, a cash bar, DJ Music, good company, and a great time!

Tickets are \$65

Please contact Mel Buddel 905-576-8556

### PARISH MAINTENANCE (blue envelope)

to help cover parking lot maintenance during the upcoming winter months.

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS for purchase at \$5.00.

**Thank You to Guy, Blair and Cindy Desjardin for all their long and terrific work in cleaning up Fall leaves.**

**Seeking Advice: 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Eve Mass Time**  
**Either 8pm, 8:30pm or 9pm. (first is at 5pm)**

**NEW: WEEKDAY MASS ON MONDAY,  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NOW  
OFFERED AT 8:30AM**

**FRIDAY MASS TIME NOW 7:00pm**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 11:00am mass on Sunday.

### GOOD CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

- EWTN – Global Catholic Network, [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)  
especially "The World Over" show

- Bishop Robert Barron at [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

- Professor Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries at  
[www.renewalministries.net](http://www.renewalministries.net)

- Robert Royal at [www.thecatholicthing.org](http://www.thecatholicthing.org)

- Fr. Mike Schmitz at Ascension Press – Bible in a Year

- The Hallow Prayer & Meditation App

**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org>**

**Christmas Season Church Decoration Appeal: looking for those who have "This Talent"**

**Knights of Columbus General Meeting**

Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>,**

Please join us following the 9am & 11am masses this weekend. A donation is appreciated.

**PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION**

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

9:15am – 4:45pm

Fr. Michael as well as

Visiting Priests 10-12noon & 2-4pm

**St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Angel Tree & Food Drive  
Christmas Hamper Program**



Please support by taking an angel from the tree, and purchasing gift indicated. Do not wrap but put in a Christmas gift bag or envelope with the angel taped securely to the outside. If you purchase a food certificate or gift certificate please indicate the value on it. All gifts should be returned to the foot of the tree or the office no later than **December 2/3 to** allow time to organize gifts for our Christmas Hampers.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE**

Place Non perishable food items in the Christmas Food Drive box from Nov 25/26 to Dec 9/10.

**Most needed food items are:**

Peanut Butter, Jam, Cereal, Baked Beans, Canned Salmon/Tuna, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Vegetables, Tea, Coffee, Seasonal Items.

Any food item is always welcome.

**Monetary donations** may be put in the regular collection plate. Envelopes for this purpose are in your weekly envelope box. Envelopes will also be available at the end of the pews. Thank You!

**Preparation (volunteers needed)**

December 11-15<sup>th</sup> Packing up Christmas Hampers

December 16<sup>th</sup> Delivery to our neighbors in need.

**Call 905-914-2247 to volunteer**

Volunteer with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 3hrs per month at your convenience.

Delivering to our Neighbours in Need, packing hampers, picking up food donations, taking calls for help on a computer. Contact Mike Crosby 905-243-7643, [mike.h.j.crosby@gmail.com](mailto:mike.h.j.crosby@gmail.com)

**Parish Volunteer Choir Sunday 11am Mass**

If interested, Email the office

[stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org](mailto:stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org). We already have a few interested parishioners to lead and help.

**First Holy Reconciliations**

November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm in the Church

**First Friday, December 1st**

Mass 7:00pm, Holy Hour 7:30-8:30pm

**The Power of Almsgiving**

**From a homily written in the second century.**

So you see, my brothers, that we have been given every inducement to amend our lives. We have been called by God, and now it is up to us to return to him while we still have time and one who is ready to receive us. For if we renounce sinful pleasures and practice self-control by refusing to yield to our evil desires, we shall share in the mercy of Jesus.

You must know, however, that the day of judgment, like a flaming furnace, is already approaching. Sun, moon and stars will be consumed, and the whole earth will become like lead melting in the fire. All that each man has done, whether openly or in secret, will then be brought to light. Therefore, a very good way of atoning for our sins is by being generous to the poor. Fasting is better than prayer, but almsgiving surpasses both, for love covers a multitude of sins. Nevertheless, prayer delivers the soul from death if it proceeds from a good conscience. Happy the man who is found rich in these virtues; by relieving the poor, he himself will be relieved of his sins.

To make sure that none of us is lost, we must repent from the bottom of our hearts. Since we have been commanded to go out and rescue idolaters and to instruct them, is it not even more important to save souls who already know God? If we are all to be saved, we shall have to help one another and support the weak in their struggle to live a good life. When one of us does wrong, it is for the others to warn him and persuade him of his error.

**ADVENT DINNER & SHOWCASE**

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Sacred Heart Academy - 15 Harmony Rd., North

5:30pm Appetizers & Finalizing Auction, 6:30pm Dinner

Early Bird Pricing (family is immediate family)

\$30/ticket - \$100/Family - \$200/Table of 8

After Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

\$45/ticket - \$150/Family - \$275/Table of 8

[www.sacredheartdurham.com/events](http://www.sacredheartdurham.com/events)

**Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.**



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