

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

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Thurs 8:30-12:00 noon

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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:

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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

Monday, June 17th

8:30am + Fatima Brown

Wednesday, June 19th

8:30am + Severino Pulla

Thursday, June 20th

8:30am + Antonio & Basilia Pulla
+ Margaret Craigwell
Ints of Sacred Heart Academy

Friday, June 21st

12:10pm Special intentions (anonymous)

Saturday, June 22nd

8:30am Ints of Linda & Mark Smegal
+ Erika Jarkow
5:00pm Ints of the Zupanic & Vinkovic Families

Sunday, June 23rd

9:00am For Our Parish Community
11:00am + Michael James MacIntyre
+ Ronald Serge, + Blanche Szekeres
6:15pm Ints of Paul & Dianne Robert & Family

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis inaugurated a Year of Prayer ahead of the A special message/reflection from Archbishop Leo on 2025 Jubilee, calling on the faithful *“to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.”*

The Archdiocese of Toronto has a dedicated website with numerous resources including video reflections, prayers and other information to help us enter into a more intentional period of prayer and reflection during this special year. These resources can be accessed by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/prayer

OBALA, Cameroon (LifeSiteNews) — Cardinal

Robert Sarah denounced the rejection of objective truth in the West that he said has led the moral relativism manifested in today’s “woke” ideologies, praising Pope Benedict XVI’s opposition to Europe’s open hatred of its Christian roots.

The former head of the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments made his remarks in a speech delivered in April to the students of the Saint-Cyprien Theological School in the Diocese of Obala, Cameroon. The theme of his speech was “The vocation of a Catholic university in the light of the teaching of Benedict XVI.”

Pointing to the former pope as a guide in the intellectual life, Sarah highlighted Benedict’s critique of moral relativism in the West, quoting the words of the former pontiff: “Without being oriented towards the truth, without an attitude of humble and courageous search for truth, every culture disintegrates, falls into relativism and is lost in the ephemeral.”

Elaborating on the immense social consequences of rejecting objective truth, the cardinal continued, “The sense of Truth is the rock that must be the foundation of every solid culture. Without the search for truth, we cannot rely on anything. Everything becomes liquid.” Without the objectivity of truth, we are given over to subjective appetites and passions. Without truth, there is no longer a just, objective and intangible order, no one can be protected against capricious selfishness and violence. Truth is the only solid bulwark that opposes the temptation of omnipotence and arbitrariness. Truth is the foundation of order and justice. His absence leaves us in chaos. Without truth, opinions clash and no one can decide between them.

Without truth, there is no longer any possible unity among men. They are condemned to tear each other apart incessantly. For truth is the only good they have in common and from which they can understand each other. (continued next week)

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.

**Reflecting on Archbishop Leo’s Pastoral Letter on
Seeking the Kingdom of God - Love**

“Love is the catalyst that motivates all other virtues, their amazing driving force. St. Paul reminds us that it is the primary fruit of the Holy Spirit and from which all other fruit follows. If we establish our life firmly upon love, focus on truly loving the Lord, pleasing him always and in all things, and on loving our sisters and brothers like Jesus and for Jesus, other virtues will develop in our lives and in community, in perfect unity.”

- Archbishop Francis Leo



Message from His Grace Most Reverent Francis Leo - Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in a special way, during the month of June - full article is posted online at: www.archtoronto.org

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

During the month of June we honour in a very special way the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. At home and in parishes, schools and different communities - let us draw closer to Christ and adore Him with deep faith and devotion.

First, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me: for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" - Matthew 11:29. **Gentle** points to Jesus' attitude towards others; it is the horizontal dimension whereby he interacts with persons with a courageous but non-violent approach, a truly merciful demeanour, always ready to forgive, but also demanding and challenging - as true, authentic love is. **Humble** indicates the vertical plane, the obedient and docile attitude vis-à-vis the Father's will; an interior, free, generous and authentic quality of the heart which is lifegiving and which brings about peace.

Second - "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" - Matthew 5:8. This beatitude is from Christ's Sermon on the Mount and intimates the heart as a symbol of spiritual and moral interiority; it designates the profound and personal dimension of our faith relationship with God and with others as opposed to mere superficiality and exteriority. The pure of heart are those who know how to accept the teachings of Christ, the very Person of Christ, which requires full adherence to the Gospel.

Finally, what of the many broken hearts we experience daily, at times even our own? Psalm 34:18 teaches that: **"The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit"**. Our human condition is such that, from time to time, we feel as if our heart has been broken to pieces, exhausted and helpless. Sometimes due to our own personal sin or failure; or a sense of betrayal from another, the loss of someone special etc. Going out of ourselves and mending someone else's broken heart is an aged-old spiritual remedy for restoration of own wounded heart, as well as helping to heal the world as we know it. To live in this world as a follower of the Crucified Lord Jesus means to enter willingly into the misery. The Lord works his marvels in us. Binding ourselves to the heart of Jesus invites us to consider his love for Our Heavenly Father and for the world and act in and through his love. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus represents our public witness of love, care, acceptance and redemption. May we endeavour to sincerely reflect the love of Christ in all that we do and with all those whom we encounter.

US close to 'fatal' miscalculation - Moscow

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov has warned. *"I'd like to warn American actors against miscalculations that can lead to fatal consequences. For some unclear reason they underestimate how serious a response they could face,"* Ryabkov told journalists. June 3/24

NATO member OK's using its jets to strike Russia

Kiev will be allowed to use the 24 F-16 fighter jets that it is slated to receive from the Netherlands however it sees fit, Dutch Defense Minister Kajsa Ollongren has told Politico. Danish Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said last week that Kiev could potentially use the 19 F-16s pledged by his government to weaken Moscow's forces *"by taking out military facilities on Russian territory."*

US won't rule out Ukrainian strikes deeper inside

Russia Speaking to the press on Monday, Kirby insisted that Washington's "policy with respect to prohibiting the use of ATACMS, for instance, or long-range strikes, inside of Russia has not changed" - but noted that "we'll see where things go and what the Ukrainians need." June 4

Punish Hungary to ensure EU's future

- bloc presidency holder. The EU should strip Hungary of its voting rights to safeguard the union's future, Belgian Foreign Minister Hadja Lahbib has argued. Article 7, which involves a suspension of voting rights, is often referred to as a "nuclear option" against member states considered to have breached the EU's values. June 4/24

NATO preparing for potential Russia conflict

NATO is working on plans to rush tens of thousands of US troops along *"land corridors"* in Western Europe in the event of war with Russia, a senior strategist has told The Telegraph. A direct conflict with NATO would be an existential threat to Russia, according to Moscow, considering the bloc's superiority in conventional forces. Consequently, any such clash would warrant the deployment of nuclear weapons under Russian nuclear doctrine, it has warned. June 4/24

Hungary urges immediate Ukraine peace talks

Peace talks must start right now to end the Ukraine conflict, Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto told journalists on Thursday on the sideline of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) in Russia. Szijjarto said Budapest's position is driven by the fact that as long as hostilities continue, the risk of a major escalation will grow *"each day."* *"Peace needs to be achieved as soon as possible. Peace talks need to start, and a ceasefire has to be achieved now,"* he was quoted as saying. June 6/24

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