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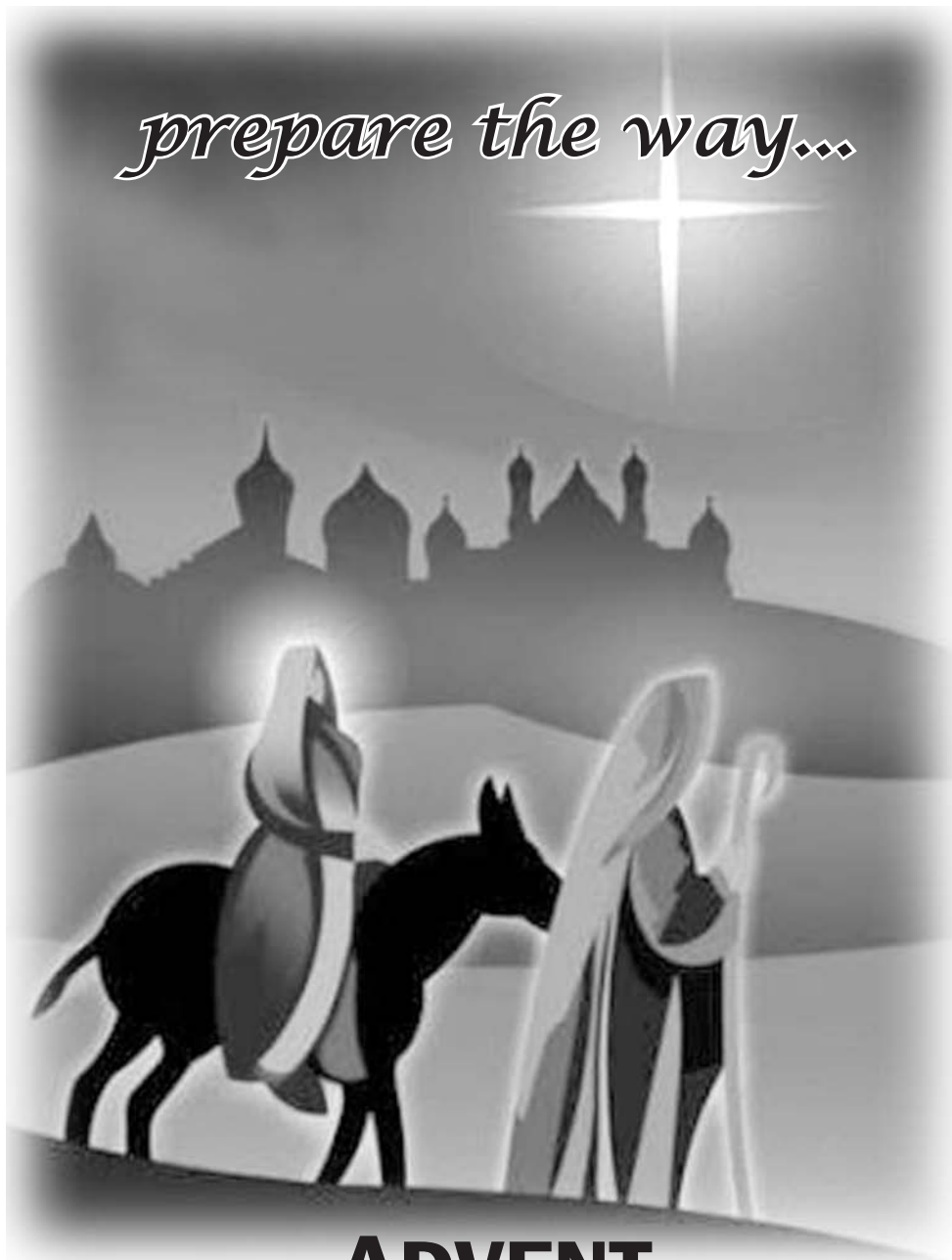
PARISH OFFICE

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Michael Hughes

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ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 23rd

8:30am + Neil Brown

Thursday, December 26th

9:00am For All Deacons

Friday, December 27th

12:10pm + John Guy Fernandez

Saturday, December 28th

9:00am L & D family of Glen & Ruth Sparks

5:00pm Our Parish Community

Sunday, December 29th

9:00am + Frank & Shirley Miettinen

11:00am + Severino Pulla

L & D family of Martel & Ethel Coveny

6:15pm NO MASS

Monday, December 30th

9:00am + Dennis Sparks

Thursday, January 2nd

8:30am + Severino Pulla, Ints of Anne Hughes

Friday, January 3rd

12:10pm + Anne Buckley

Saturday, January 4th

8:30am L & D Hughes & McConville Families

5:00pm Our Parish Community

Sunday, January 5th

9:00am + Rita Lewis

11:00am + Severino Pulla

+ Pat, Kevin & Jerome Corrigan

6:15pm NO MASS

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

Weekday Masses after Christmas Day up to New Years Day the 8:30am morning mass will be celebrated at 9:00am instead.

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.

Next bulletin – January 5th



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, @ 11:00am

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)

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



#1 Religion Podcast from

Fr. Mike Schmitz:

The Bible in a Year

Start January 1st, 2025

<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>

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

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.

TRY ALPHA!



St. Gertrude's Parish is hosting a 12 session Alpha course on Thursday evenings from January 23 - April 10, (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!

Volunteers needed to greet participants, distribute food and as table facilitators and prayer bearers.



The Knights of Columbus St. Gertrude's Council 1926, in partnership with Delta Bingo, has generously donated \$2000 to the Special Olympics Greater Durham Chapter! This incredible contribution will support athletes with special needs in our community, empowering them to reach their full potential through sports and inclusive programs. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Knights of Columbus and Delta Bingo for their kindness and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others. May their generosity inspire us all to serve and support those in need.

Dear Parishioners

The true story and images of Christmas have been given to us by Our Heavenly Father and are meant to meet and draw our hearts with the wonder of God's goodness and love in sending His only begotten and beloved Son into our world to save us for Himself. God's humility in coming to us as a tiny infant and allowing Himself to be born in a poor damp frigid cave, fit only for animals, deserves our awe and wonder and love --- love of God and love of neighbor.

Let us ask God to bring that work to completion within us. Wishing you all a Blessed and Joy filled Christmas, as we know the cause of our Joy Jesus, Our Savior who was born for us.

Fr. Michael

Saints Who Exemplify Devotion to the Christ Child

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

It is said that Bernard, the "Troubadour of Mary," had a dream as a young child of the infant Jesus in the manger at Bethlehem. Throughout his life, Bernard remained devoted to the mother and Child. Bernard became a famous preacher, who taught beautifully about the mystery of the Incarnation. "You have come to us as a small child," her wrote, "but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries."

Like the infant Jesus, Bernard relied on Our Lady's care.

THANK YOU to Stephen Vinkovic for donating his carpentry skill to modify the first pew on St. Gertrude's side to make more room for those with mobility challenges. God bless you Stephen.

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

Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves so that God who gives himself totally to you may receive you totally. – St. Francis of Assisi

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

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