

ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Monday, January 6th

8:30am + Robert Lahey

Wednesday, January 8th

8:30am Intentions of Beth Cook

Thursday, January 9th

8:30am + Severino Pulla

Friday, January 10th

12:10pm Intentions of Amber Gormley

Saturday, January 11th

8:30am Ints of Mark & Linda Smegal

5:00pm + Dr. William Gilchrist

Sunday, January 12th

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am Ints of Russell Percival

6:15pm Special intentions (anon)

Celebrations for Archbishop Leo

There will be a series of local events to celebrate this significant moment for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

A Regional Mass for our Eastern Region will be celebrated for our new Cardinal as well as the Blessed Jubilee year which opened on Dec. 29th.

Location: St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough

Date: Wednesday, February 19th.

Mass will start at 7:00pm.

Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. In honor of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will celebrate Mass there on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. For those who would like to come early to have their Confession heard, Confessions will be at 5:30pm.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2025

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m.

Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.)
377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge,

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

Serra Club of Durham Region Annual Priest and Religious Life Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, January 25th, 2025

St. Mary's of the People Church 570 Marion Ave,

This dinner is held in honour of the dedicated Priests and Religious of the Catholic Church. Cost: \$50.00

per person. Mass at 5:00pm, followed by refreshments and social at 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm

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2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

Available at the cost of \$5.00 each.

2025 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Available for pickup at back of the church.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS note: the office is regularly closed on Tuesdays.



#1 Religion Podcast from

Fr. Mike Schmitz:

The Bible in a Year

Start January 1st, 2025

The Bible in a Year podcast,

<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>)

The SSVP conference is not in operation and asks that you hold back on donations until the conference is back in operation.

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

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. It includes a meal, video and discussion. Suggested offering: \$21.00/adult (\$15.00 students). This covers meals for the first 3 sessions only; a goodwill offering for additional sessions. Registration details to follow.

Alpha Volunteers Needed to assist with receiving and welcoming guest participants, distributing food, facilitating discussion after watching the video presentation and someone at each table to pray quietly for the Holy Spirit's presence, enlightenment and guidance as the discussion flows. If willing to help, please email our Lay pastoral Associate at Glyn@archtoronto.org to confirm.

Thank you.

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- e-transfer to sacredhearta@gmail.com or
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If you want to be always in God's company, you must pray regularly and read the Scriptures regularly. When we pray, we talk to God: when we read, God talks to us.

- St. Isidore of Seville



Thank you to all those who helped prepare and serve during our Christmas Season celebrations especially:

- our decorating team, Laurie Beaton and Dianne Robert
- Our parish family volunteer caretakers, The Desjardins Family
- Our Altar society, Maria Araujo and Isabel Dias
- Our musicians, especially the return of our children's choir under the direction of Arianna Veltri as well as the Doyle Family, Kathleen Gale and Jacqui Latimer
- Counters, Ushers, Sacristans, Children Liturgy leaders, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers,
- Teresa and Geoffrey in the office and Deacon Andrew and his wife Ava
- Our Outreach team who did great work assisting families leading up to Christmas
- Our Knights of Columbus with our CWL for hosting a most enjoyable Christmas party for the children of the parish.
- God's blessing upon you all for your faith and generous service.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you dear parishioners for your many beautiful Christmas cards, messages and kind generous gifts
God bless you all.

Fr. Michael

"THIS CONSTANT LYING is not aimed at making the people believe a lie, but at ensuring that no one believes anything anymore. A people that can no longer distinguish between truth and lies cannot distinguish between right and wrong. And such a people, deprived of the power to think and judge, is, without knowing and willing it, completely subjected to the rule of lies. With such a people, you can do whatever you want."

- Hannah Arendt, German historian and philosopher (1906 – 1975)

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

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