

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.

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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

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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

Monday, June 10th

8:30am + Patricia Startek

Wednesday, June 12th

8:30am + Marian Coveny

Thursday, June 13th

8:30am + Antonio Pulla

Ints of Maureen McAvoy

Ints of Sacred Heart Academy

Friday, June 14th

12:10pm + Durvalena DaSilva, Ints. Mary Hughes

Saturday, June 15th

8:30am Ints of Linda & Mark Smegal

5:00pm + Michael & Elaine Crough

Sunday, June 16th

9:00am + Laura & Ana Araujo

11:00am + Luigi Sgroi, + Arabelle de Guzman,

+ Jim Hughes

6:15pm For Our Parish Community

Second reading From the Acts of the martyrdom of Saint Justin and his companion saints.

I have accepted the true doctrines of the Christians. The saints were seized and brought before the prefect of Rome, whose name was Rusticus. As they stood before the judgment seat, Rusticus the prefect said to Justin: "Above all, have faith in the gods and obey the emperors." Justin said: "We cannot be accused or condemned for obeying the commands of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

Rusticus said: "What system of teaching do you profess?" Justin said: "I have tried to learn about every system, but I have accepted the true doctrines of the Christians, though these are not approved by those who are held fast by error."

The prefect Rusticus said: "Are those doctrines approved by you, wretch that you are?" Justin said: "Yes, for I follow them with their correct teaching."

The prefect Rusticus said: "What sort of teaching is that?" Justin said: "Worship the God of the Christians. We hold him to be from the beginning the one creator and maker of the whole creation, of things seen and things unseen. We worship also the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was foretold by the prophets as the future herald of salvation for the human race and the teacher of distinguished disciples. For myself, since I am a human being, I consider that what I say is insignificant in comparison with his infinite godhead. I acknowledge the existence of a prophetic power, for the one I have just spoken of as the Son of God was the subject of prophecy. I know that the prophets were inspired from above when they spoke of his coming among men."

Rusticus said: "You are a Christian, then?" Justin said: "Yes, I am a Christian." The prefect said to Justin: "You are called a learned man and think that you know what is true teaching. Listen: if you were scourged and beheaded, are you convinced that you would go up to heaven?" Justin said: "I hope that I shall enter God's house if I suffer that way. For I know that God's favor is stored up until the end of the whole world for all who have lived good lives." The prefect Rusticus said: "Do you have an idea that you will go up to heaven to receive some suitable rewards?" Justin said: "It is not an idea that I have; it is something I know well and hold to be most certain."

Martyr's Shrine Bus Pilgrimage, Midland

Tuesday, July 16th

Bus Cost: \$50.00, Admission Cost: \$10.00 cash

Tickets available to purchase after all masses at the Golf table.

9th Golf Tournament Harmony Creek Golf Course

Thursday, July 11th

Tickets available after masses or on the parish website.

Building a Culture of Stewardship Webinar

June 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/PVWS-RegisterJune2024>

A special message/reflection from Archbishop Leo on **Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, in a special way, during the month of June is posted online at: www.archtoronto.org

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

Holiness and Grace "These two joint characteristics point decisively to the "otherworldliness" of the Kingdom, a reality stemming from the Lord's own initiative and sustained by his love which then enters incarnationally into our world, into its earthly messiness, in order to redeem it." - Archbishop Francis Leo

The prefect Rusticus said: "Now let us come to the point at issue, which is necessary and urgent. Gather round then and with one accord offer sacrifice to the gods." Justin said: "No one who is right thinking stoops from true worship to false worship."

The prefect Rusticus said: "If you do not do as you are commanded you will be tortured without mercy." Justin said: "We hope to suffer torment for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so be saved. For this will bring us salvation and confidence as we stand before the more terrible and universal judgment-seat of our Lord and Savior."

In the same way the other martyrs also said: "Do what you will. We are Christians; we do not offer sacrifice to idols."

The prefect Rusticus pronounced sentence, saying: "Let those who have refused to sacrifice to the gods and to obey the command of the emperor be scourged and led away to suffer capital punishment according to the ruling of the laws." Glorifying God, the holy martyrs went out to the accustomed place. They were beheaded, and so fulfilled their witness of martyrdom in confessing their faith in their Savior.

EU state permits Kiev to strike inside Russia using its weapons

Poland has no objections to Ukraine using Western weapons, including those provided by Warsaw, to strike targets deep within Russian territory, Polish Deputy Defense Minister Cezary Tomczyk has said. Speaking to Radio ZET on Wednesday, Poland's Deputy Defence Minister Cezary Tomczyk stressed that "there are no such restrictions on the Polish weapons supplied to Ukraine,"

Latvian President Edgars Rinkevics has also agreed with lifting the restriction on where to fire the weapons provided, stating that there is "no rational pragmatic reason not to allow Ukraine to use those weapons against Russia in a way that is the most efficient." May 29, 2024

NATO getting closer to war with Russia - Orban

The European Union and NATO member states are getting "closer to war" with Russia every week, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said on Friday in an interview with local station Kossuth Radio. "It is absurd that instead of protecting us, NATO is dragging us into a world war. It's like a firefighter going to put out a fire with a flamethrower," Orban said. May 31, 2024

Macron wants France to 'go to war with Russia'

French politician Marine Le Pen has accused President Emmanuel Macron of wanting to "go to war with Russia" in an interview with France Info that aired on Thursday. Le Pen said that the French leader's views led her to

"conclude that Emmanuel Macron wants France to dive headfirst into war with Russia." May 31, 2024

Use of Long Range Weapons

Berlin will follow Washington's lead in allowing Kiev to use Western-supplied weapons systems for long-range attacks on Russian territory, a German government spokesperson said on Friday. Earlier this week, Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that using long-range weapons against Russia would have "serious consequences" for the West. Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy chief of Russia's Security Council, has said that Moscow already considers all of Ukraine's long-range systems to be directly controlled by NATO personnel, and their use as "taking part in a war against us." May 31, 2024

Peace Talks Without Russia

Vladimir Zelensky's so-called 'peace conference' in Switzerland is "not serious" American political scientist John Mearsheimer has said. "The Ukrainians and the Russians have to be face to face talking about what will be an acceptable deal to both sides," Mearsheimer told Davis. "The idea that you can have peace negotiations in Switzerland without the Russians is laughable."

A professor of political science at the University of Chicago, Mearsheimer has drawn intense criticism in the West for arguing that NATO's post-Cold War expansion was the primary cause of the Ukraine conflict. Mearsheimer has argued since 2014 that "encouraging the Ukrainians to play tough with the Russians" would end in their country getting 'wrecked.'" June 1, 2024

Ukraine striking targets deep inside Russian with Western weapons - AFP

Ukraine has used Western weapons against targets inside what is recognized as Russian territory on multiple occasions, Agence France Presse (AFP) has claimed. June 1, 2024

QUOTES

The world has proclaimed freedom, now more loudly than ever; but what do we find in that freedom of theirs? Nothing but enslavement and suicide!

The Brothers Karamazov VI, 3

Do not pursue false and deceitful gods. Abandon them, rather, and despise them. Break out into true liberty!

The City of God II, 29

By: St. Augustine

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