

# 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am + Jose & Maria Branco & family

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

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Jack Dinis

**Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:30am + Sally Starr

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30am + Fiorina Latin, + Severino Pulla,  
+ Peter Bavaro, + Seamus McGill

**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00pm + Michael & Anne Hurley & Family

**Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

5:00pm + Terry Murphy & Connor Martina

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am + Deceased members of the  
Arbing & Ellsworth Families

11:00am + Mary Serge, Nicola Aloe  
Intentions of Maureen McAvoy

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm**  
*Holy Hour to follow Mass*

**ADDITIONAL FIRST SATURDAY CONFESSIONS**  
*February 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 8:30 mass*

**2024 Parish Envelopes**

*Please take a box from the church entrance tables  
and fill in the first gray envelope to help us update  
your 2024 number into our system. We ask New  
parishioners to do this to be registered into our  
Database.*

**CWL POTLUCK LUNCH**

*Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in the parish hall.*  
*All ladies welcome - bring your favorite dish to*  
*share. Contact Linda at 905-728-8511*

**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

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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](http://www.HolylandChristians.ca)

**Estate Planning From a Catholic Perspective**  
**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.**

**St. Philip the Apostle Parish**

Attend to find out:

- How to avoid problems in your Will
- Powers of Attorney
- Proper Estate Trustee selection
- How to create your Catholic legacy

All are welcome!

**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 – 4pm

**GOOD CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS**

- EWTN – Global Catholic Network, [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)  
especially “Coming Home” & “The World Over”
- 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



### **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)

### **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](mailto:bethcook905@outlook.com)) to reserve your spot.

### **Marriage Sunday**

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may

register for reserved seating. Those who are unable to attend are invited to join the celebration

via [livestream Mass](https://www.livestreammass.com). The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m. Registration and other important information

can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

### **Parish Lenten Retreat** **with Fr. Paul Burchat**

**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

Fr. Paul will join us the weekend of Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and discuss this retreat that will take place on the Mon. Tues. Wed. evenings following the weekend. The topics for the 3 nights will be: 1) Sin and Conversion, 2) The Prodigal Son, 3) Spiritual Warfare. Please mark your calendars.

### **Catholic Family Services of Durham** **Heart to Heart Gala**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

Join us for an elegant evening including 3-course dinner with wine, DJ-Dance, silent/live auction, raffles and games at **Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility**. Funds raised allow us to provide quality counselling services to over 2300 community members each year.

Tickets are \$120 each.

For tickets and auction, visit

<https://trellis.org/heart-to-heart-gala-2024>

### **International Holocaust Day and Antisemitism** **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

At the beginning of the New Year, we are ever mindful of the gift of the Prince of Peace in our lives. Our discipleship especially calls us these days to address the challenge expressed almost 60 years ago in the Second Vatican Declaration, Nostra Aetate, 4: *"Furthermore, in her rejection of every persecution against any person, the Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jews and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone."*

May the Jesus Christ, Light of the Nations, inspire all that we do in His Holy Name for the life of the world.

Ash  
Wednesday



**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Mass with distribution of Ashes will be celebrated  
at both 8:30am and 7:30pm


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

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