



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*

Monday, January 13th

8:30am + Kell Bennett

Wednesday, January 15th

8:30am + Robert Lahey

Thursday, January 16th

8:30am + Emerise Bourgeois

Friday, January 17th

12:10pm + Maria Comecindra Lopes

Saturday, January 18th

8:30am Parish Community

5:00pm + Teresina Bivi

Sunday, January 19th

9:00am For Our Parish Community

11:00am + Severino Pulla, + Emerise Bourgeois

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
Fred Tuccia- President H: 905-576-2776 /
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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.



#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.

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. Register at stgertrudesos.archtoronto.org or manually register after Sunday masses.

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.

Alpha Facilitator Training

Will take place in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30pm

Sacred Heart Academy has received its charitable status from the CRA!. This is your chance to support the Catholic leaders of tomorrow, the ones who will build our church, society and families and receive a year-end charitable receipt in recognition of your generous support!

- by cheque payable to Sacred Heart Academy
- e-transfer to sacredhearta@gmail.com or
- via the following link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/95d24956-f48e-41ea-8ee6-9b2ae00aff9d> (monthly or one-time donation by credit or debit card).

Monsignor Alfred Grima

We welcome back Msgr. Grima who will be celebrating masses for us from Tuesday, Jan 7th to Wednesday January 15th while Fr. Michael is away on vacation.



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

- our decorating team, Laurie Beaton and Dianne Robert for their beautiful work
- Our parish family volunteer caretakers, The Desjardins Family
- Our Altar society, Maria Araujo and Isabel Dias
- Our musicians, especially the Doyle Family, the children's choir led by Arianna Veltri, the duo Kathleen Gale and Cynthia Crockett, Jacqui Latimer and Myah Gormley Rodriguez
- 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

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...>

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