

St. Gertrude's Parish

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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23rd

8:30am + Kell Bennett, + Sadik Majaralie
Intentions of Emerise Bourgeois
Intentions of Dr. Bill Kivlichan

5:00pm Intentions of Lori Jury

Sunday, December 24th

9am For Our Parish Community
11am + Christine & William Mawdsley, Niall Hamill
Intentions of Michael & Donna Hughes

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00pm, 8:30pm

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day

9:00am, 11:00am

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00am Anonymous MJH

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00am + Pat Hughes and Warren Armstong

Thursday, December 28th

9:00am + Shawn Willet & Jury Family, Maria Delgarno

Friday, December 29th

7:00pm + Frank & Shirley Miettinen

Saturday, December 30th

8:30am Ints. of Laura Headon & Expectant Baby
5:00pm + Don & Marielle Shields & Lauren Buckley

Sunday, December 31st

9am For Our Parish Community
11am Intentions of Edward McCabe, + Shawn Willett

New Year's Eve 5:00pm

Monday, January 1st, 2024 Solemnity of Mary

9:00am, 11:00am

Wednesday, January 3rd

8:30am + Sally Starr

Thursday, January 4th

8:30am Special intentions (anonymous)

Friday, January 5th

7:00pm Intentions of Maureen McAvoy

Saturday, January 6th

8:30am Seana Maguire, + John McCarthy
5:00pm + Max & Stanley Pecoskie

Sunday, January 7th

9am + Albano & Gracinda Rodrigues & Family
11am + Severino Pulla, For Our Parish Community

NO EVENING 6:15PM MASS

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The office will 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.

Please note daily masses Tues, Wed. & Thurs. during Christmas week will be celebrated at 9am



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

Welcome to Our New Deacon

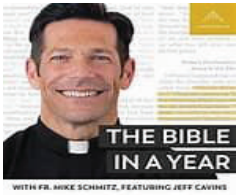
We thank God and Archbishop Francis Leo for sending us A new Deacon to serve our parish family and welcome Deacon Andrew Rychlicki and his wife Ava to St. Gertrude's and pray that they will settle quickly and be happy here at their new Spiritual home.

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.



#1 Religion Podcast from

Fr. Mike Schmitz:

The Bible in a Year

Start January 1st, 2024

The Bible in a Year podcast,
hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and

featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the entire Bible in 365 daily episodes. If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you!

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/preparing-for-the-bible-in-a-year-journey-with-fr-mike-schmitz/>

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

Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Update

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include Aboriginal Legal Services located in Toronto, Ontario, that will receive \$538,000 to help fund their Indigenous family dispute resolution program called Giiwedini Anang.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

LIVING WITH CHRIST -DAILY MASS READINGS

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS 2023

Dear Parishioners:

God has not abandoned us – and He proved this when He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus our Savior 2000 years ago.

This is the source of our Joy and the one and only true solid foundation for the hope in our hearts that God's love will triumph over sin, evil and death.

God will have the last word. Never let discouragement or the battle that rages around us overwhelm us as long as we cling to Jesus.

His Kingdom will come just as He came 2000 years ago to show us truth, beauty and goodness in the person and flesh of Jesus Himself.

This is the cause of our Joy and Hope.

And in that Spirit, I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and Peace and health throughout the New Year.

Fr. Michael

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.

**THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE THE
WEEKEND OF JANUARY 6/7**



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

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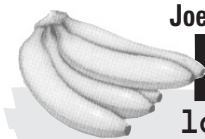
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