



# 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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[www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca) 905-576-6150

## 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*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Jack Dinis

7:30pm Parish Community

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Deolinda Araujo & Manuel Fernandes

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + Antonio Mendes & Rosa Barbosa

+ Michele Perry

+ Robert Lahey

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm + Robert Meeke, The Unborn

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am + John Serge, + Robert Lahey

Ints. Of Bishop Boissoneau

5:00pm + Jiri Brezina

**Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am L & D Family of Douglas & Rose Sparks

Joseph & Fergus Devereaux

6:15pm Special intentions (anon)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

**5:00pm & 8:30pm**

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

**9am & 11am**

December 31<sup>st</sup>, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

**@ 5:00pm and 12midnight**

**(Holy Hour from 11pm-12midnight)**

January 1<sup>st</sup>, @ **11am**

**Sunday Night Masses – Christmas Season are cancelled for December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Morning Mass Time Change**

Weekday Masses after Christmas Day up to New

Years Day the 8:30am morning mass will be

celebrated at 9:00am instead.

**Attention:** Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar servers and Ushers please sign to volunteer for above masses on schedules provided in sacristy.

**FRIDAY MASS ADVENT TIME CHANGE**

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mass at 7:30pm only

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Mass at 7:30pm only

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

**Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Two Masses: 8:30am and 7:30pm

**ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15am-4pm

Vising Priests will be assisting.



**#1 Religion Podcast from Fr. Mike Schmitz:**

**The Bible in a Year**

**Start January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

The Bible in a Year podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and

featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the entire Bible in 365 daily episodes. If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you!

**<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/preparing-for-the-bible-in-a-year-journey-with-fr-mike-schmitz/>**

**Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz**

Follow along with the official Catechism in a Year Reading Plan (<https://AscensionPress.com/CIY>)

**2025 SUNDAY MISSALS**

Still available. The cost is \$5.00 each.



**PARISH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

*Please complete the following and place in an envelope marked FLOWERS to donate to our Christmas Altar flowers. Thank you.*

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

### Advent Reflections

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "**Journey through Advent.**" led by Archbishop Leo.

Available on the [CCCCB website](http://CCCCB website) and on their [YouTube channel](http://YouTube channel), also available at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

We also draw your attention to the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's Advent Retreat series, this year led by Archbishop Emeritus Cardinal Thomas Collins. These are short daily reflections that can also be accessed via [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) or the Daily Mass website: [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com).

### PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The St. Gertrudes Knights of Columbus, CWL and Parish are preparing an afternoon of fun and festivities on December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1-4 p.m. in the parish hall. Santa Claus will take time out of his busy schedule to meet with all the children in attendance. There will be games, crafts, pizza, refreshments and more. Cost per family \$10.00. Don't delay, sign up at the back of the Church.

### \*New Year's Celebration!\* You're Invited!

#### December 31, 2024

The St. Gertrude's Knights of Columbus will host a New Year's Dinner and Dance!

Location: St Mary's of the People Church

Doors open: 6pm

Ticket Price: \$70 per person

Delicious roast beef dinner, Champagne at midnight!

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Or Ian Francke: (905)409-8367

### ShareLife

#### NEW: Your gift will double in value!

ShareLife donations made up to the end of December will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Through your support, ShareLife agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world. Donations can also be made online through our website.

Thank you for living the Gospel!

### St. Gertrude's Christmas Hamper Drive 2024

Packing hampers will be done the Week of Dec.9th. Hampers will be delivered on Dec. 13th & Dec. 14th. **Volunteer to Pack & Deliver Hampers:** Please sign up on the Green Sign-Up Sheet on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church.

### COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP

Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track. Join us on January 17-19, 2025 in Mississauga. Call 437-234-5610 or visit [torontoretrouvaille.com](http://torontoretrouvaille.com) or [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

### 2024 Donations

Please ensure donations to be credited to your 2024 Income Tax Receipt are received no later than December 29<sup>th</sup>. It is acceptable to drop off your *Christmas and Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> envelope early*.

Any donations received after that date will be credited to the following year due to banking holidays.

**ONLINE DONATIONS** are available through our website by either Debit or Credit Card.

### 2025 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Boxes will be available for pickup from the back of the church on the weekends of Dec. 8 & 15<sup>th</sup> and then again beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> weekend. Please **DO NOT USE UNTIL THE NEW YEAR**. Be sure to record your information on the first few envelopes.

### You May Laugh

TEACHER: Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: HIJKLMNO

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O

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

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