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# ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Monday, March 31st

8:30am + Anna Corrigan

### Wednesday, April 2nd (evening mass only)

7:30pm + Marcelle Copus

### Thursday, April 3rd (evening mass only)

7:30pm + Severino Pulla

Ints of Justin & Amber Gormley

Ints of Cyril O'Neill

### Friday, April 4th (evening mass only)

7:30pm + Margaret Southern

### Saturday, April 5th

8:30am + Claudia McKenna

Ints of Imogen Boudigen

5:00pm + Ivan Zupanic

### Sunday, April 6th

9:00am + Antonio Dias

11:00am For Our Parish Community

6:15pm Special intentions (anon)

### SHARELIFE SUNDAY - March 30<sup>th</sup>

ShareLife Sunday is how we bring the hands of Christ to those in need. As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

Please remember all cheques are made payable to St. Gertrude's Parish. **Our parish goal is \$45,000.00**

### Communion to the Sick on Sunday - New Process

Beginning the First Sunday in April, please place your Pyx on the tray either on the Sacristy wooden counter or the table in the Sanctuary beside where the Lectors sit. At the end of Mass, after the distribution of communion to the people the Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers will be called up to collect their pyxes from the Priest or Deacon from whom they shall receive a blessing. The person or persons will immediately leave the Church carrying Jesus to the sick and are expected to go directly to that person. Thank you for your cooperation, faith and charity. Please All complete an Information Registration Form.

**NOTICE: Work begins Monday on our new sound system. Therefore, daily masses beginning on Wednesday will be held in the evening only this week.**

**OUR MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS MASSES**  
Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 the Sunday 6:15pm mass will also be a multi-intention mass.

### **Stations of the Cross and Friday Mass Time**

*Stations of the Cross* will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00pm during Lent beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> and followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**During Lent there is no 12:10pm Mass.**

### **NEXT LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**

We had a great turnout last month and hope to see many new faces. All are welcome!!

### **Parish Photo Album**

Registration opens on Palm Sunday. Photos will be taken week of May 12-17th.

### **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? In the words of Pope Francis**

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words; be silent and listen.**

### **EMERGENCY LENTEN APPEAL**

Canadian Food for Children asks for contributions of Iodized salt, canned meat, canned fish and soap bars to ship our "gifts of love" to Africa, the Caribbean and South America.

Iodine deficiency affects two billion people and causes preventable mental impairment.

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

MARCH 30, 2025

**LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15am - 4:45pm**

**EASTER TRIDIUM SCHEDULE - 2025**



**HOLY THURSDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm Mass of The Lord's Supper

Adoration to 10:30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Start of Divine Mercy Novena at 2:30pm

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

2:30pm Blessing of Easter Food

2:45pm Divine Mercy Novena

8:00pm Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am, 11:00am

Divine Mercy Novena before both masses

**Note: no 6:15pm mass on Easter Sunday night**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 27<sup>th</sup>**

HOLY HOUR - 3:00pm – 4:00pm,

Benediction, Chaplet

**Note: no 6:15pm mass on Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Catholic Family Services of Toronto**

**Online Caregiver Program - Breathing Space**

This is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide resources in a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment.

*Zoom meetings will be held Wednesdays from*

*2-3:30pm. Refer to bulletin board notice for topics.*

For information and to register,

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**WORD ON FIRE BOOKSTORE: What's the problem with IVF?**

In vitro fertilization is increasingly popular in the modern era. Since 1978, over eight million children in the US have been conceived in a laboratory through this technology. For many, IVF seems like a miracle - offering hope to couples struggling with infertility. But is it truly a good and ethical solution? May don't realize the deeper moral questions IVF raises. Is it ethical to create human life outside the natural act of love between spouses? What happens to the countless embryos left frozen or discarded? In **ON IVF**, the second book in Word on Fire's dignity Series, author Stephanie Gray Connors thoughtfully explores these critical questions by combining moral clarity with compassionate storytelling, helping readers navigate this complex issue.

Learn the truth about IVF: [wof.org/IVF](http://wof.org/IVF)

**Catholic Family Services of Toronto**

- Online Lenten Retreat: April 1, - 7:00 pm
- *In-Person* Grief Support Session: April 3, - 10am
- Mass of Comfort and Light: April 7, - 7pm
- Annulments 101 Online Seminar: April 9, - 7pm

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**LIFE GIVING WOUNDS**

**Ministering to Children of Divorce**

**April 9, 2025, 9:30-11:00 am**

This webinar will explore the long-term effects of marital breakdown on faith and relationships, offering insights into the hidden wounds adult children of divorce often carry. Ways to gently journey with these people in the midst of their spiritual struggles will be explored.

Guest Presenters: Daniel Meola, Ph.D.,

Dr. Maria Wolfs, and Rev. John Sutka

Moderator: Quentin Schesnuik, Assoc. Director, Parish Vitality & Stewardship, Office of Formation for Discipleship

**TO REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/PVWS-RegisterApr2025>

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