

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

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PARISH OFFICE:

690 King St. East, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 1G5

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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: 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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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, February 17th

8:30am Intentions of Mark Smegal

5:00pm Intentions of K.Stewart & Family L&D

Sunday, February 18th

9:00am Intentions of Dan Biscoe

11:00am + Severino Pulla, Mary Nairn,
+ Darryl Buddel

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Monday, February 19th

8:30am + Lucia Desousa and deceased family
Members and All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 21st

8:30am + Francisco Dias

Thursday, February 22nd

8:30am Ints of K. Stewart & Family-L&D
+ Neil Brown, +Marian Coveny

Friday, February 23rd

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:30pm + Neil Brown

Saturday, February 24th

8:30am Intentions of Mark Smegal
Ints. Boito & Mackela Families-L&D

5:00pm + Anne Gallas

Sunday, February 25th

9:00am Ints of K. Stewart & Family L&D

11:00am + Fr. Francis Mahoney, First Pastor

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*7:00pm each Friday during
Lent followed by mass at 7:30pm*



Lenten Opening Prayer

God of love and forgiveness,
Look upon us as we enter this holy season
of Lent, and bless our journey.

With the help of your grace, may our sacrifices,
prayers and good deeds over the next forty days lead
us to welcome Christ in each other so that together,
we can greet the Risen Jesus as one family at Easter.
We make this prayer to you in Jesus' name.

Amen

The Purpose of Lent

The purpose of Lent is to keep alive in our
consciousness and our life the fact that *being* a
Christian can only take the form of *becoming* a
Christian ever anew; that it is not an event now over
and done with but a process requiring constant
practice. Let us ask, then: What does it mean to
become a Christian? How does this take place?...If
individuals are to become Christians they need the
strength to overcome; they need the power to stand
fast against the natural tendency to let themselves be
carried along. Life in the most inclusive sense has
been defined as "resistance to the pull of gravity."
Only where such effort is expended is there life;
where the effort ceases life too ceases. If this is true
in the biological sphere, it is all the more true in the
spiritual. The human person is the being which does
not become itself automatically. Nor does it do so
simply by letting itself be carried along and
surrendering to the natural gravitational pull of a kind
of vegetative life. It becomes itself always and only
by struggling against the tendency simply to vegetate
and by dint of a discipline that is able to rise above
the pressures of routine and to liberate the self from
the compulsions of utilitarian goals and instincts.

From: Day by Day with Pope Benedict XVI

Published by: Magnificat/Ignatius Press

**Parish Lenten Retreat with Fr. Paul Burchat
Feb. 26th – 28th, Monday, Tues. & Wed. Nights**

We welcome Fr. Paul Burchat of Madonna House for
our Lenten parish mission. This will take place on the
Mon. Tues. Wed. evenings Feb. 26-28th starting each
night at 7:30pm. The topics for the 3 nights will be:
1) Sin and Conversion, 2) The Prodigal Son, 3)
Spiritual Warfare.

LENT

The season of prayer and penance before Easter. Its purpose is to better prepare the faithful for the feast of the Resurrection and dispose them for a more fruitful reception of the graces that Christ merited by His passion and death.

This length of time has been associated with Christ's forty-day fast in the desert before beginning his public life.

According to the prescription of Pope Paul VI, in revising the Church's laws of fast and abstinence, "The time of Lent preserves its penitential character. The days of penitence to be observed under obligation throughout the Church are all Fridays and Ash Wednesday. Their substantial observance binds gravely".

Besides fast and abstinence on specified days, the whole Lenten season is to be penitential, with stress on prayer, reception of the sacraments, almsgiving, and the practice of charity



St. Gertrude's Knights of Columbus

Meatball and Pasta Dinner

Saturday, April 13th at 6pm in the church hall.

Proceeds will help purchase the new dishwasher in the parish hall. Cash Bar, Raffles, 50/50 prizes.

More info to come, stay tuned and mark your calendar.

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
- Divine Mercy Plus!
<https://divinemeracyplus.org/tags/Cath...>

Archbishop Leo thanks you for supporting the 2023 ShareLife Parish Campaign

Participation in the 2023 ShareLife Parish Campaign has been truly extraordinary, achieving a record-breaking \$14.2 million raised across the Archdiocese. Your compassion is making a meaningful difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community. In acknowledgement of your kind generosity, Archbishop Francis Leo extends his heartfelt gratitude to all pastors, parish staff, volunteers and parishioners. A copy of his letter may be found on our parish website.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Come & See Discernment Weekend Retreat

March 15–17, 2024 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older on Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Please note that registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee.

For more information, please contact us at:

vocations@archtoronto.org.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY

Lent Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary

The Holy of Holies: Discovering the Richness of the Mass From: Fr. Eric Rodrigues, Director of Spiritual Formation and Liturgy

"Plan for a retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary! You are invited to join us on February 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for our Spirit & Life Series Lenten Retreat. This event will be held at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. The theme of the retreat will be 'The Holy of Holies,' in which Fr. Eric will explain the various rituals and prayers of the Mass. Please register early, as space is limited for in-person events: <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustinesspirit-life-series-lenten-retreat>."

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Lenten donation collection cans are available following each mass. Please take a can to collect your change during Lent and return it by Holy Thursday.

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

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