

# St. Gertrude's Parish

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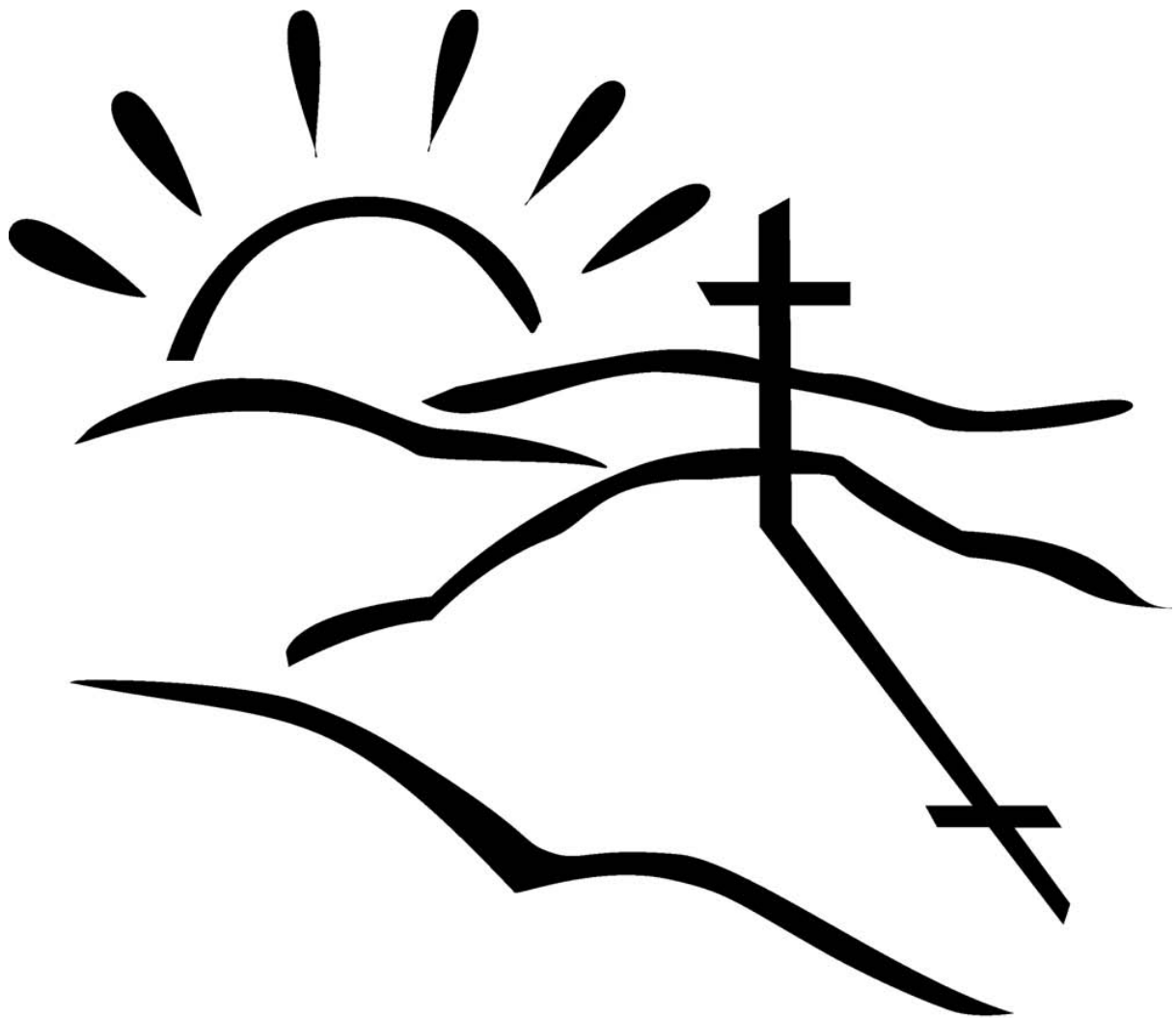
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*Rejoice!*

*For the Lord is truly risen!*

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

### Monday, April 1st

9:00am + Severino Pulla

### Wednesday, April 3rd

8:30am + Marion Coveny

### Thursday, April 4th

8:30am + Alexander Ignatius Latimer

Intentions of Cyril O'Neill

### Friday, April 5th

12:10pm Intentions of Mark Smegal

### Saturday, April 6th

8:30am + Antonio Dias

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

### Sunday, April 7th

9:00am + Manuel & Diolinda Araujo and  
deceased family members

11:00am + L & D members of Onesima & Tony  
Raponi Family

+ Michael James MacIntyre

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

**Remember:** Friday mass time is back to 12:10pm.  
until after Thanksgiving.

**The parish office is closed Easter Monday**



**Jesus,  
I Trust In You!**

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

### ***DIVINE MERCY NOVENA***

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***

### **EASTER OBLIGATION (duty)**

The Easter obligation is the grave duty that every Catholic must ***receive Holy Communion during the Easter season***, which concludes on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.

