

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16th

8:30am + Deceased Araujo Family members

5:00pm + Marielle Shields

Sunday, December 17th

9am For Our Parish Community

11am + Severino Pulla, + Carmel Boulanger

+ Dorothy & Raymond McCabe

+ Mario Veltri, Gerardo Stancato, Luca Guglielmo

6:15pm Living & Deceased members of the
Ronald & Leila Chen families

Monday, December 18th

8:30am + Jim Luciuk

Tuesday, December 19th

8:30am Ints. Fr. Leslie Tamas, & Sig & Teresa Kuzatz

Wednesday, December 20th

8:30am + Francisco Dias

Thursday, December 21st

8:30am + Deceased Mendes Family Members

Friday, December 22nd

7:00pm Special intentions (anonymous)

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30am + Kell Bennett, + Sadik Majaralie

Intentions of Emerise Bourgeois

Intentions of Dr. Bill Kuvlichan

5:00pm Intentions of Lori Jury

Sunday, December 24th

9am For Our Parish Community

11am + Christine & William Mawdsley

Intentions of Michael & Donna Hughes

December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00pm, 8:30pm

December 25th Christmas Day

9:00am, 11:00am

December 31st New Year's Eve

5:00pm

January 1st, 2024

New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary

9:00am, 11:00am

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The office will be closed at noon on Friday, Dec. 22nd and re-open Wednesday, January 3rd. Please email stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org if you require immediate assistance or follow the prompts on the phone message machine.

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

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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES

Available at the entrances to donate to our Christmas Altar.



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.

CWL Memberships

\$40.00 Due by December 31st, 2023

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers

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

*Weekday mass on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
and Saturday now at 8:30AM*

Friday mass time now 7:00pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday, 11:00am mass

LAST CHANCE – Confession Time

Tuesday night, December 19th 7-8pm

Note: no confession Sat. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve.

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Christmas Hamper Program**

Thank you parishioners for the many generous donations to the Angel Tree Program and Food Drive this year allowing us to provide Hampers to those in need in our community. A big thank you also to those who came out to assist us with the packing, pickup and delivery of the hampers. Merry Christmas to All.

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

USB found in parking lot – call office to identify.

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 Ava to St.

Gertrude's and pray that they will settle quickly and be happy here at their new Spiritual home.

2023 Donations

Please ensure donations to be credited to your 2023 Income Tax Receipt are received no later than December 25th. It is acceptable to drop off your

Christmas and Dec. 31st envelope early.

Any donations received after that date will be credited to the following year due to banking holidays.

ONLINE DONATIONS are available through our website by either Debit or Credit Card.

GOOD CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

- EWTN – Global Catholic Network, www.ewtn.com especially “Coming Home” & “The World Over” shows

-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 and Catechism In A Year

-The Hallow Prayer & Meditation App

God's promises are held out to us by his Son

God established a time for his promises and a time for their fulfillment.

The time for promises was in the time of the prophets, until John the Baptist; from John until the end is the time of fulfillment.

God, who is faithful, put himself in our debt, not by receiving anything but by promising so much. A promise was not sufficient for him; he chose to commit himself in writing as well, as it were making a contract of his promises. He wanted us to be able to see the way in which his promises were redeemed when he began to discharge them. And so the time of the prophets was, as we have often said, the foretelling of the promises.

He promised eternal salvation, everlasting happiness with the angels, an immortal inheritance, endless glory, the joyful vision of his face, his holy dwelling in heaven, and after resurrection from the dead no further fear of dying. This is as it were his final promise, the goal of all our striving. When we reach it, we shall ask for nothing more. But as to the way in which we are to arrive at our final goal, he has revealed this also, by promise and prophecy. He has promised men divinity, mortals immortality, sinners justification, the poor a rising to glory.

**From a discourse on the psalms by
Saint Augustine, Bishop**

LIVING WITH CHRIST -DAILY MASS READINGS

Available to download on your smart phone. Go to the App store and download Living With Christ. This is a free app that includes the first reading, psalm, second reading and the Gospel. For a hard copy Annual Subscription, order it from Novalis: Living with Christ_en-novalis

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.

Walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

For more information or to register, visit

St. Gertrude's website: stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org

or contact Beth Cook at 905-925-9871 or email

bethcook905@outlook.com.

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

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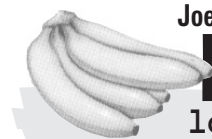
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