

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:

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

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, + Mario Veltri
Intentions of Maureen McAvoyn

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

Monday, January 22nd

8:30am Intentions of Kathleen Stanley

Wednesday, January 24th

8:30am + Sally Starr

Thursday, January 25th

8:30am + Francisco Dias & Deolinda Araujo

Friday, January 26th

7:00pm + Jim Luciuk

Saturday, January 27th

8:30am Ints. of Kathleen Stanley & living
and deceased family members

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

Sunday, January 28th

9:00am + Jose & Maria Branco & family

11:00am + Joan Seeman, + Chris Montgomery
+ Fe Isabelita de la Cruz, + Anne Gallas

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

GOOD CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

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

-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

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.*

Knights of Columbus News

Thank you to those who came to the New Year’s Eve
dinner and dance. It was very successful, and a great
time was had by all.

The next general meeting will be **January 22 in the
parish hall at 7:30 PM.** The executive will meet at
6:45 PM.

**St. Mary of the People Knights of Columbus
Valentine Dinner & Dance
Saturday February 17**

Mass at 5pm, Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 6:45.

Tickets are \$ 60 per person and can be purchased by
calling St. Mary's parish office (905-728-2212).

Monday - Thursday 9 - 4

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.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS – Fri. Jan 26th
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – Sat. Jan. 27th**

Durham Young Adult Ministry (Ages 19 - 35)
"God, Left on Read"

Talk // Adoration // Fellowship

We go through different seasons of prayer as we move through the seasons of our life. Please join us on **Thursday, Jan 25th at 7:00pm** at Saint Isaac Jogues Church (1148 Finch Ave, Pickering) for our first ministry night of the New Year, "God, Left On Read" by Rachelle Ezechiels. We will be learning how improving our communication style can improve our relationship with God. For more information or to get involved please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister, at sngoh@archtoronto.org or 416.599.7676

DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, January 29, 2024 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre,
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering**

Topic: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you."

At Mass, just before communion, we have a Rite of Peace. This is no accident. Today we have a time for reflection on the importance of this rite. We offer a sign of peace to one another, we pray for peace in our world and in our lives, but we also open ourselves in a new way to receive this gift from Christ.

Facilitator: Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch, and mass along with the program. **REGISTER:** <http://manresa-canada.ca>

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

PHONE: 905-839-2864

Marriage Sunday

This occasion highlights the importance of the institution of marriage rooted in faith, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via [livestream Mass](#). The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Parish Lenten Retreat
with Fr. Paul Burchat

Fr. Paul will join us the weekend of Feb. 25th and discuss this retreat that will take place on the Mon. Tues. Wed. evenings (Feb. 26-28th) following the weekend. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass the weekend of **Feb. 3rd/4th**.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support at www.HolylandChristians.ca

The Sacrament of Charity

Father Anthony Giambrone, O.P.

Part 2:

Conformity to the truth of divine wisdom, to the foolishness of the wisdom of the cross, can look unsettlingly "unreasonable" in this "reasonable worship" to which we are called. What wisdom proclaims such backwards things as that *It is more blessed to give than to receive* (Acts 20:35)? This paradox also highlights the bodiliness of the Christian's "spiritual worship." We are not invited to live an abstract, intellectualized, immaterial mode of sacrifice to God, but to offer our own bodies as living oblations. In union with our mystical share in the death of the incarnate Lord, our members are meant to be instruments of his own charity.

For the early Christians, "spiritual worship" was no self-serving abstraction. A life of sacramental union with the Eucharistic Christ was measured by real, embodied acts of charity: the corporal works of mercy. The taking up of the community's collection in the very midst of the act of worship was more than some matter of administration. It expressed how care for the poor represented worshipers' privileged mode of participation and communion in the Lord's own great work of mercy.

Charity itself in this way gains status as a sort of sacrament of the sacrament of the altar. The Christian life itself becomes sacramental in the broadest but also deepest sense of that word: a physical sign and a visible vehicle of an invisible grace. The grace that our lives must radiate is the charity that we receive: a mercy that moves us to show that same mercy to others.

Magnificat – Tel: 1-866-273-5215, www.magnificat.com


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

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