The Eucharist is the sacrament that preserves the soul's union with God and fosters that union by making a person more holy. A person must be in a state of God's friendship (grace) when receiving, otherwise the reception becomes a sacrilege.

In the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist is contained truly, really, and substantially the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the necessary condition of the soul to be free of mortal sin and pleasing to God before reception of Holy Communion. If a soul is not in this state, they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion and just receive a blessing instead until they have gone to Confession.

### **THANK YOU**

Our sincere gratitude to a number of parishioners who have special contributions to add to the Solemnity and beauty of our Holy Week Commemorations and celebration. To Diana Scahill for donating the beautiful statue of the Risen Jesus. To Paul Robert for building us the exquisitely crafted tabernacle in solid oak for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday. Last, but not least to Phillip Madden for likewise crafting us a worthy solid oak Cross for the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday.

### **Reflecting on Archbishop Leo's Pastoral Letter on Seeking the Kingdom of God**

A New Perspective on Life Christ's Kingdom, though not of this world, exists in this world, in the Church. Belonging to him by virtue of faith and our Baptism, we are constituted as a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." - Archbishop Francis Leo

### **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://divinemercyplus.org/tags/Cath...>

**PARISH WEBSITE <http://stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org>**



**Dear Parishioners:**

We are blessed to know the Father and the love of God that comes to us through the Son in the Holy Spirit which conquers sin and death and calls us to true life through Jesus Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

God's love for man and woman, made in His image and likeness is beyond anything we could have ever imagined or hoped for, especially in our fallen condition, and proven to us beyond doubt when His Son gave His life to reconcile us to the Father, and invite us into His Kingdom.

Let us always live out of that love with the help of His grace with hearts filled with Praise, Gratitude and Love.

**He is Risen - Truly He is Risen**  
**Easter Blessings,**  
**Fr. Michael**

**Christ's Work in the Liturgy**

**Catechism of the Catholic Church - 1085**

In the liturgy of the Church, it is principally His own Paschal mystery that Christ signifies and makes present. During His earthly life Jesus announced His Paschal mystery by His teaching and anticipated it by His actions. When His Hour comes, He lives out the unique event of history which does not pass away: Jesus dies, is buried, rises from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father "once for all." His Paschal mystery is a real event that occurred in our history, but it is unique: all other historical events happen once, and then they pass away, swallowed up in the past. The Paschal mystery of Christ, by contrast, cannot remain only in the past, because by His death he destroyed death, and all that Christ is - all that He did and suffered for all men - participates in the divine eternity, and so transcends all times while being made present in them all. The event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life.

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Donation envelopes to assist at church entrances.

***The Consecration to the  
Blessed Virgin Mary***

It is truly a grace-filled opportunity in which our Catholic archdiocesan family can gather together, in different ways, through this profound experience of prayer and devotion which is to take place on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord**, celebrated this year on **April 8, 2024**. As an act of authentic Catholic piety, this present initiative comes at the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who on March 22, 2023 invited Catholics to annually renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the occasion of the aforementioned solemnity.

The *Directory on Popular Piety and The Liturgy, Principles and Guidelines*, explains the essence of Marian consecration (#204):

***"Seen in the light of Christ's words (cf. John 19, 25-27), the act of consecration is a conscious recognition of the singular role of Mary in the Mystery of Christ and of the Church, of the universal and exemplary importance of her witness to the Gospel, of trust in her intercession, and of the efficacy of her patronage, of the many maternal functions she has, since she is a true mother in the order of grace to each and every one of her children."***

This will consist of A Marian Triduum (three-day preparation before the Consecration. The consecration will begin within the Saturday morning 8:30am Mass on April 6th, continue within each of the Sunday masses that weekend and conclude within the two masses scheduled for the Solemnity on Monday, April 8th at 8:30am and 7:30pm

**ANNUNCIATION WALK WITH SACRED HEART ACADEMY**

Following the celebration of the Annunciation Solemnity Mass on Mon Apr 8, where the school choir will be singing, join the children and families for the walk and pizza lunch at Sacred Heart Academy. To walk, RSVP at [www.sacredheartdurham.com/events](http://www.sacredheartdurham.com/events). Please sponsor the students. Pledge forms at the back of the church.


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

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