

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:

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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 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:

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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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Monday, May 13th

8:30am Deceased members of the
Traynor & Justus Families

Wednesday, May 15th

8:30am + Gloria Araujo

Thursday, May 16th

8:30am + Marion Coveny

Friday, May 17th

12:10pm Ints. of Maureen McAvoy

Saturday, May 18th

8:30am Ints. of Mark & Linda Smegal

5:00pm + Edward

Sunday, May 19th

9:00am Ints. John & Lucille Dore 60th Anniversary

11:00am + Mary Brennan, + Arthur Bronson

6:15pm For our Parish Community

Martyrs' Shrine Gala

Wednesday, June 12 – 5:30-9 p.m.

Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St., Vaughan.

The National Shrine to the Canadian Martyrs is delighted to invite you to our inaugural Spring Gala. Keynote address by Archbishop Francis Leo and musical performance from St. Michael's Choir School.

CONTACT: Martyrs' Shrine WEBSITE: <https://martyrs-shrine.com/spring-gala> PHONE: 705-526-3788

Toll free: 855-526-3788

EMAIL: communications@martyrs-shrine.com

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY BUFFET DINNER - JUNE 7TH at St. Joseph The Worker Parish Hall, Oshawa

Support Durhams growing private Catholic School:

For tickets and info visit: sacredheartdurham.com/events

\$80.00 Early Bird Ticket

\$100.00 ticket after May 12th

Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm

Keynote Speakers: Patrick Sullivan

Student Presentations

Year of Prayer Video Series

In advance of the Jubilee Year taking place in 2025, the archdiocese has created a video series which will highlight the importance of prayer in our lives. The series will focus on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer as found in the fourth part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The first video, an introduction to the Year of Prayer by Archbishop Leo, is available for viewing now on the archdiocesan website as well as on the archdiocesan YouTube channel at

<http://www.youtube.com/@archtoronto>.



LEGION OF MARY Is Inviting you to join Mother Mary's Army! A great way to celebrate Mother's Day!

If you wish to learn more about the Legion of Mary and how you can grow in your devotion to Our Blessed Mother, we invite you to attend an information meeting on

Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

St. Gertrude's 9th Golf Tournament

Harmony Creek Golf Course

Thursday, July 11th

EARLY BIRD rates before June 6th

Golf & dinner \$100/pp; Dinner only \$50/pp.

Cart fees of \$25/person are extra and must be ordered at time of registration. Payment due with registration; Cash or cheque payable to St. Gertrude's Parish. Tickets available after masses or on the parish website.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org for shared messages from Archbishop Francis Leo

1. The Month of the Blessed Mother
2. Catholic Education Week
3. 2024 March for Life, Thursday, May 9, 2024
4. Message for Mother's Day 2024 (May 12)

10th Annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala, May 16th

The Foundation seeks to provide basic needs for most vulnerable students. To purchase tickets, please visit DurhamCatholicFoundation.ca/Gala.

Martyr's Shrine Bus Pilgrimage, Midland

Tuesday, July 16th

Bus Cost: \$45.00/person

Shrine Admission Cost: \$10.00

The Coach bus will leave our parking lot at 9am and will return by 9pm. More details on ticket sales will follow in next week's bulletin.

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

HORIZONS FOR HOPE

A toolkit for Catholic Community on Palliative Care

Thursday's May 9, 16, 23, 30th from 7-9pm

Addressing questions surrounding death, dying and current sad practices being promoted by the Government under their Medical Assistance in Dying approach MAiD. The Churches program has been designed to help people make informed decisions regarding end of life issues and the broader related issues.

This is not just for the elderly. Everyone is involved and all need to know the Gospel of Life and the Churches teachings for themselves and those they love.

Module Themes of the 4 evenings:

- Understanding the human experience of dying and death.
- Discerning and making decisions at the end of life.
- Accompanying those at the end of life.
- Supporting and integrating within the wider community.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

This Saturday, May 11th, His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo ordained our five transitional deacons with the sacrament of Holy Orders as they became Priests to the Archdiocese of Toronto. This wonderful event took place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Please pray for our newly ordained Priests and for all Priests, Bishops and Deacons, and that the Lord will bless us with more vocations.

Praise Be Jesus Christ.

Message for the March for Life 2024 His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo May 9, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you on the occasion of this year's March for Life taking place on May 9th, in our Nation's Capital. The theme of this year's march is "I will never forget you" (Is. 49:15) which speaks to the tender and loving gaze of Our Lord who seeks out the most vulnerable, the lost, the forgotten, and the abandoned.

As a community of faith, our commitment to life from conception to its natural end is primarily an act of love. As a believing community we stand firm and engaged in protecting, promoting and defending the rights of the most vulnerable in our society - truly an all-encompassing endeavor that touches the heart of what it means to be disciples of the Lord Jesus. We do this work out of love.

See the Archdiocesan website for full letter.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION & WITNESS

Following the 11am Mass on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 2nd, all parishioners, ministries, organizations, children and youth are invited to attend, especially those who received their First Communion or were Confirmed this year. Reception with cake to follow in the Parish Hall.

Message for Mother's Day His Grace Most Reverend Francis Leo May 12, 2024

My Dear Friends,

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers here in the Archdiocese of Toronto. During the month of May we not only celebrate the Virgin Mother of God, Mary most Holy, our spiritual mother, we celebrate indeed all mothers and in them, the gift of maternity.

We must never downplay or overlook the importance of motherhood. One of the commandments given on Mount Sinai was to honor our father and mother (Deut. 5:16). The second section, dealing with human relationships begins with the fourth commandment, pointing to the fundamental segment of all human interaction - the family. To honor one's mother and father is to recognize that we are not individuals merely co-existing with others, but rather we have a responsibility for others. We are in relationship with God and with others. We are members of a family, and families are the most basic unit of any and every society. The fourth commandment to honor our mother and father colors and influences all other relationships and in many ways underpins our entire Catholic Social teaching. Within the context of our families we learn how to be "human," how to live with others, care for others, and give of ourselves in a sacrificial way. The importance of the family cannot be overstated. The Second Vatican Council referred to the family as the "domestic Church," (LG 11) the place where we first learn about God and His love for us.

In a General Audience on January 7th, 2015 Pope Francis said this of mothers:

Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism. A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society. Mothers often pass on the deepest sense of religious practice: in a human being's life, the value of faith is inscribed in the first prayers, the first acts of devotion that a child learns. On this Mother's Day I wish to extend my warmest best wishes and abundant blessing on all mothers. Thank you for everything you do for your families, the Church, this Archdiocese and the world.

See the Archdiocesan website for full letter.

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

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