

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

DEACON: Andrew Rychlicki

ADMINISTRATION: Teresa Walsh

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Geoffrey Lyn

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
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:

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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

Saturday, January 13th

5:00pm + Jim Luciuk

Sunday, January 14th

9am + Durvalena DaSilva

11am Living & Deceased members of
Onesima & Tony Raponi Family

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Monday, January 15th

8:30am + Severino Pulla

Wednesday, January 17th

8:30am + Sally Starr

Thursday, January 18th

8:30am + Neil Brown

Friday, January 19th

7:00pm + Anne Hurley

Saturday, January 20th

8:30am + Niall Hamill, Ints. of Gerry Headon

5:00pm Deceased members of the
Jackson, Lee & Bradley families

Sunday, January 21st

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am + Severino Pulla
Intentions of Maureen McAvoy

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org

St. Gregory’s Parish

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw

Girls and Boys aged 9 to 14 years old are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship. It is being held Saturday, January 20th at Msgr. Paul Dwyer at 10a.m. To register, please contact St. Gregory Deputy Grand Knight Tony Rizzuto at 905-439-2926.

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

LECTOR’S WORKSHOP

For New and Current Lector’s who may have missed the Fall workshops.

Are you interested in serving as a Lector?

Join us for one these workshops which last 1.5 hours.

Monday, February 12 at 7:00 pm OR

Saturday, February 17 at 1:30 pm

The role of Lector will be thoroughly covered with duties, best practices and tips provided. Take home the comprehensive booklet Proclaiming the Message of Salvation, A Guide for Lectors. You can also order the highly recommended 2024 Workbook for Lectors (\$20). Contact Beth Cook (bethcook905@outlook.com) to reserve your spot.

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 from back of church and fill in the first gray envelope to let us know your new number.



Thank you all those who helped prepare and serve during our Christmas Season celebrations especially:

- our decorating team, Laurie Beaton, Dianne Robert and Linda Butler
- Our Altar society, Maria Araujo and Isabel Dias
- Our parish family volunteer caretakers, The Desjardins Family
- Our musicians, especially the return of our choir under the direction of Philip Madden, assisted by Arianna Veltri as well as regulars, Kristen Boyd and the Doyle Family
- Counters, Ushers, Sacristans, Children Liturgy leaders, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers,
- Teresa in the office and our New Deacon Andrew and his wife Ava
- Our St. Vincent de Paul Society did great work assisting families leading up to Christmas
- Our Knights of Columbus with our CWL for hosting a most enjoyable Christmas party for the children of the parish.
- God's blessing upon you all for your faith and generous service.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you dear parishioners for your many beautiful Christmas cards, messages and kind generous gifts including the delicious edibles and spiritual Holy water for winter colds and hot summer days!

Some gifts I can't identify the generous donor e.i. A bottle of Baileys, A bottle of white wine – Vernaccia di San Gimignano, The salted caramel short bread, holiday spiced black tea and the Petro Canada gas gift card.

Sorry folks that I can't thank you in person. If you recognize, please identify self!

Again, God bless you all.

Fr. Michael

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

The Sacrament of Charity

Father Anthony Giambrone, O.P.

In the final part of Benedict XVI's apostolic letter *Sacramentum caritatis*, *The Sacrament of Charity*, the pontiff discussed “the Eucharistic form of Christian life.” He here shows the connection between the Eucharistic sacrament and the whole life of Christian believers, itself a kind of liturgy. Eucharistic worshipers are transformed through the principle of divine life that is planted within them, through their reception of the Body and Blood of the Son of God, to offer themselves—all their thoughts, words, and actions—in union with Jesus' immaculate and acceptable sacrifice: the uniquely perfect adoration that the Triune God deserves. Our immersion into this mystery cannot be limited to one hour a week. Benedict quotes Saint Paul: *I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship* (Rom 12:1).

The “spiritual worship” to which Paul and the pope here refer and call us - *logike latreia* in Greek, literally “*rational worship*”—is a tremendously important point of reference for our Christian life. For the early Christians this notion was more frequently emphasized than Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. At one level the metric of “rational worship” – which Paul did not invent but borrowed from the Greco-Roman world – aligns the Christian's life with the aspirations of the classical philosophical search for ethical wholeness. The worshiper in “spirit and truth” must be moved by a living wellspring of action that transcends unthinking behaviors, worthy of a human nature endowed with the gifts of reason and freedom. At the same time, as the subsequent verse in the same passage of Romans says, we must be *transformed by the renewal of (our) mind* (Rom 12:2). It will not do to be conformed to the wisdom of the philosophers and wise men: reasonable religious action as measured by a purely worldly standard. The *logical* measure of Christian worship is the divine *Logos*: the Word made flesh, crucified, buried, and risen.

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