

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

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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

Monday, Sept. 16th

8:30am + Lina Politano

Wednesday, Sept. 18th

8:30am + St. Clair Ellsworth

Thursday, Sept. 19th

8:30am

Friday, Sept. 20th

12:10pm + Aldo Pulverenti

Saturday, Sept. 21st

8:30am Ints. Of Linda & Mark Smegal

5:00pm + Ivan Zupanic

Sunday, Sept. 22nd

9:00am L & D members of Araujo & Dias Families

11:00am + Dan & Catherine McAvoy

+ Ermalinda Silva

6:15pm Our Parish Community



We invite you to attend the **YouTube premiere** of the **ShareLife Speaker Series** event, "**God Walks with His People: Sharing the Journey with Refugees in Faith**" on **Wednesday, September 25th at 12:00 PM**. A heartfelt conversation with Deacon Rudy Ovcjak, Director of the Office of Refugees (ORAT) of the Archdiocese of Toronto, will highlight the real-life darkness families have faced in seeking a brighter future. [Subscribe to the YouTube channel today](#) to be notified of the forthcoming premiere link.

September 29th is the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme, *God Walks with His People*, is beautifully captured in [His Holiness Pope Francis' message](#), where he affirms that "God not only walks *with* his people, but also *within* them, identifying himself with the least, the poor, and the marginalized as they journey through history." He also encourages us to "unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions." **Join as we discuss the reality for refugees in our local community, and how our shared faith can make a difference in the lives of newcomers.**

Bundle Up for Saint Vincent de Paul!

Bring your gently used clean clothing, shoes, and linens the weekend of September 21 – 22. A Saint Vincent de Paul truck will be in the parking lot to accept your donations. Volunteers will be on hand to help in loading items before and after each mass. We will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Thank you for your continued support

St. Gertrude's New RCIA Program

Our new format is a two-year program. The first year will involve two elements with a Fall introductory program on the Bible running as part of the Adult Faith Formation Program on Thursday nights and the second portion running over the winter / spring being a ten-week Alpha program. If you are interested in becoming Catholic/completing sacraments or furthering your knowledge of the Catholic faith, please contact the parish office to arrange a meeting and registration.

Join us for – Jesus in the Book of Revelation

Beyond images of fire and falling stars, the Book of Revelation develops an elaborate portrait of a Christ with many Faces who stands at the center of life—on earth and in heaven— alongside God the Father Almighty in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Apocalypse invites us not only to behold the symbolic universe that the text creates, but also to step into that world of vision and be transformed in the process.

Msgr. Robert Nusca will introduce us to the Book of Revelation and its meaning, drawing on the faces of Christ and the associated hymns.

Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.
St. Gertrude's Parish Hall

Please see Poster on bulletin board.
No Cost to attend. Registration required.
Contact: Beth Cook, 905-925-9871
bethcook905@outlook.com OR
St. Gertrude's Parish Office, 905-433-0828,
stgertrudesos@archtoronto.org

Season of Creation 2024

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology).

This year's theme is *"To hope and act with Creation"* and the symbol is *"The first fruits of hope,"* inspired by Romans 8:19- 25.

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

RESOURCES:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12M3weSD4D2mvjCiI3Mxen3JQZ5Rrazz3/view>

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLI5cT-56Yk>

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration for St. Gertrude's upcoming First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation preparation programs is now available on the parish website until Sept. 25, 2024.

Please visit the parish website at

stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments

for an overview of the full program. If you have any questions or concerns please email our Lay Pastoral Associate, Geoffrey Lyn at: glyn@archtoronto.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Stay tuned....Our program will start up again at the 11am mass. We are aiming for early October.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Please refer to the notice on the bulletin board for information regarding our Children's Choir. More information to come as we start up our fall programs.

Lay Pastoral Visitors Training – Registration Now Open

The annual archdiocesan training for Lay Pastoral Visitors will be offered online on Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish communities who are unable to attend Mass. New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass a final assessment to receive full training. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/LPVT-RegisterOctNov2024> by Oct. 22, 2024.

CONTACT: Saulina Amaral, samaral@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 518



PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

We are collecting items to assist with

Christmas bags for the children of Northern

Ontario and the Northwest Territories. A box is provided for you to drop off your donations at the back of the church or at the parish office any morning. The suggested items are:

Crayons, coloring books, silly pens and pencils, pencil crayons, markers, journals, early reading books, word game books, novels for teens, makeup, nail polish, stickers, small craft kits, hair accessories, funky looking socks of all sizes, flat Christmas ornaments, hot chocolate packets, tea bags, mitts, gloves, toques.

(all items are gifts and must be brand new).


Thank you for your continued support. All donations must be received by SEPTEMBER 30th in order to be packed and shipped in time.

BUNDLE SUNDAY – SEPT. 21/22ND

A truck will be in the parking lot to collect your donations of clean gently used clothing for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

JUBILEE OF YOUTH

Join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!
Young Adults (19 - 39)

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 youth@archtoronto.org



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