

# 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](mailto:stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org)

Website: [stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/](http://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](http://catholicmarriageprep.com)

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Durham Catholic District School Bd. 905-576-6150

[www.dcdsb.ca](http://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**

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 9-3pm closed from 12-1pm  
Wed., Thurs. and Friday 9am-12noon only.

### 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.

### **ROSARY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 11:00am

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

355 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby

Gather at the Priest's burial section to pray for our parish Priests, past and present.

In the event of rain, the rosary will be held in the mausoleum.

### **Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed**

Wednesday August 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection Cemetery

In the event of rain, mass will be held in the Mausoleum

### **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](http://www.archtoronto.org/prayer)

### **NINE-MONTH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke is inviting all Catholics to participate in a nine-month novena seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The purpose of this novena is to seek Mary's protection and intercession against the darkness and sin that increasingly envelop the world and threaten the Church. Just as Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego some 500 years ago, Cardinal Burke believes that her care for us remains as strong today as it was then. Through this historic prayer event, Catholics are encouraged to join in seeking Our Lady's maternal care and transformative peace. To be prayed daily from March 12 to December 12.

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world. Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!**

<http://novena.cardinalburke.com>

### **Monday, June 24th**

8:30am + Neil Brown

### **Wednesday, June 26th**

8:30am + Francisco Dias

### **Thursday, June 27th**

8:30am Ints of Cody Vahamaki

Ints of Sacred Heart Academy

In Thanksgiving of Laura Chambers

### **Friday, June 28th**

12:10pm + Marian Coveny

### **Saturday, June 29th**

8:30am Ints of Linda & Mark Smegal

5:00pm For Our Parish Community

### **Sunday, June 30th**

9:00am + Bob Wright

11:00am + Danilo & Julieta Garcia

+ John & Mary Serge, + Infantino Giorgio

6:15pm Special intentions (anonymous)

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

**OBALA, Cameroon (LifeSiteNews) — Cardinal Robert Sarah** (continued)

Benedict XVI knew this well, having seen his country sink into Nazi ideology in his youth. He had seen with his own eyes a country, heir to a refined civilization, sink into barbarism. What for? Because the love of truth had been substituted by doubt. And after doubt came the reign of violence and the will to power.

The cardinal then called on African Christian academics to resist errors of moral relativism embraced by the West, comparing the skepticism of political powers with the pragmatism of Pontius Pilate before Christ.

“The African academic world must be careful not to allow itself to be contaminated by the diseases of the mind that the West would like to impose on it,” Sarah declared.

“The West is afraid of the search for truth. For many Westerners, truth has become an unpronounceable term. If you speak of truth, you are accused of dogmatism, of oppression. But in fact behind these deceptive speeches hides the violence of the dictatorship of relativism, which itself is often the mask of unavowed financial and material interests.”

He continued, “So let us not be afraid to love and seek the truth! The West has become skeptical like Pontius Pilate. He repeats incessantly in a disillusioned tone: ‘But what is truth?’ (Jn 18:38). And like Pilate, he puts his trust in pragmatic and often unjust political force because he can no longer rely on the force of truth.”

The longtime friend of Pope Benedict then set before his audience the example and teaching of the scholarly pontiff as the antithesis of the world’s hatred and contempt of truth. Highlighting the persecution the former pontiff garnered for his opposition to the relativism of the world, Sarah decried the attempt to silence Pope Benedict, an attempt he said came from both without and within the Church, likening Pope Benedict to the popes and martyrs of the Roman persecution.

“In a world that abhors the truth and revels in lies and hypocrisy, Pope Benedict XVI has consistently presented himself as the humble servant of truth,” Sarah emphasized. “This is why, as I wrote in *La Nef* for February 2023, he often found himself alone in a world hostile to ‘all that is true, noble, just and pure’ (Phil 4:8). A prophet of truth who is Christ in the face of the empire of lies, a fragile messenger in the face of calculating and self-interested powers. Faced with the giant Goliath of relativistic dogmatism and all-powerful consumerism, Benedict XVI had no other weapons than words.”  
(continued next week)

READ: [Cardinal Sarah: African bishops ‘have spoken for the whole Church’ by rejecting homosexual ‘blessings’](#)

**Arming Ukrainian neo-Nazis a sign of US desperation - ex Pentagon official June 12/24**

Michael Maloof, a former Senior Security Analyst at the US Dept of Defense, has questioned the rationale of wanting to continue to support a Nazi outfit like this because the war is basically lost already. *“To support the Azov just adds fuel to the fire...and reinforces and bolsters Russia's point of view that this is about fighting Nazism in Ukraine,”* he said. The US move is *“a sign of desperation”* to *“bolster morale”* among Ukrainians amid Russian gains on the front line this year.

**Use of F-16's over Russian territory 'not escalation' - NATO chief - June 13/24**

Ukraine has the right to defend itself, and this includes *“striking legitimate military targets”* on the territory of Russia, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg declared. *“Self-defense is not escalation,”* he added. *“And we have the right to help Ukraine,”* he continued. *“By doing that, NATO allies don't become party to the conflict.”*

**Jeffrey Sachs blames US 'irresponsibility' for Ukraine crisis - June 15/24**

Jeffrey Sachs said that G7 countries, particularly the US, *“grew into a lot of arrogance,”* in believing that they could do whatever they wanted. This approach, Sachs argued, has drawn the world into three major geopolitical crises, including the Ukraine and Gaza conflicts, while fueling Sino-US tensions over Taiwan.

*“The US is...an irresponsible actor in all three of those events. When it comes to Ukraine, the irresponsibility is that this war could have been easily avoided...by NATO by declaring clearly [that it] will not expand into Ukraine,”* he said. He alleged that the US wants Kiev to *“fight to the last Ukrainian”* instead of helping to negotiate *“the basic point”* of Ukraine's neutrality. *“This isn't rocket science...Leave a little space in-between the major powers.”*

**Public opinion must be controlled - France's top general - June 16/24**

The Russia-Ukraine conflict has shown that today's warfare necessitates controlling public opinion by dictating what information is made available to people, the French Army's chief of staff has stated. Speaking in an interview posted on Sunday by Defense News French Army Chief of Staff Pierre Schill - the crisis has proven that the flow of information must be controlled *“to influence both national and international public opinion.”*

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

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