

# 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:

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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](mailto:stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org)

Website: [stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/](http://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:

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[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, March 23rd**

8:30am Ints. of Claudia McKenna, John Kearney  
Logan McCann

5:00pm Ints. of Rose Delaney & (L&D) Family

**Sunday, March 24th**

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am + John & Mary Serge  
+ Antonio & Basila Pulla  
Intentions of Alice Marlin

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

**Monday, March 25th**

8:30am + Francisco Dias

**Tuesday, March 26th**

7:00pm Ints. of Archbishop Francis Leo

**Wednesday, March 27th**

8:30am + Neil Brown

**Holy Thursday, March 26th**

7:30pm For Bishops, Priests & Deacons

**SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Remember:** After Easter our Friday mass time will go back to 12:10pm. and there will be no Friday evening mass. The first date is **Friday, April 5th.**



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

**Recommended Broadcast**

The Courage & Clarity of Archbishop Chaput by Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries on "Papal Power and the Obedience of the Faithful" by Archbishop Charles Chaput Search on YouTube videos.

**EASTER TRIDIUM SCHEDULE**

***HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th***

7:30pm Mass of The Lord's Supper  
Adoration to 10:30pm

***GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th***

Start of Divine Mercy Novena at 2:30pm  
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

***HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th***

2:30pm Blessing of Easter Food  
2:45pm Divine Mercy Novena  
8:00pm Easter Vigil

***EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st***

9:00am, 11:00am  
Divine Mercy Novena before both masses  
**Please note: no 6:15pm mass on  
Easter Sunday night**



**Jesus,  
I Trust In You!**

**In preparation for the Feast of Mercy we will recite  
this chaplet as follows:**

***DIVINE MERCY NOVENA***

- Day 1 Good Friday at 2:30pm
- Day 2 Holy Saturday at 2:45pm
- Day 3 Easter Sunday before 9 & 11am Masses
- Day 4 Easter Monday after 9am Mass
- Day 5 Easter Tuesday after 9am Mass
- Day 6 Easter Wednesday after 8:30am Mass
- Day 7 Easter Thursday after 8:30am Mass
- Day 8 Easter Friday after 12:10pm Mass
- Day 9 Easter Saturday after 8:30am Mass

***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR***

***April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 – 3:30pm***

***Knights of Columbus General Meeting***

***March 25th at 7:30pm***

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter flowers cost us over \$500.00. Donation envelopes to assist at church entrances.

### NEXT LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 26th following mass from 7:30-8:45pm  
ACTA PILATE (Letter of Pilate to Caesar Re: Jesus).  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQUIJGceTH9I>  
Really very interesting to watch!

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable goods such as canned soups, peanut butter, beans, vegetables, fruit, pasta, pasta sauces, Kraft dinner, fish; cereals, rice, fruit juices, baby foods, tea, coffee needed. Place in the front foyer lobby area - not sanctuary steps. Thank you.  
Monetary donation envelopes on entrance bookcases.

**The Holy Thursday Collection** To Chalice Organization

**The Good Friday collection** These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, social assistance in the Holy Land. For more info please visit: [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca)

**Easter collection** goes to fund our Parish.

### **Bill C-367 and Bill C-67 Threaten the Expression of Catholic Beliefs**

The Catholic Civil Rights League (CCRL) shares the concerns of Canadians regarding two pieces of legislation: Bill C-367 introduced last November; and Bill C-67, introduced on February 26, 2024, as the Online Harms Act.

The CCRL calls for the immediate dismissal of Bill C-367. It proposes to repeal possible legal defences based on religious motivations to anti-hate criminal prosecutions. These defence provisions were key to the original introduction of hate speech provisions in the Criminal Code. It is not hard to imagine that advocates would be prepared to press for hate charges against individuals who merely expressed positions on moral issues according to scriptural texts, or religious teachings. Phil Horgan, CCRL President and Legal Counsel, recently told the [Catholic Register](#): An effort to exclude sincerely held religious beliefs would conceivably hold Pope Francis open to hate speech prosecution, with his very recent comments in opposition to gender ideology, for example,” said Horgan. “Potentially any Catholic could face hate speech prosecutions merely for taking a religiously based or scripturally referenced opposition to sexual practices deemed sinful to the Church. “Is it the

intention of Parliament to hold the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a hate speech screed?”

Promoters of Bill C-63 have tried to focus on measures to safeguard children, especially from:

- Content that sexually victimizes a child or revictimizes a survivor;
- Intimate content communicated without consent;
- Content used to bully a child; and
- Content that induces a child to harm themselves.

The League would support most initiatives that would protect children from these evils. The question is whether the creation of a new Digital Safety Commission bureaucracy and ombudsperson to oversee these new legislative features is necessary when the above offences are already covered to some degree in the Criminal Code. Bill C-63 also entails proposed changes to the Criminal Code on hate speech laws. The League decries what would be a serious overreach into our constitutionally protected freedoms.

In particular, the introduction of “pre-emptive” crimes into our Criminal Code cannot remain a part of the Bill. Imposing criminal sanctions on possible fears of future speech, places punishment before any crime has been committed.

The return of proposed provisions to the Canada Human Rights Act are also of concern. After a national debate, s. 13 of the Act was eliminated in 2014, owing to the unusual use of such provisions by individual actors to bring complaints against opponents of their worldview under the guise of “hate”.

The late Fr. Alphonse De Valk, former CCRL Exner Award recipient was successful in opposing a “complaint” in 2008 under such circumstances as he was merely writing about Church teaching.

Another proposed suggestion would allow for anonymous complaints to be filed, with possible recovery of a significant award of costs, without having to be identified as a complainant.

The CCRL will monitor developments as they are introduced. Bills that threaten our cherished constitutional freedoms require explicit and fulsome debate.

We are asking you to help us by [donating to the CCRL](#). As Lent draws to a close, perhaps keep us in mind as a possible almsgiving opportunity.

We appeal to any of you who are able to send a donation to the CCRL by mailing a cheque to the CCRL at PO Box 84505, RPO Bloor West, Toronto, M6S 4Z7, or by calling the office at (416) 466-8244.  
**By [CCRL](#) | Mar 15, 2024**

**Further Info: [CCRL@CCRL.CA](mailto:CCRL@CCRL.CA)**

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



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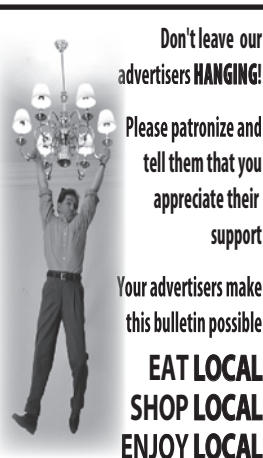


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