

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
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

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9th

8:30am + Antonio Mendes & Rosa Barbosa

5:00pm + Antonino Rizza

Sunday, December 10th

9am For Our Parish Community

11am + Leon & Madeline Boisvert

+ Joseph & Josephine Galdes

+ Peter Ferreira

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

Monday, December 11th

8:30am Special intentions (anonymous)

Wednesday, December 13th

8:30am + Neil Brown

Thursday, December 14th

8:30am + John Serge, + Francesco Barone

+ Joe & Feng Devereaux,

Intentions of Bishop Boissonneau

Friday, December 15th

7:00pm + Deolinda Araujo & Antonio Amadeu

+ Jim Luciuk

Saturday, December 16th

8:30am + Deceased Araujo Family members

5:00pm + Marielle Shields, Peter Byrne

Sunday, December 17th

9am For Our Parish Community

11am + Severino Pulla, + Carmel Boulanger

+ Dorothy & Raymond McCabe

6:15pm Living & Deceased members of the

Ronald & Leila Chen families

NEW: weekday mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday now 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

especially “The World Over” show

-Bishop Robert Barron at www.wordonfire.org

-Professor Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries at

www.renewalministries.net

-Robert Royal at www.thecatholicthing.org

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

-The Hallow Prayer & Meditation App

Join the Knights of Columbus as they host a New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

Good Food, Cash Bar, DJ Music

The dinner consists of

Lasagna, Veal cutlet, vegetables,
salad, bun, cake and tea/coffee

Tickets: \$65.00/ person

Please contact: Mel Buddel 905-576-8556

or Ian Francke 905-409-8367.

Tickets available after masses.

CWL Memberships

\$40.00 Due by December 31st, 2023



2024 Parish Envelopes

Please take a box from back of church and fill in the first gray envelope to let us know your new number beginning in January.

Please **do not use** before the New Year.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Available at the entrances to donate to our Christmas Altar.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Program

Volunteers Needed

December 11-15th Packing up Christmas Hampers

December 16th Delivery to our neighbors in need.

Call 905-914-2247 to volunteer

Volunteer with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

3 hours per month at your convenience.

Delivering to Neighbours in Need, packing hampers, picking up food donations, taking calls for help on computer.

Contact Mike Crosby 905-243-7643,

mike.h.j.crosby@gmail.com

CHURCH BULLETIN BOARDS

A volunteer is needed to organize, coordinate and manage the church notice bulletin boards. Please contact the office if this is your ‘talent’ and Fr. Michael will be in touch with you.

USB found in parking lot – call office to identify.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th

5:00pm , 8:30pm

December 25th Christmas Day

9:00am, 11:00am

December 31st

New Year's Eve 5:00pm

Solemnity of Mary

January 1st, 2024

New Year's Day

9:00am, 11:00am

**NO SUNDAY NIGHT 6:15pm MASS ON
CHRISTMAS EVE, NEW YEAR'S EVE AND
JANUARY 7TH when Fr. Michael leaves on a
weeks vacation.**

Attention:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers

Please sign up for the Christmas and
New Year's Masses.

2023 Donations

Please ensure donations to be credited to your 2023
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.
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the Gospel. For a hard copy Annual Subscription,
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Farewell to our LPA Lisette Romero

Our sincere prayerful Best Wishes to Lisette as she
sets off for Alberta this coming week. We also thank
her for the great work and contribution she made to
our parish family life. Thank you, Lisette. You will
be missed but not forgotten.

Blessings, Fr. Michael and St. Gertrude's parish
Family

Welcome to Our New Deacon

We thank God and Archbishop Francis Leo for
sending us A new Deacon to serve our parish family
and welcome Deacon Andrew Rychlicki and his wife
Eva to St. Gertrude's and pray that they will settle
quickly and be happy here at their new Spiritual
home.

OFFICE CLOSED THIS TUESDAY, DEC. 12TH

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS TIME IN Preparation
for Christmas, Friday, Dec. 15th after evening
mass to 8:45pm**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are asking those currently serving in this ministry
to consider extending their ministry by volunteering
to bring the Eucharist to the Sick. This would be
done in pairs. Regarding this Ministry, please let the
Pastor approach you when more Ministers are
needed, as it is better to leave this Ministry to the
Movement of the Holy Spirit.

Adult Faith Formation Bible Study

**No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through
Christ's Passion,** is a five week Bible study

program that begins Thursday, February 22, 2024 at
7 pm in the Parish Hall OR over Zoom and will end
before Holy Week.

For more information or to register, visit
St. Gertrude's website, or contact Beth Cook at
905-925-9871 or email bethcook905@outlook.com.

GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our Knights of
Columbus, CWL and volunteers for arranging the
Parish Christmas Party last weekend. It was such fun
to see the families and little ones enjoying
themselves.

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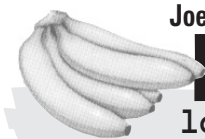
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