



# ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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*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.*

## PARISH OFFICE

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Michael Hughes

DEACON: Rev. Mr. Andrew Rychlicki

ADMINISTRATION: Teresa Walsh

LAY PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Geoffrey Lyn

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

closed from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm for lunch

Thursday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:15 pm

### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 8:30 am

Friday 12:10 pm

Holidays 9:00 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Sunday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office to arrange.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

12 months advanced notice required.

Preparation course is a prerequisite.

Visit: [catholicmarriageprep.com](http://catholicmarriageprep.com)

## PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sir Albert Love School 905-728-3971

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## PASTORAL REFERENCE

Teacher applicants requiring a Pastoral reference must be registered for at least 12 months, attend Mass each Sunday and support the Church and its mission. Volunteering is recommended.

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.  
- Matthew 28:19-20*

**Monday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30am + Severino Pulla

**Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Francisco Dias

**Thursday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Deceased members of the  
Politano & Zicarelli Families

**Friday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:10pm Deceased members of the McKenny Family

**Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Ints. Of Linda & Mark Smegal

5:00pm + Ivan Zupanic

**Sunday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am + Ljubomir Vinkovic

+ Rosemarie Serge

6:15pm Ints. Paul & Dianne Robert & Family

### 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



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.**

### *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*

Beginning Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm, our fall Bible Study series offers an 8-week overview of the bible that will help you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline*<sup>TM</sup> Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

**Please note**, we delivered the original version of this program 10 years ago. If you enjoyed it then, maybe it's time for a refresher. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. This is an in-person series and also available via Zoom. The cost for this course, \$40, covers the Study Guide. For more information contact Beth Cook at [bethcook905@outlook.com](mailto:bethcook905@outlook.com). To register, please visit the St. Gertrude's Eventbrite page [St. Gertrude's Parish Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

### **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of **October 5/6, 2024** to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth.

Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit:

[www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Thank you for your generosity.

### **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.

### **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](http://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](mailto:glyn@archtoronto.org).

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

See the Word of God Come Alive!

Children's Liturgy returns

Sunday, October 6th at during the 11am Mass

All Children Welcome!

Come Build A Lasting Relationship with Jesus!

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION Sept. 28/29**

#### **Needs of the Church in Canada**

Each year, with the generosity of the Catholic faithful, the Bishops of Canada continue to address pastoral and ethical issues; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogues; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; social justice issues; relations with Indigenous peoples; responsible ministry; and the development of a culture of life and family. This is an important opportunity to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

#### **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](mailto: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, (all items are gifts and must be brand new). Thank you for your continued support. All donations must be received by **SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>** in order to be packed and shipped in time.

#### **BUNDLE SUNDAY – SEPT. 21/22<sup>ND</sup>**

A truck will be in the parking lot to collect your donations.

#### **LIFECCHAIN SUNDAY**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm**

Come stand (sit) with us for a peaceful, prayerful demonstration against abortion at the corner of Harmony Rd. and King St. E.

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

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