

# St. Gertrude's Parish

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**PASTOR:** Rev. Michael Hughes

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**LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT:** Geoffrey Lyn



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

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Intentions of Theresa DaSilva

5:00pm + Max & Stanley Pecoskie

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9am + Albano & Gracinda Rodrigues & Family

11am + Severino Pulla,

For Our Parish Community

**NO EVENING 6:15PM MASS**

**No Weekday Masses This Week**

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm + Jim Luciuk

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

9am + Durvalena DaSilva

11am Living & Deceased members of

Onesima & Tony Raponi Family

6:15pm For Our Parish Community



**#1 Religion Podcast from**

**Fr. Mike Schmitz:**

**The Bible in a Year**

**Start January 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.ewtn.com)

especially “Coming Home” & “The World Over” shows

-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 and Catechism In A Year

-The Hallow Prayer & Meditation App

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY Fall/Winter 2023 In Deum Newsletter**

We are pleased to share the Fall/Winter issue of our In Deum, and we invite you to download the digital version from our website at

<https://staugustines.on.ca/publications>. Please visit our

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**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](mailto:stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org)

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

[bethcook905@outlook.com](mailto:bethcook905@outlook.com)

**NO SUNDAY NIGHT 6:15pm MASS ON**

**JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>** when Fr. Michael leaves on a weeks' vacation from Jan. 8-16<sup>th</sup>

Next weekend Fr. Grima will celebrate all Masses as well as the 8:30am Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Welcome to Our New Deacon**

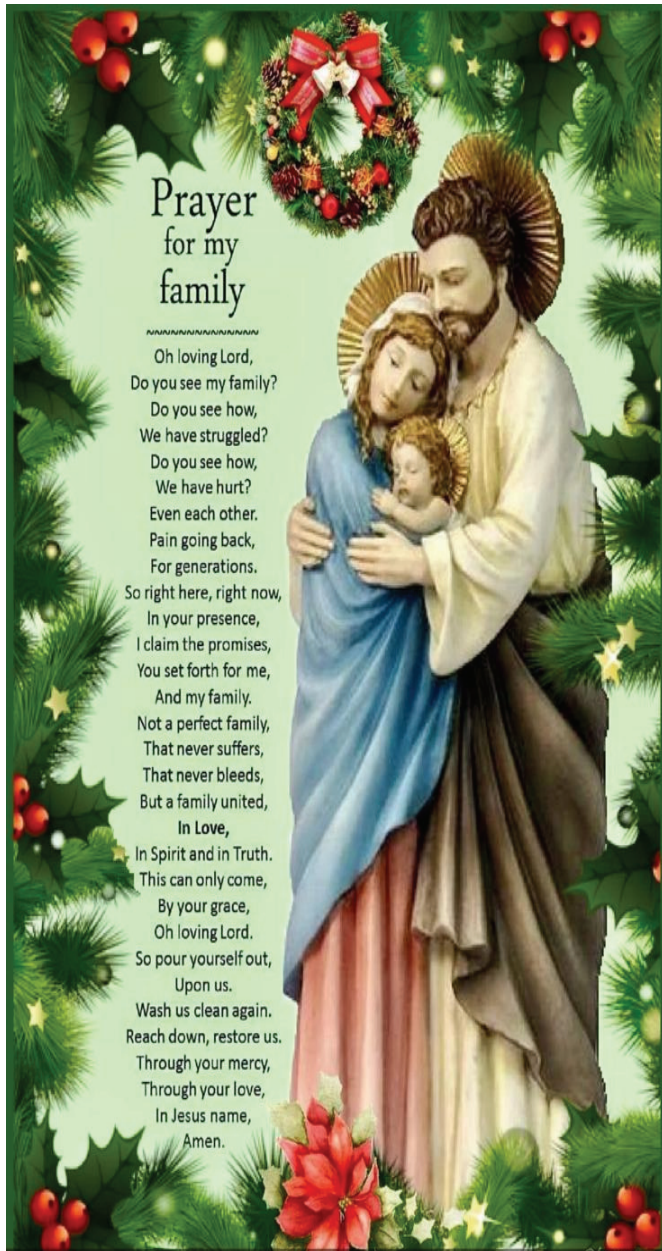
We thank God and Archbishop Francis Leo for sending us A new Deacon to serve our parish family and welcome Deacon Andrew Rychlicki and his wife Ava to St. Gertrude's and pray that they will settle quickly and be happy here at their new Spiritual home.

**Welcome to our New Lay Pastoral Assistant, Geoffrey Lyn.**

**2024 Parish Envelopes**

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

If you had an address change, please highlight it.



**Thank you** to all our ministries who shared their special talents to give St. Gertrude's parish family a special and memorable Christmas season.

Thank you to our faithful maintenance staff who work tirelessly keeping our parish clean and tidy, to the Altar Society, Church Decorators and Musicians. God bless You, dear parishioners for coming to praise, thank and worship God for the gift of His Son. Personally speaking, thank you all for the many beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. Very much appreciated..

Wishing you all a very healthy, peaceful and joyful new year in the Lord. **Fr. Michael**

### **Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Prayer Service** Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

**Venue:** St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral

(455 Ferrier St., Markham)

**Theme:** "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches

### **What the Magi Learned**

Going into the house, the Magi saw the child... Outwardly, their journey was now over. But at this point a new journey began for them which changed their whole lives... Deep within themselves they felt prompted to go in search of the true justice that can only come from God, and they wanted to serve this King, to fall prostrate at his feet and so play their part in the renewal of the world. They were among those "who hunger and thirst for justice" (Mt 5:6). This hunger and thirst had spurred them on in their pilgrimage – they had become pilgrims in search of the justice that they expected from God... The new King, to whom they now paid homage, was quite unlike what they were expecting. In this way they had to learn that God is not as we usually imagine him to be. This was where their inner journey began. It started at the very moment when they knelt down before this child and recognized him as they promised King. But they still had to assimilate these joyful gestures internally. They had to change their ideas about power, about God and about man, and in so doing, they also had to change themselves... They had to learn to give themselves – no lesser gift would be sufficient for this King. They had to learn that their lives must be conformed to this divine way of exercising power, to God's own way of being. They must become men of truth, of justice, of goodness, of forgiveness, of mercy... They will have to ask: How can I serve God's presence in the world? They must learn to lose their life and, in this way, to find it. Having left Jerusalem behind, they must not deviate from the path marked out by the true King, as they follow Jesus.

**From: Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI**

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




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