



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

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sir Albert Love School 905-728-3971

St. Kateri Tekakwitha School 905-571-1969

Durham Catholic District School Board

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*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 16th

8:30am + Jack Dinis

Wednesday, December 18th

8:30am Ints of Gerry Startek

Thursday, December 19th

8:30am + Severino Pulla

+ Natalia & Vittorino Mariano

Ints of Joan Percival

Friday, December 20th

7:30pm In Thanksgiving for Aiden Antony

Saturday, December 21st

8:30am + Christine & William Mawdsley

+ Robert Lahey

5:00pm + Francisco Dias

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00am + Dorothy & Raymond McCabe

11:00am For Our Parish Community

6:15pm + Ivan Zupanic

FRIDAY MASS ADVENT TIME CHANGE

Friday, December 20th – Mass at 7:30pm only
Additional Advent Confessions following this Mass.

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.

2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

Available at the cost of \$5.00 each.

Advent Reflections

This Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "**Journey through Advent.**" led by Frank Cardinal Leo on the [CCCB ebsite](http://www.cccb.org) and on their [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), and at: www.archtoronto.org.

Also Advent Retreat series by Cardinal Thomas Collins, short daily reflections accessed via www.archtoronto.org

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th Christmas Eve

5:00pm & 8:30pm

December 25th Christmas Day

9am & 11am

December 31st, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

@ 5:00pm and 12midnight

(Holy Hour from 11pm-12midnight)

January 1st, @ **11am**

Attention: Altar servers and Ushers, Please sign to volunteer for above masses on schedules provided in sacristy and ushers closet.

Sunday Night Masses – Christmas Season are cancelled for December 29th and January 5th.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

Monday, Dec. 23rd – open 8:30-12noon

Dec. 24, 25, 26th – closed

Friday, Dec. 27th – open 8:30-3pm (closed 12-1pm)

Monday, Dec. 30th – open 8:30-12noon

Dec. 31, Jan. 1st & 2nd – closed

Fri. January 3rd – open 8:30-3pm (closed 12-1pm)



#1 Religion Podcast from

Fr. Mike Schmitz:

The Bible in a Year

Start January 1st, 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>)

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

**New Year's Celebration
December 31, 2024**

Knights of Columbus are hosting a
Roast Beef Dinner and Dance at 6pm
Location: St Mary's of the People Church
Ticket Price: \$70 per person
Call: Mel: (905) 922-6082, or Ian: (905)409-8367

Spiritus Ministry is a regional Young Adult Ministry serving those ages 19-39 in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Spiritus Ministry hosts monthly ministry nights centred on prayer, theology, social issues, fellowship, and catechesis.

We are currently in 6 regions of the Archdiocese including **Durham** (Ajax, Oshawa, Pickering, Whitby), Please email youth@archtoronto.org to find out more about Spiritus Ministry and other young adult initiatives. Follow us on Instagram to stay up to date - @spiritusministry (<https://www.instagram.com/spiritusministry/>)

Young Adults Ages 18-39

St. Gregory's Parish Hall West Entrance
Socials every 1st Saturday and Faith formation every 3rd Saturday from 6:30pm-9:30pm

Next Social: January 18, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Faith Formation: Wisdom, a nine-part faith formation program, every 3rd Saturday of the month. *The next study will be on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 6:30 pm*

Connect and Register at:

stgregsandholycrossya@gmail.com

Instagram: @stgregsandholycrossya

<https://linktr.ee/stgregsandholycrossya>



2024 Donations

Donations for 2024 Tax Year must be received no later than December 29th.

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

**CHALICE COLLECTION FOR OUR
SPONSORED CHILDREN – Dec. 28/29th**

TRY ALPHA!



St. Gertrude's Parish is hosting a 12 session Alpha course on Thursday evenings from January 23 - April 10, 2025 (one session will be a one-day retreat on Saturday March 15).

Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think. Unpack the Christian faith together. You're invited!

**Jimmy Lai: Catholic Hero and confessor
(with Fr. Robert Sirico)**

Father Robert Sirico and Robert Royal discuss "The Hong Konger," a documentary film about Jimmy Lai, an imprisoned Catholic businessman and media giant who has stood up to the encroachments of the Communist Chinese regime. No senior figure in the Vatican has said a word about his case.

Watch at The Vatican Thing

2025 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Available for pickup at back of the church this weekend and again beginning January 5th weekend. DO NOT USE UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

GOOD CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS

- EWTN – Global Catholic Network, www.ewtn.com especially "Coming Home" & "The World Over"
- Bishop Robert Barron at www.wordonfire.org
- Professor Ralph Martin of Renewal Ministries at www.renewalministries.net
- Robert Royal at www.thecatholicthing.org
- Fr. Mike Schmitz at Ascension Press – Bible in a Year and Catechism In A Year
- LifeSite News at lifesitenews.com/news.ca
- The Hallow Prayer & Meditation App
- Divine Mercy Plus!
<https://divinemercuryplus.org/tags/Cath...>

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

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