

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: 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 12:10 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Monday, April 7th

9:00am + Ann McGeown

7:30pm Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday, April 10th

8:30am + Antonio Mendes

Thursday, April 11th

8:30am + Margaret Leonard

Intentions of Cyril O'Neill, Maureen McAvoy

Friday, April 12th

12:10pm + Marion Coveny

Saturday, April 13th

8:30am Intentions of Linday & Mark Smegal

5:00pm + Terry Murphy & Connor Martina

Sunday, April 14th

9:00am + St. Clair Ellsworth

11:00am + Durvalina DaSilva, + Ann McGeown
+ Carol Plummer

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

**The office is closed every Tuesday
as well as Thursday afternoons.**



**Jesus,
I Trust In You!**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR
April 7th at 2:30 – 3:30pm

ANNUNCIATION WALK WITH SACRED HEART ACADEMY

Celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation on Mon. April 8th by joining the Sacred Heart Academy Annunciation Walk (perfect PA day family activity!) At 8:30am Mass, the school choir will be sing. After Mass we will walk a loop from Church and ending with a pizza lunch at Sacred Heart Academy (Harmony and King Streets). To walk, RSVP at www.sacredheartdurham.com/events. Please support the students and families as they raise funds for this new K-8 Catholic independent school serving the Durham region. Pledge forms at back of church to sponsor kids.

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

We invite participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from **Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary** (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend.

Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students). Includes meals, lodging, retreat material. Contact lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. Space is limited. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/LGW-TO-Retreat-Register2024>. For more information, see lgwtoronto@proton.me.

New Friday Mass Time: 12:10pm

First Friday Holy Hour will be from 11am-12noon
Confessions available from 11:25-11:55am

First Saturdays

Additional confession time available half hour both before and after the 8:30am Mass.

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

Building the Kingdom Here and Now

The human person is thus called to work with his hands, mind and heart for the coming of God's Kingdom into the world. This is especially true of those who are called to the sacred ministry and the apostolate and are, as St. Paul says, "fellow workers for the kingdom of God" (Col 4:11), but it is also true of every human person.

Archbishop Francis Leo

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://divinemercuryplus.org/tags/Cath...>

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

APRIL 7, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord, celebrated this year on April 8, 2024, following the request of the Holy Father to annually renew an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This will consist of A Marian Triduum (three-day preparation before the Consecration. The consecration will begin on 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.

St. Gregory of Narek, a revered saint in the Oriental Orthodox Church, has recently come into our Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Join Archbishop Francis Leo and Bishop Abgar Hovakimyan (Primate of the Armenian Diocese of Canada) who will co-preside at a jointly prepared Armenian Vespers to celebrate this remarkable event on **Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 6 p.m., hosted at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church on 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, Ont.** A wide representation of church leaders in the Greater Toronto Area is expected at this event.

Catholic Family Services of Durham (CFS) provides help, hope and healing to individuals, young parents, couples and families, regardless of beliefs. We have 3 divisions to serve our community: A psychotherapy division, a young parent support division (Rose of Durham), and a gender-based violence hub division (Safety Network Durham). Over half of our clients (including adults, youth and children) have experienced some form of gender-based violence (intimate partner violence, sexual assault, human trafficking). **We are currently seeking dedicated people to serve as members of our Board of Directors, which meets monthly.** Financial expertise is an asset. Please visit www.cfsdurham.com, or contact Tania McClean, E.A., at 905-725-3513 x121.

ST. GERTRUDE'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 13th at 5pm mass

Sunday, April 14th at 9am & 11am masses

Collecting empty liquor, beer, cooler bottles or cans as well as pop cans and wine boxes.

There will be a Chevy Traverse & trailer parked in west parking lot closest to King St.

Call Ron Avery at 289-685-9260 to arrange a large pickup. Thank you for your donations.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - next weekend

Sunday, April 14th following the 9am and 11am masses.

MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying Program)

Four (4) evenings educational program from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. We plan to hold on Thursday nights starting April 25th. Please consider coming. We may have a Zoom option as well.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all those who worked so hard to prepare and contribute to our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations especially:

- Our Church cleaning team, Guy, Cindy, Blair & Shawn Desjardins,
- Our Altar Society, Maria Araujo and Isabel Dias and our Altar Sanctuary cleaning teams,
- Those who helped decorate the Church, Laurie Beaton and Dianne Robert,
- Mel Buddel for looking after the Easter Fire once again and Laura Brown and Brian Percival for all their help in the Sacristy Department,
- Our musicians and choirs, especially the Adult Senior Choir, under the directions of Phillip Madden assisted by Arianna Veltri, , Kristin Boyd on Holy Thursday, and the Youth choir under the direction of the Doyle family for Good Friday,
- Our dedicated counting teams that ensure we can pay our bills,
- Our children's liturgy team, Ms. Nina, Miss Lisa, Mr. Zach, and Ms. Erica, lovingly guiding our children to the Good Shepherd,
- To all our wonderful Ushers under the direction of Ben Witteveen and Mel Buddel,
- Our Altar servers,
- Our Lectors and Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist under the dedicated care of our faithful coordinators, Dianne Robert and Beth Cook,
- Our parish staff and Clergy for all their hard work and dedication in preparing and celebrating the greatest celebrations in our Church liturgical year, Teresa Walsh, Geoffrey Lyn and Deacon Andrew.
- All you dear people for your love of God and the support of His Mission through Our Church.

God Bless you All!

Fr. Michael

First Communion Mass Rehearsal

Sat. April 13th at 10am for Children receiving their First Holy Communion on April 20/21st.

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

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